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BY REPRESENTATIVE ALBANO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1902

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF ILAGAN IN THE
PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE
KNOWN AS THE CITY OF ILAGAN

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

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Charter of the
City of Ilagan”.

SEC. 2. *The City of Ilagan.* – The Municipality of Ilagan shall be
converted into a component city to be known as the City of Ilagan, hereinafter
referred to as the City, which shall comprise the present territory of the
Municipality of Ilagan, Province of Isabela.

The territorial jurisdiction of the City shall be within the present metes
and bounds of the Municipality of Ilagan.

The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by
the appropriate agency or forum of any boundary dispute or case involving

1 questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City of Ilagan and the adjoining
2 local government units.

3 SEC. 3. *Corporate Powers of the City.* – The City constitutes a
4 political body corporate and as such is endowed with the attributes of perpetual
5 succession and possessed of the powers which pertain to a municipal
6 corporation to be exercised in conformity with the provision of this Charter.
7 The City shall have the following corporate powers:

8 (a) To have a continuous succession in its corporate name;

9 (b) To sue and be sued;

10 (c) To have and use a corporate seal;

11 (d) To acquire, hold and convey real or personal property;

12 (e) To enter into any contract and/or agreement; and

13 (f) To exercise such other powers, prerogatives or authority subject to
14 the limitations provided in this Act or laws.

15 SEC. 4. *General Powers.* – The City shall have a common seal and
16 may alter the same at pleasure: *Provided*, That any change of corporate seal
17 shall be registered with the Department of the Interior and Local Government
18 (DILG). It shall exercise the powers to levy taxes, fees and charges; to close
19 and open roads, streets, alleys, parks or squares; to take, purchase, receive,
20 hold, lease, convey and dispose of real and personal property for the general
21 interests of the City; to expropriate or condemn private property for public use;
22 to contract and to be contracted with; to sue and be sued; to prosecute and
23 defend to final judgment and execution suits wherein the City is involved or
24 interested in; and to exercise all the powers as are granted to corporations or as
25 hereinafter conferred.

26 SEC. 5. *Liability for Damages.* – The City and its officials shall not be
27 exempt from liability for death or injury to persons or damage to property.

1 SEC. 6. *Jurisdiction of the City.* – The jurisdiction of the City, for
2 police purposes only, shall be coextensive with its territorial jurisdiction and,
3 for the purpose of protecting and ensuring the purity of the water supply of the
4 City, such police jurisdiction shall also extend over all the territory within the
5 drainage area of such water supply, or within one hundred meters (100 m.) of
6 any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct or pumping station used in connection
7 with the city water service.

8 The city court of the City of Ilagan shall have concurrent jurisdiction
9 with the city or municipal court of the adjoining municipalities or cities, to try
10 crimes and misdemeanors committed within said drainage area or within said
11 spaces of one hundred meters (100 m.).

12 The court first taking cognizance of such an offense shall have
13 jurisdiction to try cases to the exclusion of others. The police forces of several
14 municipalities and cities concerned shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the
15 police forces of the City for the maintenance of good order and the
16 enforcement of ordinances throughout said zone, area or spaces. But any
17 license that may be issued within said zone, area or spaces shall be granted by
18 the proper authorities of the city or municipality concerned, and the fees
19 arising therefrom shall accrue to the treasury of the said city or municipality
20 concerned and not to the City.

21 ARTICLE II

22 CITY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL

23 SEC. 7. *The Officials of the City of Ilagan.* – (a) There shall be in the
24 City of Ilagan: a city mayor, a city vice mayor, sangguniang panlungsod
25 members, a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer, a city
26 assessor, a city accountant, a city budget officer, a city planning and
27 development officer, a city engineer, a city health officer, a city civil registrar,

1 a city administrator, a city legal officer, a city social welfare and development
2 officer, a city veterinarian and a city general services officer.

3 (b) In addition thereto, the city mayor may appoint a city environment
4 and natural resources officer, a city architect, a city information officer, a city
5 cooperatives officer, a city population officer and a city agriculturist.

6 (c) There shall be established in the City a city fire station to be headed
7 by a city fire marshal, a city jail to be headed by a city jail warden, a city
8 schools division to be headed by a city schools division superintendent and a
9 city prosecution service to be headed by a city prosecutor.

10 (d) The sangguniang panlungsod may:

11 (1) Maintain existing offices not mentioned in subsections (a) and (b);

12 (2) Create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the
13 purposes of the City; or

14 (3) Consolidate the functions of any office with those of another in the
15 interest of efficiency and economy.

16 (e) Unless otherwise provided herein, heads of departments and offices
17 shall be appointed by the city mayor with the concurrence of the majority of all
18 the sangguniang panlungsod members, subject to civil service law, rules and
19 regulations. The sangguniang panlungsod shall act on the appointment within
20 fifteen (15) days from the day of its submission, otherwise the same shall be
21 deemed confirmed.

22 (f) Elective and appointive city officials shall receive such
23 compensation, allowances and other emoluments as may be determined by law
24 or ordinance, subject to the budgetary limitations on personal services
25 prescribed under Title Five, Book II of the Local Government Code of 1991:
26 *Provided*, That no increase in compensation of the city mayor, city vice mayor
27 and sangguniang panlungsod member shall take effect until after the expiration
28 of the full term of the said local officials approving such increase.

ARTICLE III

THE CITY MAYOR AND THE CITY VICE MAYOR

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3 SEC. 8. *The City Mayor.* – (a) The city mayor shall be the chief
4 executive of the City and shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the
5 City. No person shall be eligible for the position of city mayor unless, at the
6 time of the election, he or she is a citizen of the Philippines, at least twenty-one
7 (21) years of age, a resident of the City for at least one (1) year prior to his or
8 her election and a qualified voter therein and able to read and write Filipino or
9 any other local language or dialect. The city mayor shall hold office for three
10 (3) years, unless sooner removed, but shall serve for not more than three (3)
11 consecutive terms in the same position and shall receive a minimum monthly
12 compensation corresponding to Salary Grade Thirty (30) as prescribed under
13 Republic Act No. 6758, otherwise known as the “Compensation and Position
14 Classification Act of 1989”, and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant
15 thereto.

16 The city mayor, as the chief executive of the city government, shall
17 exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions as provided
18 herein.

19 (b) For efficient, effective and economical governance, the purpose of
20 which is the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants, the city mayor
21 shall:

22 (1) Exercise those powers expressly granted to him or her by law, those
23 necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or
24 incidental for the efficient and effective governance of the City, and those
25 which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare:

26 (i) Determine the guidelines of city policies and be responsible to the
27 sangguniang panlungsod for the program of government;

1 (ii) Direct the formulation of the city development plan with the
2 assistance of the city development council and, upon approval thereof by the
3 sangguniang panlungsod, implement the same;

4 (iii) Present the program of government and propose policies and
5 projects for the consideration of the sangguniang panlungsod at the opening of
6 the regular session of the sangguniang panlungsod every calendar year and as
7 often as may be deemed necessary as the general welfare of the inhabitants and
8 the needs of the city government may require;

9 (iv) Initiate and propose legislative measures to the sangguniang
10 panlungsod and, as often as may be deemed necessary, provide such
11 information and data needed or requested by said sanggunian in the
12 performance of its legislative functions;

13 (v) Appoint all officials and employees whose salaries and wages are
14 wholly or mainly paid out of city funds and whose appointments are not
15 otherwise provided for in this Act, as well as those he or she may be authorized
16 by law to appoint;

17 (vi) Represent the City in all its business transactions and sign on its
18 behalf all bonds, contracts and obligations, and such other documents upon the
19 authority of the sangguniang panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance;

20 (vii) Carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during
21 and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

22 (viii) Determine the time, manner and place of payment of salaries or
23 wages of the officials and employees of the City, in accordance with law or
24 ordinance;

25 (ix) Allocate and assign office space to the City and other officials and
26 employees who, by law or ordinance, are entitled to such space in the office
27 and other buildings owned or leased by the city government;

1 (x) Ensure that all executive officials and employees of the City
2 faithfully discharge their duties and functions as provided for by law and the
3 Local Government Code of 1991, and cause to be instituted administrative or
4 judicial proceedings against any official or employee of the City who may have
5 committed an offense in the performance of his or her official duties;

6 (xi) Examine the books, records and other documents of all offices,
7 officials, agents or employees of the City and, in aid of executive powers and
8 authority, require all national officials and employees stationed in or assigned
9 to the City to make available to him such books, records and other documents
10 in their custody, except those classified by law as confidential;

11 (xii) Furnish copies of executive orders issued by him or her to the
12 provincial governor within seventy-two (72) hours after their issuance;

13 (xiii) Visit component barangays of the City at least once every six (6)
14 months to deepen his or her understanding of the problems and conditions,
15 listen and give appropriate counsel to local officials and inhabitants, inform the
16 component barangay officials and inhabitants of general laws and ordinances
17 which especially concern them, and otherwise conduct visits and inspections to
18 ensure that the governance of the City will improve the quality of life of the
19 inhabitants;

20 (xiv) Act on leave applications of officials and employees appointed
21 and on the commutation of the monetary value of their leave credits in
22 accordance with law;

23 (xv) Authorize official trips of city officials and employees outside of
24 the City for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days: *Provided*, That the trips
25 abroad or for a longer period may be authorized in accordance with the Local
26 Government Code of 1991;

27 (xvi) Call upon any national official or employee stationed in or
28 assigned to the City for advice on matters affecting the City and to make

1 recommendations thereon; coordinate with the said officials and employees in
2 the formulation and the implementation of plans, programs and projects; and,
3 when appropriate, initiate an administrative or judicial action against a national
4 government official or employee who may have committed an offense in the
5 performance of official duties while stationed in or assigned to the City;

6 (xvii) Authorize payment for medical care, necessary transportation,
7 subsistence, hospital or medical fees of city officials and employees who are
8 injured while in the performance of their official duties and functions, subject
9 to the availability of funds;

10 (xviii) Solemnize marriages, any provision of law to the contrary
11 notwithstanding;

12 (xix) Conduct an annual palarong panlungsod which shall feature
13 traditional sports and disciplines included in national and international games,
14 in coordination with the Department of Education (DepED); and

