

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 409, June 18, 1949**]

AN ACT TO REVISE THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MANILA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

PRELIMINARY ARTICLE

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Revised Charter of the City of Manila.

ARTICLE I.—*The City as a public corporation*

SEC. 2. *Corporate character.*—The City of Manila constitutes a political body corporate and as such is endowed with the attribute of perpetual succession and possessed of the powers which pertain to a municipal corporation, to be exercised in conformity with the provisions of this charter.

SEC. 3. *General powers.*—The city may have a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure, and may take, purchase, receive, hold, lease, convey, and dispose of real and personal property for the general interests of the city, condemn private property for public use, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, and prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, and exercise all the powers hereinafter conferred.

SEC. 4. *Liability for damages.*—The city shall not be liable or held for damages or injuries to persons or property arising from the failure of the Mayor, the Municipal Board or any other city officer, to enforce the provisions of this chapter, or any other law or ordinance, or from negligence of said Mayor, Municipal Board, or other officers while enforcing or attempting to enforce said provisions.

SEC. 5. *Boundaries.*—The boundaries and limits of the city are established and prescribed as follows: (1) Beginning at a point near the south bank of the Estero de Maytubig at the line of low water on the shore of Manila Bay; thence through the center of monument No. 1, at the line of high water on the shore of Manila Bay, and through the centers of monuments Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive, N. 74° 51' E., 1,197.42 meters to monument No. 7, the said monument being situated on the east bank of the Estero Tripa de Gallina; (2) thence through the centers of monuments Nos. 8 to 9 inclusive, N. 44° 12' E., 819.99 meters to monument No. 10; (3) thence N. 44° 12' E., 18.79 meters to point "A", which is at the intersection of monuments Nos. 10 and 11 and on the south side of the wagon road leading to the South Cemetery; (4) thence N. 62° 16' E., 20.97 meters to point "B"; (5) thence S. 86° 26' E., 1,370.47 meters to point "C"; (6) thence S. 20° 47' W., 24,216 meters to point "D"; (7) thence S. 69° 13' E., 500 meters to point "E"; (8) thence N. 20° 47' E., 500 meters to point "F"; (9) thence N. 69° 13' W., 500.01 meters to point "G"; (10) thence N.

20° 47' E., 295.40 meters to point "H";(11) thence N. 78° 18' W., 15.19 meters to point "T";(12) thence S. 20° 47' W., 539.81 meters to point "J";(13) thence N. 86° 26' W., 1,355.19 meters to point "K";said point being to the intersection of monuments Nos. 10 and 11 and the north line of the road to the South Cemetery; (14) thence through the centers of the monument11 to 16, inclusive, N. 44° 12' E., 1,835.10 meters to monument No. 17; (15) thence continuing in the same direction approximately 127 meters to the center of the channel of the Pasig River; (16) thence along the center of the channel of the Pasig River to a point in the channel of river opposite the ferry landing at Mandaluyong; (17) thence to monument No. 18, on the north bank of the Pasig River, the said monument being N. 32° 22' E., 913.99 meters from monument No. 17, above-mentioned; (18) thence from monument No. 18 diagonally through municipality of Mandaluyong, N. 34° 22' E., 756.92 meters through the centers of monuments Nos. 19 to 22, inclusive, to monument No. 23, the said monument being near the south or left bank of the San Juan River; (19) thence continuing in the same direction to the center of the channel of the San Juan River; (20) thence along the center of the channel of the San Juan River to a point approximately 350 meters southeast of the stone bridge by which Calle Santa Mesa crosses the said river; (21) thence N. 51° 37' W., to monument No. 24, said monument being approximately 64 meters northeast from the center of the bridge above described and on the west side of the road leading to the municipality of San Juan del Monte; (22) thence through the centers of monument Nos. 25 to 36, inclusive, N. 51° 37' 30" W., 4,245.53 meters to monument No. 37, the said monument being on the east side of Calle Blumen-tritt; (23) thence N. 11° 19' 40" W., 9.89 meters to monument No. 37-A; (24) thence through the center of monument No. 38, N. 17° 57' 40" E., 765.54 meters to monument No. 39; (25) thence N. 17° 57' 10" E., 404.77 meters to monument No. 40; (26) thence N. 72° 05' W., 271.56 meters to monument No. 41; (27) thence N. 73° 58' 30" W., 529.14 meters to monument No. 42; (28) thence S. 63° 27' W., 452.18 meters to point 42-a; (29) thence N. 4° 54' W., 19.74 meters to point 42-b; (30) thence N. 37° 04' W., 22 meters to point 42-c; (31) thence N. 11° 01' W., 81.32 meters to point 42-d; (32) thence N. 37° 23' W., 102.67 meters to point 42-e; (33) thence N. 47° 52' E., 30.76 meters to point 42-f; (34) thence N. 53° 49' W., 102.79 meters to point 42-g; (35) thence S. 86° 39' W., 50.87 meters to point 42-h; (36) thence to S. 60° 14' W., 91.35 meters to point 42-i; (37) thence S. 67° 20' W., 86.67 meters to point 42-j; (38) thence S. 23° 43' R, 74.45 meters to point 42-k; (39) thence S. 22° 38' E., 36.23 meters to point 42-l; (40) thence S. 22° 38' E., 87.27 meters to point 42-m; (41) thence S. 15° 34' E., 69.36 meters to point 42-n; (42) thence S. 15° 34' E., 11.68 meters to point 42-o; (43) thence S. 16° 31' E., 15.98 meters to point 42-p, said point being the intersection of the monuments Nos. 43 to 44 and the E. side of Calle Marulas; (44) thence through the centers of monuments Nos. 44 to 49, inclusive S. 89° 42' W. 2,226.80 meters to monument No. 50, the last-mentioned monument being situated at the line of high water on the shore of Manila Bay, approximately 916 meters south of Calle Pescadores of the municipality of Navotas; (45) thence in the same direction to the line of low water on the shore of Manila Bay; (46) and thence following said line of low water in generally southerly and southeasterly direction approximately 3,800 meters to the point of beginning.