15 (xx) Submit to the provincial governor the following reports: an
16 annual report containing a summary of all matters pertinent to the management,
17 administration and development of the City and all information and data
18 relative to its political, social and economic conditions; and supplemental
19 reports when unexpected events and situations arise at any time during the
20 year, particularly when man-made and natural disasters or calamities affect the
21 general welfare of the City;

22 (2) Enforce all laws and ordinances relative to the governance of the
23 City and in the exercise of its appropriate corporate powers, as well as
24 implement all approved policies, programs, projects, services and activities of
25 the City; and, in addition, shall:

26 (i) Ensure that the acts of the City's component barangays and of its
27 officials and employees are within the scope of their prescribed powers, duties
28 and functions;

1 (ii) Call conventions, conferences, seminars or meetings of elective and
2 appointive officials of the City, including national officials and employees
3 stationed in or assigned to the City, at such time and place and on such subject
4 as may be deemed important for the promotion of the general welfare of the
5 local government unit and its inhabitants;

6 (iii) Issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate
7 enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

8 (iv) Be entitled to carry the necessary firearms within the territorial
9 jurisdiction;

10 (v) Act as the deputized representative of the National Police
11 Commission, formulate the peace and order plan of the City and, upon its
12 approval, implement the same, and as such, exercise general and operational
13 control and supervision over police forces in the City in accordance with
14 Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the "Department of the Interior
15 and Local Government Act of 1990"; and

16 (vi) Call upon the law enforcement agencies to suppress disorder, riot,
17 lawless violence, rebellion, sedition or apprehend violators of the law when
18 public interest so requires and the city police forces are inadequate to cope
19 with the situation or the violators;

20 (3) Initiate and maximize the generation of resources and revenues, and
21 apply the same to the implementation of development plans, program
22 objectives and priorities, particularly those resources and revenues
23 programmed for agro-industrial development and countryside growth and
24 progress and, relative thereto, shall:

25 (i) Require each head of an office or department to prepare and submit
26 an estimate of appropriations for the ensuing calendar year, in accordance with
27 the budget preparation process enshrined under Republic Act No. 7160,
28 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

- 1 (ii) Prepare and submit to the sanggunian for approval the executive
2 and supplemental budgets of the City for the ensuing calendar year in the
3 manner provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991;
- 4 (iii) Ensure that all taxes and other revenues of the City are collected
5 and that city funds are applied to the payment of expenses and the settlement of
6 obligations of the City, in accordance with law or ordinance;
- 7 (iv) Issue licenses and permits and suspend or revoke the same for any
8 violation of the conditions upon which said licenses or permits had been
9 issued, pursuant to law or ordinance;
- 10 (v) Issue permits, without need of approval therefore from any national
11 agency, for the holding of activities for any charitable or welfare purpose,
12 excluding prohibited games of chance or shows contrary to law, public policy
13 and public morals;
- 14 (vi) Require owners of illegally constructed houses, buildings or other
15 structures to obtain the necessary permits, subject to such fines and penalties as
16 may be imposed by law or ordinance, or to make necessary changes in the
17 construction of the same when said construction violates any law or ordinance,
18 or to order the demolition or removal of said houses, buildings or structures
19 within the period prescribed by law or ordinance;
- 20 (vii) Adopt adequate measures to safeguard and conserve land, mineral,
21 marine, forest and other resources of the City;
- 22 (viii) Provide efficient and effective property and supply management
23 in the City and protect the funds, credits, rights and other properties of the
24 City; and
- 25 (ix) Institute or cause to be instituted administrative or judicial
26 proceedings for violation of ordinances in the collection of taxes, fees and
27 charges, and for the recovery of funds and property; and cause the City to be

1 defended against all suits to ensure that its interests, resources and rights shall
2 be adequately protected;

3 (4) Ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate
4 facilities and, in addition thereto, shall:

5 (i) Ensure that the construction and repair of roads and highways
6 funded by the national government shall be, as far as practicable, carried out in
7 a spatially contiguous manner and in coordination with the construction and
8 repair of the roads and bridges of the City; and

9 (ii) Coordinate the implementation of technical services, including
10 public works and infrastructure programs, rendered by national offices; and

11 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
12 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
13 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

14 (c) During his or her incumbency, the city mayor shall hold office in
15 the city hall.

16 SEC. 9. *The City Vice Mayor.* – (a) There shall be a city vice mayor
17 who shall be elected in the same manner as the city mayor and shall, at the time
18 of the election, possess the same qualifications as the city mayor. The city vice
19 mayor shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, but shall
20 serve for not more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same position and
21 shall receive a monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade
22 Twenty-six (26) as prescribed under the Salary Standardization Law and the
23 implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

24 (b) The city vice mayor shall:

25 (1) Be the presiding officer of the sangguniang panlungsod and sign all
26 warrants drawn on the city treasury for all expenditures appropriated for the
27 operation of the sangguniang panlungsod;

1 (2) Subject to civil service law, rules and regulations, appoint all
2 officials and employees of the sangguniang panlungsod, except those whose
3 manner of appointment is specifically provided for under existing laws;

4 (3) Assume the office of the city mayor for the unexpired term of the
5 latter in the event of permanent vacancy;

6 (4) Exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions of the city
7 mayor in case of temporary vacancy; and

8 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
9 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
10 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

11 ARTICLE IV

12 THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

13 SEC. 10. *Composition.* – (a) The sangguniang panlungsod, the
14 legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice mayor as the
15 presiding officer, the ten (10) regular sanggunian members, the president of the
16 city chapter of the liga ng mga barangay, the president of the panlungsod na
17 pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan and the three (3) sectoral
18 representatives, as members, who shall come from the following sectors: one
19 (1) from the women sector; and, as shall be determined by the sangguniang
20 panlungsod within ninety (90) days prior to the holding of the local elections,
21 one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers sector; and one (1) from the
22 other sectors, including urban poor, indigenous cultural communities or
23 disabled persons.

24 (b) The regular members of the sangguniang panlungsod and sectoral
25 representatives shall be elected in the manner as may be provided by law.

26 (c) The members of the sangguniang panlungsod of the City of Ilagan
27 shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade

1 Twenty-five (25) as prescribed under the Salary Standardization Law and the
2 implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

3 SEC. 11. *Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation.* – (a) The
4 sangguniang panlungsod, as the legislative body of the City, shall enact
5 ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare
6 of the City and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government
7 Code of 1991 and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the City as
8 *provided for under Section 22 of the Local Government Code of 1991*, and
9 shall:

10 (1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient
11 and effective city government and, in this connection, shall:

12 (i) Review all ordinances approved by the sangguniang barangay and
13 executive orders issued by the punong barangay to determine whether these are
14 within the scope of the prescribed powers of the sangguniang barangay and of
15 the punong barangay;

16 (ii) Maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and
17 suppress lawlessness, disorder, riot, violence, rebellion or sedition and impose
18 penalties for the violation of said ordinances;

19 (iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Five thousand
20 pesos (P5,000.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year,
21 or both, at the discretion of the court, for violation of a city ordinance;

22 (iv) Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the City from the
23 harmful effects of man-made and natural disasters or calamities, and to provide
24 relief services and assistance to victims during and in the aftermath of said
25 disasters or calamities and in their return to productive livelihood following
26 said events;

27 (v) Enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose
28 appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness in public places, vagrancy,

1 mendicancy, prostitution, the establishment and maintenance of house of
2 ill-repute, gambling and other prohibited games of chance, fraudulent devices
3 and ways to obtain money or property, drug addiction, maintenance of drug
4 dens, drug pushing, juvenile delinquency, the printing, distribution or
5 exhibition of obscene or pornographic materials or publications and such other
6 activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the City;

7 (vi) Protect the environment and, to this end, it may set aside at least
8 ten percent (10%) of its development funds for the purpose of maintaining and
9 enhancing the ecological balance of the City. It may also impose appropriate
10 penalties for acts which endanger the environment, such as illegal logging,
11 smuggling of logs, smuggling of natural resources products and of endangered
12 species of flora and fauna, slash-and-burn farming and such other activities
13 which result in pollution, acceleration of siltation of rivers and lakes or of
14 ecological imbalance;

15 (vii) Subject to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991
16 and other pertinent laws, determine the powers and duties of officials and
17 employees of the City;

18 (viii) Determine the positions and the salaries, wages, allowances and
19 other emoluments and benefits of officials and employees paid wholly or
20 mainly from city funds and provide for expenditures necessary for the proper
21 conduct of programs, projects, services and activities of the city government;

22 (ix) Authorize the payment of compensation to a qualified person not
23 in the government service who fills in a temporary vacancy or grant honoraria
24 to any qualified official or employee designated to fill in a temporary vacancy
25 in a concurrent capacity at the rate authorized by law;

26 (x) Provide a mechanism and the appropriate funds therefore for the
27 safety and protection of all city government properties, public documents or
28 records such as those relating to property inventory, land ownership, records of

1 births, marriages, deaths, assessments, taxation, accounts, business permits and
2 such other records and documents of public interest in the offices and
3 departments of the city government;

4 (xi) When the finances of the city government allow, provide for
5 additional allowances and other benefits to judges, prosecutors, public
6 elementary and high school teachers, and other national government employees
7 stationed in or assigned to the City;

8 (xii) Provide legal assistance to barangay officials who, in the
9 performance of their official duties or on the occasion thereof, have to initiate
10 judicial proceedings or defend themselves against legal actions; and

11 (xiii) Provide for group insurance or additional insurance coverage for
12 all barangay officials, including members of barangay tanod brigades and
13 service units, with public or private insurance companies, when the finances of
14 the city government allow said coverage;

15 (2) Generate and maximize the use of resources and revenues for the
16 development plans, program objectives and priorities of the City, with
17 particular attention to agro-industrial development and citywide growth and
18 progress and, relative thereto, shall:

19 (i) Approve the annual and supplemental budgets of the city
20 government and appropriate funds for specific programs, projects, services and
21 activities of the City, or for other purposes not contrary to law, in order to
22 promote the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants;

23 (ii) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code
24 of 1991 and applicable laws and, upon the majority vote of all the members of
25 the sangguniang panlungsod, enact ordinances levying taxes, fees and charges,
26 prescribing the rates thereof for general and specific purposes and granting tax
27 exemptions, incentives or reliefs;

1 (iii) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government
2 Code of 1991 and upon the majority vote of all the members of the
3 sangguniang panlungsod, authorize the city mayor to negotiate and contract
4 loans and other forms of indebtedness;

5 (iv) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government
6 Code of 1991 and applicable laws and, upon the majority vote of all the
7 members of the sangguniang panlungsod, enact ordinances authorizing the
8 floating of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness, for the purpose of
9 raising funds to finance development projects;

10 (v) Appropriate funds for the construction and maintenance or the
11 rental of buildings for the use of the City and, upon the majority vote of all the
12 members of the sangguniang panlungsod, authorize the city mayor to lease to
13 private parties such public buildings held in a proprietary capacity, subject to
14 existing laws, rules and regulations;

15 (vi) Prescribe reasonable limits and restraints on the use of property
16 within the jurisdiction of the City;

17 (vii) Adopt a comprehensive land-use plan for the City and ensure that
18 the formulation, adoption or modification of the said plan shall be in
19 coordination with the approved provincial comprehensive land-use plan;

20 (viii) Reclassify lands within the jurisdiction of the City, subject to the
21 pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;

22 (ix) Enact integrated zoning ordinances in consonance with the
23 approved comprehensive land-use plan, subject to existing laws, rules and
24 regulations; establish fire limits or zones, particularly in populous centers; and
25 regulate the construction, repair or modification of buildings within said limits
26 or zones in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Code of the Philippines;

27 (x) Subject to national law, process and approve subdivision plans for
28 residential, commercial or industrial purposes and other development purposes,

1 and to collect processing fees and other charges, the proceeds of which shall
2 accrue entirely to the City: *Provided, however,* That where approval of a
3 national agency or office is required, said approval shall not be withheld for
4 more than thirty (30) days from receipt of the application. Failure to act on the
5 application within the period stated above shall be deemed as approval thereof;

6 (xi) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government
7 Code of 1991, grant the exclusive privilege of constructing fish corrals or fish
8 pens, or the taking or catching of bangus fry, prawn fry or kawag-kawag, or fry
9 of any species or fish within the city waters;

10 (xii) With the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the
11 members of the sangguniang panlungsod, grant tax exemptions, incentives or
12 reliefs to entities engaged in community growth-inducing industries, subject to
13 the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;

14 (xiii) Grant loans or provide grants to other local government units or
15 to national, provincial and city charitable, benevolent or educational
16 institutions: *Provided,* That said institutions are operated and maintained
17 within the City;

18 (xiv) Regulate the numbering of residential, commercial and other
19 buildings; and

20 (xv) Regulate the inspection, weighing and measuring of articles of
21 commerce;

22 (3) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code
23 of 1991, enact ordinances granting franchises and authorizing the issuance of
24 permits or licenses, upon such conditions and for such purposes intended to
25 promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and, pursuant to this
26 legislative authority, shall:

27 (i) Fix and impose reasonable fees and charges for all services
28 rendered by the city government to private persons or entities;

1 (ii) Regulate or fix license fees for any business or practice of
2 profession within the City and the conditions under which the license for said
3 business or practice of profession may be revoked and enact ordinances
4 levying taxes thereon;

5 (iii) Provide for and set the terms and conditions under which public
6 utilities owned by the City shall be operated by the city government and
7 prescribe the conditions under which the same may be leased to private
8 persons or entities, preferably cooperatives;

9 (iv) Regulate the display of and fix the license fees for signs,
10 signboards or billboards at the place or places where the profession or business
11 advertised thereby is, in whole or in part, conducted;

12 (v) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, authorize and license the
13 establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits, and regulate
14 cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks: *Provided*, That existing
15 rights should not be prejudiced;

16 (vi) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of
17 Transportation and Communications (DOTC), regulate the operation of
18 tricycles and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial
19 jurisdiction of the City; and

20 (vii) Upon approval by a majority vote of all the members of the
21 sangguniang panlungsod, grant a franchise to any person, partnership,
22 corporation or cooperative to do business within the City; establish, construct,
23 operate and maintain ferries, wharves, markets or slaughterhouses; or
24 undertake such other activities within the City as may be allowed by existing
25 laws: *Provided*, That cooperatives shall be given preference in the grant of
26 such franchise;

1 (4) Regulate activities relative to the use of land, buildings and
2 structures within the City in order to promote the general welfare and, for the
3 said purpose, shall:

4 (i) Declare, prevent or abate any nuisance;

5 (ii) Require that buildings and the premises thereof and any land within
6 the City be kept and maintained in a sanitary condition; impose penalties for
7 any violation thereof or, upon failure to comply with the said requirement,
8 have the work done at the expense of the owner, administrator or tenant
9 concerned; and require the filling up of any land or premises to a grade
10 necessary for proper sanitation;

11 (iii) Regulate the disposal of clinical and other wastes from hospitals,
12 clinics and other similar establishments;

13 (iv) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of
14 restaurants, beerhouses, hotels, motels, inns, pension houses, lodging houses
15 and other similar establishments, including tourist guides and transports;

16 (v) Regulate the sale, giving away or dispensing of any intoxicating
17 malt, *vino*, mixed or fermented liquors at any retail outlets;

18 (vi) Regulate the establishment and provide for the inspection of steam
19 boilers or any heating device in buildings and the storage of inflammable and
20 highly combustible materials within the City;

21 (vii) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of any
22 entertainment or amusement facilities, including the theatrical performances,
23 circuses, billiard halls, public dancing schools, public dance halls, sauna baths,
24 massage parlors and other places for entertainment or amusement; regulate
25 such other events or activities for amusement or entertainment, particularly
26 those which tend to disturb the community or annoy the inhabitants, or require
27 the suspension or suppression of the same; or prohibit certain forms of

1 amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and moral welfare of
2 the community;

3 (viii) Provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping
4 of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or
5 disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to
6 animals; and

7 (ix) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of funeral
8 parlors and the burial or cremation of the dead, subject to existing laws, rules
9 and regulations;

10 (5) Approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective
11 delivery of basic services and facilities as provided for under the Local
12 Government Code of 1991 and, in addition to said services and facilities, shall:

13 (i) Provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection and
14 conservation of tree parks, greenbelts, mangroves and other similar forest
15 development projects;

16 (ii) Establish markets, slaughterhouses or animal corrals and authorize
17 the operation thereof by the city government; and regulate the construction and
18 operation of private markets, talipapas or other similar buildings and
19 structures;

20 (iii) Authorize the establishment, maintenance and operation by the
21 city government of ferries, wharves and/or other structures intended to
22 accelerate productivity related to marine life in the preservation thereof;

23 (iv) Regulate the preparation and sale of meat, poultry, fish,
24 vegetables, fruits, fresh dairy products and other foodstuffs for public
25 consumption;

26 (v) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges,
27 parks and other public places and approve the construction, improvement,
28 repair and maintenance of the same; establish bus and vehicle stops and

1 terminals or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles which
2 serve the public; regulate garages and the operation of conveyances for hire;
3 designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in use; regulate
4 the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and awning posts on the streets; and
5 provide for the lighting, cleaning and sprinkling of streets and public places;

6 (vi) Regulate traffic on all streets and bridges; prohibit encroachments
7 or obstacles thereon and, when necessary in the interest of public welfare,
8 authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public
9 places;

10 (vii) Subject to existing laws, establish and provide for the
11 maintenance, repair and operation of an efficient waterworks system to supply
12 water for the inhabitants and to purify the source of the water supply; regulate
13 the construction, maintenance, repair and use of hydrants, pumps, cisterns and
14 reservoirs; protect the purity and the quantity of the water supply of the City
15 and, for this purpose, extend the coverage of appropriate ordinances over all
16 territory within the drainage area of said water supply within one hundred
17 meters (100 m.) of the reservoir, canal, conduit, aqueduct, pumping station or
18 watershed used in connection with the water service; and regulate the
19 consumption, use or wastage of water and fix and collect charges thereof;

20 (viii) Regulate the drilling and excavation of the ground for the laying
21 of water, gas, sewer and other pipes, and the construction, repair and
22 maintenance of public drains, sewers, cesspools, tunnels and similar structures;
23 regulate the placing of poles and the use of crosswalks, curbs and gutters;
24 adopt measures to ensure public safety against open canals, manholes, live
25 wires and other similar hazards to life and property; and regulate the
26 construction and use of private water closets, privies and other similar
27 structures in buildings and homes;

1 (ix) Regulate the placing, stringing, attaching, installing, repair and
2 construction of all gas mains, electric telegraph and telephone wires, conduits,
3 meters and other apparatus; and provide for the correction, condemnation or
4 removal of the same when found to be dangerous to the welfare of the
5 inhabitants;

6 (x) Subject to the availability of funds and to existing laws, rules and
7 regulations, establish and provide for the operation of vocational and technical
8 schools and similar post-secondary institutions and, with the approval of the
9 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and subject
10 to existing laws on tuition fees, fix and collect reasonable tuition fees and other
11 school charges in educational institutions supported by the city government;

12 (xi) Establish a scholarship fund for the poor but deserving students in
13 schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the City;

14 (xii) Approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent
15 the introduction and the spread of diseases;

16 (xiii) Provide for an efficient and effective system of solid waste and
17 garbage collection and disposal and prohibit littering and the placing or
18 throwing of garbage, refuse and other filth and wastes;

19 (xiv) Provide for the care of persons with disabilities (PWD), paupers,
20 the aged, the sick, persons of unsound mind, abandoned minors, juvenile
21 delinquents, drug dependents, abused children and the youth below eighteen
22 (18) years of age and, subject to the availability of funds, establish and provide
23 for the operation of centers and facilities for the said needy and disadvantaged
24 persons;

25 (xv) Establish and provide for the maintenance and improvement of
26 jails and detention centers, institute a sound jail management program and
27 appropriate funds for the subsistence of detainees and convicted prisoners in
28 the City;

1 (xvi) Establish a city council whose purpose is the promotion of
2 culture and the arts, coordinate with government agencies and
3 nongovernmental organizations and, subject to the availability of funds,
4 appropriate funds for the support and development of the same; and

5 (xvii) Establish a city council for the elderly and senior citizens which
6 shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly
7 and to the community; provide incentives for nongovernmental agencies and
8 entities and, subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support
9 programs and projects for the benefit of the elderly; and

10 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such powers
11 as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are
12 prescribed by law or ordinance.