SEC. 6. *Municipal districts.*—The City of Manila is divided into fourteen municipal districts for all administrative and other municipal purposes, including the description of property, with names and boundaries as follows:

Tondo.—Beginning at a point on the city boundary line between monuments forty-two and forty-three, where it is intersected by the center line of Avenida Rizal; thence southerly along the center line of Avenida Rizal to the center of the track of Antipolo branch of the Manila Railroad Company; thence westerly along the center line of said tract to its intersection with Estero de San Lazaro; thence southerly along the center line of Estero de San Lazaro and westerly along the center line of Calle Azcarraga, to high water line on the shore of Manila Bay; thence northerly along said high-water line to monument numbered fifty on the city boundary line; thence in an easterly direction along said city boundary line to a point at the intersection of said boundary line with the E. side at Calle Marulas; thence N. 16° 31' W., 15.98 meters to point "A"; thence N. 15° 34' W., 11.68 meters to point "B"; thence N. 15° 34' W., 69.36 meters to point "C"; thence N. 22° 38' W., 87.27 meters to point "D"; thence N. 22° 38' W., 36.23 meters to point "E"; thence N. 23° 43' W., 74.45 meters to point "F"; thence N. 67° 20' E., 86.67 meters to point "G"; thence N. 60° 14' E., 91.35 meters to point "H"; thence N. 86° 39' E., 50.87 meters to point "I"; thence S. 53° 49' E., 102.79 meters to point "J"; thence S. 47° 52' W., 30.76 meters to point "K"; thence S. 37° 23' E., 102.67 meters to point "L"; thence S. 11° 01' E., 81.32 meters to point "M"; thence S. 37° 04' W., 22 meters to point "N"; thence S. 4° 54' E., 19.74 meters to point "O"; and thence easterly along said boundary line to the point of beginning.

San Nicolas.—Beginning at a point on the higher-water line on the shore of Manila Bay; thence along the center lines of Calle Azcarraga, Esteros de la Reina and de Binondo, and the Pasig River, to a point opposite the lighthouse; and thence along the high-water line on the shore of Manila Bay to the point of beginning.

Binondo.—Beginning at a point in the center line of Calle Azcarraga where it crosses the center line of Estero de la Reina; and thence along the center lines of Calle Azcarraga, Esteros de San Lazaro and de la Reina, the Pasig River, and the Estero de Binondo, to the point of beginning.

Santa Cruz.—Beginning at a point on the city boundary line between monuments forty-two and forty-three where it is intersected by the center line of Avenida Rizal; thence southerly along the center line of Avenida Rizal to the center of the tract of the Antipolo branch of the Manila Railroad Company; thence westerly along the center line of said tract to its intersection with Estero de San Lazaro; thence along the center lines of Esteros de San Lazaro, Norzagaray and Regidor, and Estero de Quiapo to a point about one hundred and ten meters northeast of Iris Bridge; thence Northerly along the center lines of Calles Andalucia, Laong-Laan, and Dimas-Alang to Calle Blumentritt; thence easterly along the center line of Calle Blumentritt to the city boundary; and thence along said boundary line to the point of beginning.

Quiapo.—Beginning at the intersection of the center lines of Calle Azcarraga and Estero de Quiapo; thence along the center lines of Calles Azcarraga, Legarda and E. Mendiola, Estero de San Miguel, the Pasig

River, Puente Colgante, Calles Norzagaray and Regidor, and Estero de Quiapo, to the point of beginning.

San Miguel.—Beginning at the intersection of the center lines of Calles Azcarraga and Alix; thence along the center lines of Calles Alix and Nagtahan, the Pasig River (following its south channel around Isla de Canvalecencia), Estero de San Miguel, and Calles E. Mendiola and Alix to the point of beginning.