13 ARTICLE V

14 PROCESS OF LEGISLATION

15 SEC. 12. *Internal Rules of Procedure.* – (a) On the first regular
16 session following the election of its members and within ninety (90) days
17 thereafter, the sangguniang panlungsod shall adopt or update its existing rules
18 of procedure.

19 (b) The rules of procedure shall provide for the following:

20 (1) The organization of the sanggunian and the election of its officers
21 as well as the creation of standing committees which shall include, but shall not
22 be limited to, the committees on appropriations, revenues, engineering and
23 public works, education and health, women and family, human rights, youth
24 and sports development, environmental protection, peace and order and traffic,
25 and cooperatives; the general jurisdiction of each committee; and the election
26 of the chairman and members of each committee;

27 (2) The order and calendar of business for each session;

28 (3) The legislative process;

1 (4) The parliamentary procedures which include the conduct of
2 members during sessions;

3 (5) The discipline of members for disorderly behavior and absences
4 without justifiable cause for four (4) consecutive sessions for which they may
5 be censured, reprimanded or excluded from the session, suspended for not
6 more than sixty (60) days or expelled: *Provided*, That the penalty of
7 suspension or expulsion shall require the concurrence of at least two-thirds
8 (2/3) vote of all the sanggunian members: *Provided, further*, That the member
9 convicted by final judgment to imprisonment of at least one (1) year for any
10 crime involving moral turpitude shall be automatically expelled from the
11 sanggunian; and

12 (6) Such other rules as the sanggunian may adopt.

13 SEC. 13. *Full Disclosure of Financial and Business Interests of*
14 *Sangguniang Panlungsod Members.* – (a) Every sangguniang panlungsod
15 member shall, upon assumption to office, make a full disclosure of business
16 and financial interests. They shall also disclose any business, financial,
17 professional relationship or any relation by affinity or consanguinity within the
18 fourth civil degree, which they may have with any person, firm or entity
19 affected by any ordinance or resolution under consideration by the sanggunian
20 of which one is a member, which relationship may result in conflict of
21 interests. Such relationship shall include:

22 (1) Ownership of stock or capital, or investment in the entity or firm to
23 which the ordinance or resolution may apply; and

24 (2) Contracts or agreements with any person or entity which the
25 ordinance or resolution under consideration may affect.

26 In the absence of a specific constitutional or statutory provision
27 applicable to this situation, “conflict of interest” refers, in general, to one
28 where it may be reasonably deduced that a member of a sanggunian may not

1 act in the public interest due to some private, pecuniary or other personal
2 considerations that may tend to affect his or her judgment to the prejudice of
3 the service or the public.

4 (b) The disclosure required under this Act shall be made in writing
5 submitted to the secretary of the sanggunian or the secretary of the committee
6 of which he or she is a member. The disclosure shall, in all cases, form part of
7 the record of the proceedings and shall be made in the following manner:

8 (1) Disclosure shall be made before the member participates in
9 deliberations on the ordinance or resolution under consideration: *Provided,*
10 That if the member did not participate during the deliberations, the disclosure
11 shall be made before voting on the ordinance or resolution on second and third
12 readings; and

13 (2) Disclosure shall be made when a member takes a position or makes
14 a privilege speech on a matter that may affect the business interest, financial
15 connection or professional relationship described herein.

16 SEC. 14. *Sessions.* – (a) On the first day of the session immediately
17 following the election of its members, the sangguniang panlungsod shall, by
18 resolution, fix the day, time and place of its sessions. The minimum number of
19 regular sessions shall be once a week for the sangguniang panlungsod and
20 twice a month for the sangguniang barangay.

21 (b) When the public interest so demands, special sessions may be
22 called by the city mayor or by a majority of the members of the sanggunian.

23 (c) All sanggunian sessions shall be open to the public unless a
24 closed-door session is ordered by an affirmative vote of the majority of the
25 members present, there being a quorum, in the public interest or for reasons of
26 security, decency or morality. No two (2) sessions, regular or special, may be
27 held in a single day.

1 (d) In the case of special sessions of the sanggunian, a written notice to
2 the members shall be served personally at the members' usual place of
3 residence at least twenty-four (24) hours before the special session is held.

4 Unless otherwise concurred in by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the
5 sanggunian members present, there being a quorum, no other matters may be
6 considered at a special session except those stated in the notice.

7 (e) The sangguniang panlungsod shall keep a journal and a record of its
8 proceedings, which may be published upon resolution of the majority of its
9 members.

10 SEC. 15. *Quorum.* -- (a) A majority of all the members of the
11 sanggunian who have been elected and qualified shall constitute a quorum to
12 transact official business. Should a question of quorum be raised during a
13 session, the presiding officer shall immediately proceed to call the roll of the
14 members and thereafter announce the result.

15 (b) Where there is no quorum, the presiding officer may declare a
16 recess until such time a quorum is constituted, or a majority of the members
17 present may adjourn from day to day and may compel the immediate
18 attendance of any member absent without justifiable cause by designating a
19 member of the sanggunian, to be assisted by a member or members of the
20 police force assigned in the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Ilagan, to
21 arrest the absent member and present him or her at the session.

22 (c) If there is still no quorum despite the enforcement of the
23 immediately preceding subsection, no business shall be transacted. The
24 presiding officer, upon proper motion duly approved by the members present,
25 shall then declare the session adjourned for lack of quorum.

26 SEC. 16. *Approval of Ordinances.* -- (a) Every ordinance enacted by
27 the sangguniang panlungsod shall be presented to the city mayor. If the city
28 mayor approves the same, the signature shall be affixed on each and every

1 page thereof; otherwise, the ordinance shall be vetoed with the statement on
2 the objections to the sanggunian, which may proceed to reconsider the same.
3 The sanggunian may override the veto of the city mayor by two-thirds (2/3)
4 vote of all its members, thereby making the ordinance or resolution effective
5 for all legal intents and purposes.

6 (b) The veto shall be communicated by the city mayor to the
7 sanggunian within ten (10) days; otherwise, the ordinance shall be deemed
8 approved as if he or she had signed it.

9 SEC. 17. *Veto Power of the City Mayor.* – (a) The city mayor may
10 veto any ordinance of the sangguniang panlungsod on the ground that it is *ultra*
11 *vires* or prejudicial to the public welfare, stating the reasons thereof in writing.

12 (b) The city mayor shall have the power to veto any particular item or
13 items of an appropriations ordinance, an ordinance or resolution adopting a
14 local development plan, any public investment program or an ordinance
15 directing the payment of money or creating liability. In such case, the vetoed
16 item or items shall not affect the item or items which are not objected to. The
17 vetoed item or items shall not take effect unless the sangguniang panlungsod
18 overrides the veto in the manner herein provided; otherwise, the item or items
19 in the appropriations ordinance of the previous year corresponding to those
20 vetoed, if any, shall be deemed enacted.

21 (c) The city mayor may veto an ordinance or resolution only once. The
22 sanggunian may override the veto of the city mayor by two-thirds (2/3) vote of
23 all its members, thereby making the ordinance effective even without the
24 approval of the city mayor.

25 SEC. 18. *Review of City Ordinances by the Sangguniang*
26 *Panlalawigan.* – (a) Within three (3) days after approval, the secretary to the
27 sangguniang panlungsod shall forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan for
28 review, copies of approved ordinances and the resolutions approving the local

1 development plans and the public investment programs formulated by the local
2 development councils.

3 (b) Within thirty (30) days after receipt of copies of such ordinances
4 and resolutions, the sangguniang panlalawigan shall examine the documents or
5 transmit them to the provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor for prompt
6 examination. The provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor shall, within
7 a period of ten (10) days from receipt of the documents, inform the
8 sangguniang panlalawigan in writing of his or her comments or
9 recommendations, which may be considered by the sangguniang panlalawigan
10 in making its decision.

11 (c) If the sangguniang panlalawigan finds that such an ordinance or
12 resolution is beyond the power conferred upon the sangguniang panlungsod
13 concerned, it shall declare such ordinance or resolution invalid in whole or in
14 part. The sangguniang panlalawigan shall enter its action in the minutes and
15 shall advise the corresponding city authorities of the action it has taken.

16 (d) If no action has been taken by the sangguniang panlalawigan within
17 thirty (30) days after submission of such an ordinance or resolution, the same
18 shall be presumed to be consistent with law and therefore valid.

19 SEC. 19. *Review of Barangay Ordinances by the Sangguniang*
20 *Panlungsod.* – (a) Within ten (10) days after its enactment, the sangguniang
21 barangay shall furnish copies of all barangay ordinances to the sangguniang
22 panlungsod for review as to whether the ordinances are consistent with law or
23 city ordinances.

24 (b) If the sangguniang panlungsod fails to take action on barangay
25 ordinances within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, the same shall be
26 deemed approved.

27 (c) If the sangguniang panlungsod finds the barangay ordinances
28 inconsistent with law or city ordinances, the sangguniang panlungsod shall,

1 within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, return the same with its comments
2 and recommendations to the sangguniang barangay concerned for adjustment,
3 amendment or modification; in which case, the effectivity of the barangay
4 ordinance is suspended until such time as the revision called for is effected.

5 SEC. 20. *Enforcement of Disapproved Ordinances or Resolutions.* –
6 Any attempt to enforce any ordinance or any resolution approving the local
7 development plan and the public investment program after disapproval thereof
8 shall be sufficient ground for the suspension or dismissal of the official or
9 employee concerned.

10 SEC. 21. *Effectivity of Ordinances or Resolutions.* – (a) Unless
11 otherwise stated in the ordinance or the resolution approving the local
12 development plan and the public investment program, the same shall take
13 effect after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof is posted in a bulletin
14 board at the entrance of the City Hall of Ilagan and in at least two (2) other
15 conspicuous places in the City of Ilagan not later than five (5) days after
16 approval thereof.

17 (b) The secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall cause the
18 posting of an ordinance or resolution in the bulletin board at the entrance of the
19 city hall and in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the City of Ilagan not
20 later than five (5) days after approval thereof. The text of the ordinance or
21 resolution shall be disseminated and posted in Filipino or English and the
22 secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall record such fact in a book kept
23 for the purpose, stating the dates of approval and posting.

24 (c) The main features of the ordinance or the resolution duly enacted or
25 adopted shall, in addition to being posted, be published once in a local
26 newspaper of general circulation within the City: *Provided*, That in the absence
27 thereof, the ordinance or the resolution shall be published in any newspaper of

1 general circulation: *Provided, further,* That the gist of all ordinances with
2 penal sanctions shall also be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

3 ARTICLE VI

4 DISQUALIFICATION AND SUCCESSION OF ELECTIVE CITY OFFICIALS

5 SEC. 22. *Disqualification of Elective Public City Officials.* – The
6 following persons are disqualified from running for any elective position in the
7 City:

8 (a) Those sentenced by final judgment for an offense involving moral
9 turpitude or an offense punishable by one (1) year or more of imprisonment
10 within two (2) years after serving sentence;

11 (b) Those removed from office as a result of an administrative case;

12 (c) Those convicted by final judgment for violating the oath of
13 allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines;

14 (d) Those with dual citizenship;

15 (e) Fugitives from justice in criminal or nonpolitical cases here and
16 abroad;

17 (f) Permanent residents in a foreign country or those who have
18 acquired the right to reside abroad and continue to avail of the same right after
19 the effectivity of the Local Government Code of 1991; and

20 (g) The insane or feeble-minded.

21 SEC. 23. *Permanent Vacancy in the Offices of the City Mayor, the City*
22 *Vice Mayor and the Punong Barangay.* – (a) If a permanent vacancy occurs
23 in the office of the city mayor, the city vice mayor concerned shall become the
24 city mayor. If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city vice mayor,
25 the highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod member or, in case of his or her
26 permanent incapacity, the second highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod
27 member becomes the city mayor or the city vice mayor, as the case may be.

1 Subsequent vacancies in the said offices shall be filled automatically by the
2 other sanggunian members according to their ranking as defined herein.

3 (b) If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the punong barangay,
4 the highest ranking sangguniang barangay member or, in case of his or her
5 permanent inability, the second highest ranking sangguniang member shall
6 become the punong barangay.

7 (c) A tie between or among the highest ranking sangguniang
8 panlungsod members shall be resolved by drawing of lots.

9 (d) The successors as defined herein shall serve only the unexpired
10 terms of their predecessors.

11 (e) For purposes of this Act, a permanent vacancy arises when an
12 elective local official fills in a higher vacant office, refuses to assume office,
13 fails to qualify, dies, is removed from office, voluntarily resigns or is otherwise
14 permanently incapacitated to discharge the functions of his or her office.

15 (f) For purposes of succession as provided for in this Act, ranking in
16 the sanggunian shall be determined on the basis of the proportion of votes
17 obtained by each winning candidate to the total number of registered voters in
18 the City in the immediately preceding local election.

19 SEC. 24. *Permanent Vacancies in the Sangguniang Panlungsod.* –
20 Permanent vacancies in the sangguniang panlungsod where automatic
21 succession as provided above does not apply shall be filled in by appointments
22 in the following manner:

23 (a) The provincial governor shall make the aforesaid appointments;

24 (b) Only the nominee of the political party under which the sanggunian
25 member concerned had been elected shall be appointed in the manner herein
26 provided. The appointee shall come from the same political party as that of the
27 sanggunian member who caused the vacancy and shall serve the unexpired
28 term of the vacant office.

1 In the appointment herein mentioned, a nomination and a certificate of
2 membership of the appointee from the highest official of the political party
3 concerned are conditions *sine qua non*, and any appointment without such
4 nomination and certification shall be null and void *ab initio* and shall be a
5 ground for administrative action against the official responsible therefor;

6 (c) In case the permanent vacancy is caused by a sanggunian member
7 who does not belong to any political party, the city mayor shall, upon the
8 recommendation of the sangguniang panlungsod, appoint a qualified person to
9 fill in the vacancy; and

10 (d) In case of vacancy in the representation of the youth and the
11 barangay in the sangguniang panlungsod, said vacancy shall be filled in
12 automatically by the official next-in-rank of the organization concerned.

13 SEC. 25. *Temporary Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor.* –

14 (a) When the city mayor is temporarily incapacitated to perform his or her
15 duties for physical or legal reasons such as, but not limited to, leave of
16 absence, travel abroad and suspension from office, the city vice mayor or the
17 highest sangguniang panlungsod member shall automatically exercise the
18 powers and perform the duties and functions of the city mayor, except the
19 power to appoint, suspend or dismiss employees which can only be exercised if
20 the period of temporary incapacity exceeds thirty (30) working days.

21 (b) Said temporary incapacity shall terminate upon submission to the
22 sangguniang panlungsod of a written declaration by the city mayor that he or
23 she has reported back to office. In case where the temporary incapacity is due
24 to legal cause, the city mayor shall also submit necessary documents showing
25 that the said legal cause no longer exists.

26 (c) When the city mayor is traveling within the country but outside the
27 territorial jurisdiction for a period not exceeding three (3) consecutive days, he
28 or she may designate in writing the officer-in-charge of his or her office. Such

1 authorization shall specify the powers and functions that the local official
2 concerned shall exercise in the absence of the city mayor, except the power to
3 appoint, suspend or dismiss employees.

4 (d) In the event, however, that the city mayor fails or refuses to issue
5 such authorization, the city vice mayor or the highest ranking sangguniang
6 panlungsod member, as the case may be, shall have the right to assume the
7 powers, duties and functions of the said office on the fourth (4th) day of
8 absence of the city mayor, subject to the limitations provided for in subsection
9 (c) hereof.

10 (e) Except as provided above, the city mayor shall, in no case,
11 authorize any local official to assume the powers, duties and functions of the
12 office other than the city vice mayor or the highest ranking member of the
13 sangguniang panlungsod, as the case may be.

14 ARTICLE VII

15 THE APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY

16 SEC. 26. *The Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.* – (a) There
17 shall be a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod who shall be a career
18 official with the rank and salary equal to a head of a department or office.

19 (b) No person shall be appointed secretary to the sangguniang
20 panlungsod unless he or she is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the
21 City of Ilagan, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably
22 in law, commerce or public administration from a recognized college or
23 university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.

24 (c) The secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod shall take charge of
25 the office of the sangguniang panlungsod, and shall:

26 (1) Attend meetings of the sangguniang panlungsod and keep a
27 journal of its proceedings;

1 (2) Keep the seal of the City and affix the same with his or her
2 signature to all ordinances, resolutions and other official acts of the
3 sangguniang panlungsod, and present the same to the presiding officer for his
4 or her signature;

5 (3) Forward to the city mayor for approval copies of ordinances
6 enacted by the sangguniang panlungsod, duly certified by the presiding officer;

7 (4) Forward to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
8 copies of the appropriations ordinances passed by the sangguniang panlungsod
9 as provided for under Section 326, Book II of the Local Government Code of
10 1991;

11 (5) Forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan copies of duly approved
12 ordinances in the manner as provided for in Sections 56 and 57 of the Local
13 Government Code of 1991;

14 (6) Furnish, upon the request of any interested party, certified copies
15 of records of public character in his or her custody, upon payment to the city
16 treasurer of such fees as may be prescribed by ordinance;

17 (7) Record in a book kept for the purpose all ordinances and
18 resolutions enacted or adopted by the sangguniang panlungsod, with the dates
19 of passage and publication thereof;

20 (8) Keep his or her office and all nonconfidential records therein open
21 to the public during usual business hours;

22 (9) Translate into the dialect used by the majority of the inhabitants all
23 ordinances and resolutions immediately after their approval, and cause the
24 publication of the same together with the original version in the manner
25 provided under the Local Government Code of 1991;

26 (10) Take custody of the local archives and, where applicable, the
27 local library and annually account for the same; and

1 (11) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
2 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
3 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

4 SEC. 27. *The City Treasurer.* – (a) The city treasurer shall be
5 appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Finance (DOF) from a list of
6 at least three (3) ranking eligible recommendees of the city mayor, subject to
7 civil service law, rules and regulations.

8 (b) The city treasurer shall be under the administrative supervision of
9 the city mayor, to whom one shall report regularly on the tax collection efforts
10 of the City.

11 (c) No person shall be appointed city treasurer unless he or she is a
12 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral
13 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in commerce, public
14 administration or law from a recognized college or university, and a first grade
15 civil service eligible or its equivalent. He or she must have acquired experience
16 in treasury or accounting service for at least five (5) years.

17 (d) The city treasurer shall receive such compensation, emoluments and
18 allowances as may be determined by law.

19 (e) The city treasurer shall take charge of the city finance department,
20 and shall:

21 (1) Advise the city mayor, the sangguniang panlungsod and other local
22 government and national officials concerned regarding disposition of local
23 government funds and on such other matters relative to public finance;

24 (2) Take custody and exercise proper management of the funds of the
25 City;

26 (3) Take charge of the disbursement of all funds of the City and such
27 other funds, the custody of which has been entrusted by law or other competent
28 authority;

1 (4) Inspect private commercial and industrial establishments within the
2 jurisdiction of the City in relation to the implementation of tax ordinances,
3 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;

4 (5) Maintain and update the tax information system of the City; and

5 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
6 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
7 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

8 SEC. 28. *The City Assessor.* – (a) The city assessor must be a citizen
9 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral character, a
10 holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical engineering,
11 commerce or any other related course from a recognized college or university,
12 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He or she must have
13 acquired experience in real property assessment work or in any related field for
14 at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his or her appointment.

15 (b) The city assessor shall receive such compensation, emoluments and
16 allowances as may be determined by law.