Sampaloc.—Beginning at the intersection of the center line of Calle Blumentritt and the city boundary line; thence southeasterly along said boundary line to its intersection with the center line of the San Juan River south of the stone bridge by which Calle Santa Mesa crosses the said river; thence along the center lines of the San Juan River, the Pasig River, and Calles Nagtahan, Alix, and Azcarraga, to the middle of the Iris Bridge; thence northerly along the center line of Estero de Quiapo to a point about 110 meters northeast of Iris Bridge; and thence along the center lines of Calles Andalucia, Laong-Laan, Dimas-Alang, and Blumentritt, to the point of beginning.

Intramuros.—Beginning at the intersection of the center line of the Pasig River with the prolongation of the center line of Cavite Boulevard; and thence along the center lines of the Pasig River, Paseo del P. Burgos, and Cavite Boulevard, to the point of beginning.

Port Area.—Beginning at the intersection of the center line of the Pasig River with the prolongation of the center line of Dewey Boulevard; thence along the center line of Dewey Boulevard to its intersection with the south side of Twenty-fifth Street; thence along said side of said street to the high-water line on the Muelle de San Francisco; thence along said high-water line around the piers to its end on the army wharves and continuing in the direction of the last course to the high-water on the west side of the Engineer Island; thence around said island to the center line of the Pasig River; and thence along the center line of the Pasig River to the point of beginning.

Ermita.—Beginning at the intersection of the high-water line on the Muelle de San Francisco with the south side of Twenty-fifth Street to its intersection with the center line of Dewey Boulevard; thence along the center lines of Dewey Boulevard, P. Burgos, the Pasig River, Ayala Bridge, Calles Marques de Comillas, Isaac Peral, San Mar-celino, Gral. Luna, Herran, M. H. del Pilar and Cuarteles, to the west face of the sea wall of Dewey Boulevard; and thence northerly along the west face of the sea walls of said Boulevard and of the Luneta extension to the point of beginning.

Malate.—Beginning at the intersection of west face of the sea wall on Dewey Boulevard and the center line of Calle Cuarteles; thence along the center line of Calles Cuarteles, M. H. del Pilar and Herran, and Esteros de Paco, and Tripa de Gallina, to the city boundary line; thence westerly along said boundary line to high-water line on Manila Bay; and thence northerly along said high-water line and the west face of said sea wall to

the point of beginning.

Paco.—Beginning at a point where the center line of Ayala Bridge crosses the center line of the south channel of the Pasig River; and thence along the center lines of the Pasig River, Esteros de Pandacan, Tripa de Gallina and Paco, Calles Herran, Gral. Luna, San Marcelino, Isaac Peral and Marques de Comillas, and Ayala Bridge, to the point of beginning.

Pandacan.—Beginning at the intersection of the center lines of the Pasig River and the north end of the Estero de Pandacan; thence along the center line of the Pasig River to its intersection with the center line of the east of the Estero de Pandacan; and thence along the center of Estero de Pandacan to the point of beginning.

Santa Ana.—Beginning at the intersection of the center of the Pasig River and the San Juan River; thence along the center line of the San Juan River to the city boundary line; thence along the city boundary line to its intersection with the north line of the road leading to the South Cemetery; thence S. 86° 26' E., 1,355.19 meters to point "B"; thence S. 78° 18' E., 15.19 meters to point "C"; thence S. 20° 47' W., 295.40 meters to point "D"; thence S. 69° 13' E., 500.01 meters to point "E"; thence S. 20° 47' W., 500 meters to point "F"; thence 69° 13' W., 500 meters to point "G"; thence 20° 47' E., 242.16 meters to point "H"; thence N. 86° 26' W., 1,370.47 meters to point "I" thence S. 62° 16' W., 20.27 meters to the intersection of the south line of the road leading to the South Cemetery with the city boundary line; thence along the city boundary line to its intersection with the center lines of Esteros de Tripa de Gallina and de Pandacan, and the Pasig River, to the point of beginning.

SEC. 7. *Representative districts.*—The City of Manila is divided into four representative districts for purposes of national representation, each district to be represented by one member in the House of Representatives. The municipal districts and territories included in each district are as follows:

First District—Tondo;

Second District—San Nicolas, Binondo, Quiapo and Sta. Cruz;

Third District—Sampaloc and San Miguel;

Fourth District—Intramuros, Port Area, Ermita, Malate, Paco, Pandacan and Sta. Ana.

SEC. 8. *Police jurisdiction.*—The jurisdiction of the City of Manila for police purposes only shall extend to three miles from the shore into Manila Bay; and for the purpose of protecting and insuring the purity of the water supply of the city such police jurisdiction shall also extend over all territory within the drainage area of such water supply, or within one hundred meters of any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct, or pumping station used in connection with the city water service. The Court of First Instance and the municipal court of the City of Manila shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Courts of First Instance and the courts of justices of the peace of the province and municipalities, respectively, to try crimes and misdemeanors committed within said drainage area, or within said spaces of one hundred meters. The court first taking jurisdiction of such an offense shall thereafter retain exclusive