17 (c) The city assessor shall take charge of the city assessor's
18 department, and shall:

19 (1) Ensure that all laws and policies governing the appraisal and
20 assessment of real properties for taxation purposes are properly executed;

21 (2) Initiate, review and recommend changes in policies and objectives,
22 plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in the evaluation and
23 assessment of real properties for taxation purposes;

24 (3) Establish a systematic method of real property assessment;

25 (4) Install and maintain real property identification and accounting
26 systems;

1 (5) Prepare, install and maintain a system of tax mapping, showing
2 graphically all properties subject to assessment and gather all data concerning
3 the same;

4 (6) Conduct frequent physical surveys to verify and determine whether
5 all real properties within the City are properly listed in the assessment rolls;

6 (7) Exercise the functions of appraisal and assessment primarily for
7 taxation purposes of all real properties in the City;

8 (8) Prepare a schedule of the fair market value of the different classes
9 of real properties in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government
10 Code of 1991;

11 (9) Issue, upon request of any interested party, certified copies of
12 assessment records of real properties and all other records relative to its
13 assessment, upon payment of a service charge or fee to the city treasurer;

14 (10) Submit every semester a report of all assessments, as well as
15 cancellations and modifications of assessments to the city mayor and the
16 sangguniang panlungsod;

17 (11) Attend personally or through an authorized representative all
18 sessions of the local board of assessments; and

19 (12) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
20 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
21 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

22 SEC. 29. *The City Accountant.* – (a) The city accountant must be a
23 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral
24 character, a certified public accountant and must have acquired experience in
25 the treasury or accounting service for at least five (5) years immediately
26 preceding the date of his or her appointment.

27 (b) The city accountant shall receive such compensation, emoluments
28 and allowances as may be determined by law.

1 (c) The city accountant shall take charge of both the office of the
2 *accounting and internal audit services, and shall:*

3 (1) Install and maintain an internal audit system in the City;

4 (2) Prepare and submit financial statements to the city mayor and to
5 the *sangguniang panlungsod*;

6 (3) Apprise the *sangguniang panlungsod* and other officials on the
7 *financial condition and operations of the City*;

8 (4) Certify to the availability of budgetary allotment from which
9 expenditures and obligations may be properly charged;

10 (5) Review supporting documents before the preparation of vouchers
11 to determine the completeness of requirements;

12 (6) Prepare statement of cash advances, liquidations, salaries,
13 allowances, reimbursements and remittances pertaining to the City;

14 (7) Prepare statements of journal vouchers and liquidations of the
15 same and other adjustments related thereto;

16 (8) Post individual disbursements to subsidiary ledgers and index
17 cards;

18 (9) Maintain individual ledgers for officials and employees of the City
19 pertaining to payrolls and deductions;

20 (10) Record and post in index cards details of purchased furniture,
21 fixtures and equipment, including disposal thereof, if any;

22 (11) Account for all issued requests for obligations and maintain and
23 keep all records and reports related thereto;

24 (12) Prepare journals and the analysis of obligations and maintain and
25 keep all records and reports related thereto; and

26 (13) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
27 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
28 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

1 SEC. 30. *The City Budget Officer.* -- (a) The city budget officer must
2 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral
3 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in accounting, economics,
4 public administration or any related course from a recognized college or
5 university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. The city
6 budget officer must have acquired experience in government budgeting or in
7 any related field for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of
8 his or her appointment.

9 (b) The city budget officer shall take charge of the city budget
10 department, and shall:

11 (1) Prepare forms, orders and circulars embodying instructions on
12 budgetary and appropriation matters for the signature of the city mayor;

13 (2) Review and consolidate the budget proposals of the different
14 departments and offices of the City;

15 (3) Assist the city mayor in the preparation of the budget, and during
16 and after the budget hearings;

17 (4) Study and evaluate budgetary implications of proposed legislation
18 and submit comments and recommendations thereon;

19 (5) Submit periodic budgetary reports to the DBM;

20 (6) Coordinate with the city treasurer, the city accountant and the city
21 planning and development officer for the purpose of budgeting;

22 (7) Assist the sangguniang panlungsod in reviewing the approved
23 budgets of component barangays;

24 (8) Coordinate with the city planning and development office in the
25 formulation of the development plan of the City; and

26 (9) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
27 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
28 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

1 SEC. 31. *The City Planning and Development Officer.* – (a) The city
2 planning and development officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a
3 resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral character, a holder of a college
4 degree preferably in urban planning, development studies, economics, public
5 administration or in any related course from a recognized college or university,
6 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He or she must have
7 acquired experience in development planning or in any related field for at least
8 five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his or her appointment.

9 (b) The city planning and development officer shall receive such
10 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

11 (c) The city planning development officer shall take charge of the city
12 planning and development coordinating office, and shall:

13 (1) Formulate integrated economic, social, physical and other
14 development plans and policies for the consideration of the City;

15 (2) Conduct continuing studies, researches and training programs
16 necessary to evolve plans and programs for implementation;

17 (3) Integrate and coordinate all sectoral plans and studies undertaken
18 by the different functional groups or agencies;

19 (4) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the different
20 development programs, projects and activities in the City in accordance with
21 the approved development plan;

22 (5) Prepare comprehensive plans and other development planning
23 documents for the consideration of the local development council;

24 (6) Analyze the income and expenditure patterns, and formulate and
25 recommend fiscal plans and policies for the consideration of the finance
26 committee of the sangguniang panlungsod;

27 (7) Promote people's participation in development planning within the
28 City;

1 (8) Exercise supervision and control over the secretariat of the local
2 development council; and

3 (9) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
4 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
5 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

6 SEC. 32. *The City Engineer.* – (a) The city engineer must be a
7 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral
8 character and a licensed civil engineer. He or she must have acquired
9 experience in the practice of his or her profession for at least five (5) years
10 immediately preceding the date of his or her appointment.

11 (b) The city engineer shall receive such compensation, emoluments
12 and allowances as may be determined by law.

13 (c) The city engineer shall take charge of the city engineering office,
14 and shall:

15 (1) Initiate, review and recommend changes in policies and objectives,
16 plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in infrastructure
17 development and public works in general of the City;

18 (2) Advise the city mayor on infrastructure, public works and other
19 engineering matters;

20 (3) Administer, coordinate, supervise and control the construction,
21 maintenance, improvement and repair of roads, bridges, other engineering and
22 public works projects of the City;

23 (4) Provide engineering services to the City, including investigations
24 and surveys, engineering designs, feasibility studies and project management;
25 and

26 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
27 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
28 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

1 SEC. 33. *The City Health Officer.* – (a) The city health officer must
2 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral
3 character and a licensed medical practitioner. He or she must have acquired
4 experience in the practice of his or her profession for at least five (5) years
5 immediately preceding the date of his or her appointment.

6 (b) The city health officer shall receive such compensation,
7 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

8 (c) The city health officer shall take charge of the office of the city
9 health services, and shall:

10 (1) Supervise the personnel and staff of the said office, formulate
11 program implementation guidelines and rules and regulations for the operation
12 of the said office for the approval of the city mayor in order to assist him or her
13 in the efficient, effective and economical implementation of health services
14 programs geared to implement health-related projects and activities;

15 (2) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
16 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
17 carrying out activities to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
18 of adequate facilities relative to health services as provided for under Section
19 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991;

20 (3) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
21 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
22 health programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement
23 and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the
24 Local Government Code of 1991;

25 (4) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city health
26 officer shall:

27 (i) Formulate and implement policies, plans and projects to promote
28 the health of the people in the City;

1 (ii) Advise the city mayor and the sangguniang panlungsod on matters
2 pertaining to health;

3 (iii) Execute and enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations relating
4 to public health;

5 (iv) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod through the local
6 health board the passage of such ordinance as he or she may deem necessary
7 for the preservation of public health;

8 (v) Recommend the prosecution of any violation of sanitary laws,
9 ordinances or regulations;

10 (vi) Direct the sanitary inspection of all business establishments, stores
11 *selling food items or providing accommodations such as hotels, motels, local*
12 *houses, pension houses and the like, in accordance with the Sanitation Code of*
13 *the Philippines;*

14 (vii) Conduct health information campaigns and render health
15 intelligence services;

16 (viii) Coordinate with other government agencies and nongovernment
17 organizations involved in the promotion and delivery of health services; and

18 (ix) Be in the frontline of the delivery of health services, particularly
19 during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;
20 and

21 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
22 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
23 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

24 SEC. 34. *The City Civil Registrar.* – (a) The city civil registrar must
25 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral
26 character, a holder of a college degree from a recognized college or university,
27 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He or she must have

1 acquired experience in civil registry work for at least five (5) years
2 immediately preceding the date of his or her appointment.

3 (b) The city civil registrar shall receive such compensation,
4 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

5 (c) The city civil registrar shall be responsible for the civil registration
6 program in the City of Ilagan, pursuant to the Civil Registry Law, the Omnibus
7 Election Code and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations issued to
8 implement them.

9 (d) The city civil registrar shall take charge of the office of the city
10 civil registry, and shall:

11 (1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
12 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
13 management and administration-related programs and projects which the city
14 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
15 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

16 (2) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city civil
17 registrar shall:

18 (i) Accept all registrable documents and judicial decrees affecting the
19 civil status of persons;

20 (ii) File, keep and preserve in a secure place the books required by
21 law;

22 (iii) Transcribe and enter immediately upon receipt all registrable
23 documents and judicial decrees affecting the civil status of persons in the
24 appropriate civil registry books;

25 (iv) Transmit to the Office of the Civil Registrar, within the prescribed
26 period, duplicate copies of registered documents required by law;

27 (v) Issue certified transcripts or copies of any certificate or registered
28 documents upon payment of the required fees to the city treasurer;

1 (vi) Receive application for the issuance of a marriage license and,
2 after determining that the requirements and supporting certificates and
3 publication thereof for the prescribed period have been complied with, issue
4 the license upon payment of the authorized fee to the city treasurer; and

5 (vii) Coordinate with the National Statistics Office (NSO) in
6 conducting educational campaigns for vital registration and assist in the
7 preparation of demographic and other statistics for the City of Ilagan; and

8 (3) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
9 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
10 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

11 SEC. 35. *The City Administrator.* – (a) The city administrator must
12 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral
13 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in public administration, law
14 or in any other related course from a recognized college or university, and a
15 first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He or she must have acquired
16 experience in management and administrative work for at least five (5) years
17 immediately preceding the date of his or her appointment.

18 (b) The term of the city administrator is coterminous with that of his
19 or her appointing authority.

20 (c) The city administrator shall receive such compensation,
21 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

22 (d) The city administrator shall take charge of the city administrator's
23 office, and shall:

24 (1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
25 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
26 management and administration-related programs and projects which the city
27 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
28 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

1 (2) Assist in the coordination of the work of all the officials of the
2 local government unit, under the supervision, direction and control of the city
3 mayor and, for this purpose, convene the chiefs of offices and other officials of
4 the local government unit;

5 (3) Establish and maintain a sound personnel program for the local
6 government unit designed to promote career development and uphold the merit
7 principle in the local government service;

8 (4) Conduct a continuing organizational development of the local
9 government unit with the end in view of instituting effective administrative
10 reforms;

11 (5) Be in the frontline of the delivery of administrative support
12 services, particularly those related to the situations during and in the aftermath
13 of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

14 (6) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
15 mayor on all matters relative to the management and administration of the City;
16 and

17 (7) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
18 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
19 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

20 SEC. 36. *The City Legal Officer.* – (a) The city legal officer must be
21 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral
22 character and a member of the Philippine Bar. He or she must have practiced
23 his or her profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date
24 of his or her appointment.

25 The term of the legal officer shall be coterminous with that of his or her
26 appointing authority;

27 (b) The city legal officer shall receive such compensation,
28 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

1 (c) The city legal officer, the chief legal counsel of the City, shall take
2 charge of the office of the city legal service, and shall:

3 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *sangguniang*
4 *panlungsod* and provide legal assistance and support to the city mayor in
5 carrying out the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate
6 facilities;

7 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
8 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
9 programs and projects related to legal services which the city mayor is
10 empowered to implement and which the *sangguniang panlungsod* is
11 empowered to provide;

12 (3) Represent the local government unit in all civil action and special
13 proceedings wherein the local government unit or any official thereof, in his or
14 her official capacity, is a party: *Provided*, That in actions or proceedings where
15 the City of Ilagan is a party adverse to the provincial government or to another
16 component city, a special legal officer may be employed to represent the
17 adverse party;

18 (4) When required by the city mayor or *sanggunian*, draft ordinances,
19 contracts, bonds, leases and other instruments, involving any interest of the
20 local government unit; and provide comments and recommendations on any
21 instrument already drawn;

22 (5) Render his or her opinion in writing on any question of law when
23 requested to do so by the city mayor or *sanggunian*;

24 (6) Investigate or cause to be investigated any local official or
25 employee for administrative neglect or misconduct in office, and recommend
26 appropriate action to the city mayor or *sanggunian*, as the case may be;

27 (7) Investigate or cause to be investigated any person, firm or
28 corporation holding any franchise or exercising any privilege for failure to

1 comply with any term or condition in the grant of such franchise or privilege,
2 and recommending appropriate action to the city mayor or sanggunian, as the
3 case may be;

4 (8) When directed by the city mayor or sanggunian, initiate and
5 prosecute in the interest of the local government unit concerned any civil
6 action on any bond, lease or other contract upon any breach or violation
7 thereof;

8 (9) Review ordinances and submit recommendations on ordinances
9 approved and executive orders issued by component units;

10 (10) Recommend measures to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise
11 the city mayor on all matters related to upholding the rule of law;

12 (11) Be in the frontline of protecting human rights and prosecuting
13 any violation thereof, particularly those which occur during and in the
14 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities; and

15 (12) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
16 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
17 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

18 *SEC. 37. The City Social Welfare and Development Officer. –*

19 (a) The city social welfare and development officer must be a citizen of the
20 Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral character, a licensed
21 social worker or a holder of a college degree preferably in social work or in
22 any other related course from a recognized college or university, and a first
23 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He or she must have acquired
24 experience in the practice of social work for at least five (5) years immediately
25 preceding the date of his or her appointment.

26 (b) The city social welfare and development officer shall receive such
27 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

1 comply with any term or condition in the grant of such franchise or privilege,
2 and recommending appropriate action to the city mayor or sanggunian, as the
3 case may be;

4 (8) When directed by the city mayor or sanggunian, initiate and
5 prosecute in the interest of the local government unit concerned any civil
6 action on any bond, lease or other contract upon any breach or violation
7 thereof;

8 (9) Review ordinances and submit recommendations on ordinances
9 approved and executive orders issued by component units;

10 (10) Recommend measures to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise
11 the city mayor on all matters related to upholding the rule of law;

12 (11) Be in the frontline of protecting human rights and prosecuting
13 any violation thereof, particularly those which occur during and in the
14 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities; and

15 (12) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
16 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
17 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

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19 (a) The city social welfare and development officer must be a citizen of the
20 Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral character, a licensed
21 social worker or a holder of a college degree preferably in social work or in
22 any other related course from a recognized college or university, and a first
23 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He or she must have acquired
24 experience in the practice of social work for at least five (5) years immediately
25 preceding the date of his or her appointment.

26 (b) The city social welfare and development officer shall receive such
27 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

1 (c) The city social welfare and development officer shall take charge
2 of the office of social welfare and development, and shall:

3 (1) Formulate measures for the approval of the sangguniang
4 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
5 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
6 of adequate facilities relative to social welfare and development services;

7 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
8 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
9 social welfare programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to
10 implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide;

11 (3) Identify the basic needs of the needy, the disadvantaged and the
12 impoverished, and develop and implement appropriate measures to alleviate
13 their problems and improve their living conditions;

14 (4) Provide relief and appropriate crisis intervention for victims of
15 abuse and exploitation and recommend appropriate measures to deter further
16 abuse and exploitations;

17 (5) Assist the city mayor in implementing the barangay level program
18 for the total development and protection of children up to six (6) years of age;

19 (6) Facilitate the implementation of welfare programs for the disabled,
20 elderly and victims of drug addiction, the rehabilitation of prisoners and
21 parolees, the prevention of juvenile delinquency and such other activities
22 which would eliminate and minimize the ill-effects of poverty;

23 (7) Initiate and support welfare programs that will enhance the role of
24 the youth in nation building;

25 (8) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental
26 organizations which have for their purpose the promotion and the protection of
27 all the needy, disadvantaged, underprivileged or impoverished groups or

1 individuals, particularly those identified to be vulnerable and high risk to
2 exploitation, abuse and neglect;

3 (9) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services particularly those
4 which have to do with the immediate relief and assistance during and in the
5 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

6 (10) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
7 mayor on all other matters related to social welfare and development services
8 which will improve the livelihood and the living conditions of the inhabitants;
9 and

10 (11) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
11 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
12 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

13 SEC. 38. *The City Veterinarian.* – (a) The city veterinarian must be
14 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral
15 character and a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine. He or she must have
16 practiced his or her profession for at least three (3) years immediately
17 preceding the date of his or her appointment.

18 (b) The city veterinarian shall receive such compensation, emoluments
19 and allowances as may be determined by law.

20 (c) The city veterinarian shall take charge of the office of veterinary
21 services, and shall:

22 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
23 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
24 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
25 of adequate facilities;

26 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
27 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with

1 veterinary-related activities which the city mayor is empowered to implement
2 and which the *sangguniang panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

3 (3) Advise the city mayor on all matters pertaining to the slaughter of
4 animals for human consumption and the regulation of slaughterhouses;

5 (4) Regulate the keeping of domestic animals;

6 (5) Regulate and inspect poultry, milk and dairy products for public
7 consumption;

8 (6) Enforce all laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals;

9 (7) Take the necessary measures to eradicate, prevent or cure all
10 forms of animal diseases;

11 (8) Be in the frontline of veterinary-related activities, such as the
12 outbreak of highly contagious and deadly diseases and, in situations resulting
13 in the depletion of animals for work and for human consumption, particularly
14 those arising from and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or
15 calamities;

16 (9) Recommend to the *sangguniang panlungsod* and advise the city
17 mayor on all other matters relative to veterinary services which will increase
18 the number and improve the quality of livestock, poultry and other domestic
19 animals used for work or for human consumption; and

20 (10) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
21 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
22 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

23 SEC. 39. *The City General Services Officer.* – (a) The city general
24 services officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of
25 Ilagan, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree in public
26 administration, business administration or management from a recognized
27 college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.
28 He or she must have acquired experience in general services, including the

1 management of supply, property, solid waste disposal and general sanitation
2 for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his or her
3 appointment.

4 (b) The city general services officer shall receive such compensation,
5 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

6 (c) The city general services officer shall take charge of the office of
7 general services, and shall:

8 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
9 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
10 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
11 of adequate facilities which require general services expertise in technical
12 support services;

13 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
14 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
15 general services supportive of the welfare of the inhabitants of the City which
16 the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang
17 panlungsod is empowered to provide;

18 (3) Take custody of and be accountable for all properties, real or
19 personal, owned by the City and those granted to it in the form of donation,
20 reparation, assistance and counterpart of joint projects;

21 (4) With the approval of the city mayor, assign building or land space
22 to local officials or other public officials who, by law, are entitled to such
23 space;

24 (5) Recommend to the city mayor the reasonable rental rates for local
25 government properties, whether real or personal, which will be leased to public
26 or private entities by the local government;

1 (6) Maintain and supervise janitorial, security, landscaping and other
2 related services in all local government public buildings and other real
3 property, whether owned or leased by the local government unit;

4 (7) Collate and disseminate information regarding prices, shipping
5 and other costs of supplies and other items commonly used by the local
6 government unit;

7 (8) Perform archival and record management with respect to records
8 of offices and departments of the local government unit;

9 (9) Perform all other functions pertaining to supply and property
10 management heretofore performed by the local government treasurer, and
11 enforce policies on records creation, maintenance and disposal;

12 (10) Be in the frontline of general services-related activities, such as
13 the possible and imminent destruction or damage to records, supplies,
14 properties and structure materials or debris, particularly during and in the
15 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

16 (11) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
17 mayor on all matters relative to general services; and

18 (12) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
19 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
20 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

21 SEC. 40. *The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer.* —

22 (a) The city environment and natural resources officer must be a citizen of the
23 Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral character, a holder
24 of a college degree preferably in environment, forestry, agriculture or in any
25 other related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade
26 civil service eligible or its equivalent. He or she must have acquired
27 experience in environment and natural resources management, conservation

1 and utilization work for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date
2 of his or her appointment.

3 (b) The city environment and natural resources officer shall receive
4 such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

5 (c) The city environment and natural resources officer shall take
6 charge of the city environment service department, and shall:

7 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
8 panlungsod and provide assistance and support to the city mayor in carrying
9 out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of
10 adequate facilities relative to environment and natural resources services as
11 provided for under Section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991;

12 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
13 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
14 environment and natural resources programs and projects which the city mayor
15 is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
16 empowered to provide;

17 (3) Establish, maintain, protect and preserve communal forests,
18 watersheds, tree parks, mangroves, greenbelts and similar forest projects and
19 commercial forests, like industrial tree farms and agro-forestry projects;

20 (4) Provide extension services to beneficiaries of forest development
21 projects and technical, financial and infrastructure assistance;

22 (5) Manage and maintain seed banks and produce seedlings for forest
23 and tree parks;

24 (6) Provide extension services to beneficiaries of forest development
25 projects and render assistance for natural resources-related conservation and
26 utilization activities consistent with ecological balance;

27 (7) Promote the small-scale mining and utilization of mineral
28 resources, particularly mining of gold;

1 (8) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental
2 organizations in the implementation of measures to prevent and control land,
3 air and water pollution with the assistance of the Department of Environment
4 and Natural Resources;

5 (9) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services concerning the
6 environment and natural resources, particularly in the renewal and
7 rehabilitation of the environment during and in the aftermath of man-made and
8 natural disasters or calamities;

9 (10) Recommend measures to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise
10 the city mayor on all matters relative to the protection, conservation, maximum
11 utilization, application of appropriate technology and other matters related to
12 the environment and natural resources; and

13 (11) *Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other*
14 *powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those*
15 *that are prescribed by law or ordinance.*

16 SEC. 41. *The City Architect.* – (a) The city architect must be a
17 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral
18 character and a duly licensed architect. He or she must have practiced his or
19 her profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his
20 or her appointment.

21 (b) The city architect shall receive such compensation, emoluments
22 and allowances as may be determined by law.

23 (c) The city architect shall take charge of the office of the
24 architectural planning and design, and shall:

25 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
26 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
27 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
28 of adequate facilities relative to architectural planning and design;

1 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
2 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
3 architectural planning and design programs and projects which the city mayor
4 is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
5 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

6 (3) Prepare and recommend for consideration of the sanggunian the
7 architectural plan and design for the local government unit or a part thereof,
8 including the renewal of slums and blighted areas, land reclamation activities,
9 the greening of land and appropriate planning of marine and foreshore areas;

10 (4) Review and recommend for appropriate action of the sanggunian
11 or the city mayor, as the case may be, the architectural plans and designs
12 submitted by governmental and nongovernmental entities or individuals,
13 particularly those for undeveloped and poorly designed areas;

14 (5) Coordinate with government and nongovernment entities and
15 individuals involved in the aesthetics and maximum utilization of the land and
16 water within the jurisdiction of the government unit, compatible with the
17 environmental integrity and ecological balance;

18 (6) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services involving
19 architectural planning and design, particularly those related to the redesigning
20 of spatial distribution of basic facilities and physical structures during and in
21 the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

22 (7) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
23 mayor on all other matters relative to architectural planning and design as it
24 relates to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

25 (8) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
26 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
27 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

1 SEC. 42. *The City Information Officer.* – (a) The city information
2 officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of
3 good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in journalism,
4 mass communication or in any related course from a recognized college or
5 university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He or she
6 must have acquired experience in writing articles and research papers, or
7 writing for print, television or broadcast media for at least three (3) years
8 immediately preceding the date of his or her appointment.

9 (b) The city information officer shall receive such compensation,
10 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

11 (c) The city information officer shall take charge of the city
12 information and community relations department, and shall:

13 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
14 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
15 providing the information and research data required for the delivery of basic
16 services and the provision of adequate facilities so that the public becomes
17 aware of said services and may fully avail of the same;

18 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
19 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
20 public information and research data to support programs and projects which
21 the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang
22 panlungsod is empowered to provide;

23 (3) Provide relevant, adequate and timely information to the local
24 government unit and its residents;

25 (4) Furnish information and data on local government units to
26 government agencies or offices as may be required by law or ordinance; and
27 nongovernmental organizations to be furnished by said agencies and
28 organizations;

1 (5) Maintain effective liaison with the various sectors of the
2 community on matters and issues that affect the livelihood and the quality of
3 life of the inhabitants and encourage support for programs of the local and
4 national government;

5 (6) Be in the frontline in providing information during and in the
6 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities, with special
7 attention to the victims thereof, to help minimize injuries and casualties after
8 the emergency, and to accelerate relief and rehabilitation;

9 (7) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
10 mayor on all other matters relative to public information and research data as it
11 relates to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

12 (8) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
13 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
14 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

15 SEC. 43. *The City Cooperatives Officer.* – (a) The city cooperatives
16 officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Iligan, of
17 good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in business
18 administration with special training on cooperatives or in any related course
19 from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible
20 or its equivalent. He or she must have acquired experience in cooperatives
21 organization and management for at least five (5) years immediately preceding
22 the date of his or her appointment.

23 (b) The city cooperatives officer shall receive such compensation,
24 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

25 (c) The city cooperatives officer shall take charge of the office for the
26 development of cooperatives, and shall:

27 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
28 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in

1 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
2 of facilities through the development of cooperatives and in providing access
3 to such services and facilities;

4 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
5 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
6 integration of cooperatives principles and methods in programs which the city
7 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
8 empowered to provide;

9 (3) Assist in the organization of cooperatives;

10 (4) Provide technical and other forms of assistance to existing
11 cooperatives to enhance their viability as an economic enterprise and social
12 organization;

13 (5) Assist cooperatives in establishing linkages with government
14 agencies and nongovernment organizations involved in the promotion and
15 integration of the concept of cooperatives in the livelihood of the people and
16 other community activities;

17 (6) Be in the frontline of cooperatives organization, rehabilitation or
18 viability enhancement, particularly during and in the aftermath of man-made
19 and natural disasters or calamities, to aid in their survival and, if necessary,
20 subsequent rehabilitation;

21 (7) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
22 mayor on all other matters relative to cooperatives development and viability
23 enhancement which will improve the livelihood and the quality of life of the
24 inhabitants; and

25 (8) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
26 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
27 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

1 SEC. 44. *The City Population Officer.* -- (a) The city population
2 officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of
3 good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably with specialized
4 training in population development from a recognized college or university,
5 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He or she must have
6 acquired experience in the implementation of programs on population
7 development or responsible parenthood for at least five (5) years immediately
8 preceding the date of his or her appointment.

9 (b) The city population officer shall receive such compensation,
10 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

11 (c) The city population officer shall take charge of the office of the
12 population development, and shall:

13 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
14 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
15 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
16 of adequate facilities relative to the integration of the population development
17 principles and in providing access to said services and facilities;

18 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
19 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
20 integration of population development principles and methods in programs and
21 projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the
22 sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide;

23 (3) Assist the city mayor in the implementation of the constitutional
24 provisions relative to population development and the promotion of
25 responsible parenthood;

26 (4) Establish and maintain an updated data bank for program
27 operations, development planning and an educational program to ensure the
28 people's participation in understanding population development;

1 (5) Implement appropriate training programs responsive to the
2 cultural heritage of the inhabitants; and

3 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
4 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
5 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

6 SEC. 45. *The City Agriculturist.* – (a) The city agriculturist must be
7 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Ilagan, of good moral
8 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in agriculture or in any other
9 related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil
10 service eligible or its equivalent. He or she must have practiced his or her
11 profession in agriculture or acquired the experience in a related field for at
12 least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his or her appointment.

13 (b) The city agriculturist shall receive such compensation,
14 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

15 (c) The city agriculturist shall take charge of the office of the
16 agricultural services, and shall:

17 (1) Formulate measures for the approval of the sangguniang
18 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
19 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
20 of adequate facilities relative to agricultural services;

21 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
22 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
23 agricultural programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to
24 implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide;

25 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city
26 agriculturist shall:

1 (i) Ensure that maximum assistance and access to resources in the
2 production, processing and marketing of agricultural and aquacultural and
3 marine products are extended to farmers, fishermen and local entrepreneurs;

4 (ii) Conduct or cause to be conducted location-specific agricultural
5 researches and assist in making available the appropriate technology arising
6 out of and disseminating information on basic research on crops, prevention
7 and control of plant diseases and pests, and other agricultural matters which
8 will maximize productivity;

9 (iii) Assist the city mayor in the establishment and extension services
10 of demonstration farms on aquaculture and marine products;

11 (iv) Enforce rules and regulations relating to agriculture and
12 aquaculture;

13 (v) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental
14 organizations which promote agricultural productivity through applied
15 technology compatible with environmental integrity;

16 (4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of basic agricultural services,
17 particularly those needed for the survival of the inhabitants during and in the
18 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

19 (5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
20 mayor on all other matters related to agriculture and aquaculture which will
21 improve the livelihood and the living conditions of the inhabitants; and

22 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
23 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
24 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

25 ARTICLE VIII

26 THE CITY FIRE STATION SERVICE, THE CITY JAIL SERVICE,
27 THE CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION AND THE CITY PROSECUTION SERVICE

28 SEC. 46. *The City Fire Station Service.* – (a) There shall be
29 established in the City at least one (1) fire station with adequate personnel,

1 firefighting facilities and equipment, subject to the standards, rules and
2 regulations that may be promulgated by the DILG. The City shall provide the
3 necessary land or site of the station.

4 (b) The city fire station service shall be headed by a city fire marshal
5 whose qualifications shall be as those provided for under Republic Act
6 No. 9263, as amended, otherwise known as the “Bureau of Fire Protection and
7 Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Professionalization Act of 2004”.

8 (c) The city fire station service shall be responsible for providing
9 emergency services such as the rescue and evacuation of injured people related
10 to incidents and, in general, all fire prevention and suppression measures to
11 secure the safety of life and property of the citizenry.

12 SEC. 47. *The City Jail Service.* – (a) There shall be established and
13 maintained in the City a secured, clean, adequately equipped and sanitary jail
14 facility for the custody and safekeeping of prisoners, any fugitive from justice,
15 or person detained awaiting investigation or trial and/or violent mentally ill
16 person who endangers himself or herself or the safety of others, duly certified
17 as such by the proper medical health officer, pending the transfer to a mental
18 institution.

19 (b) The city jail service shall be headed by a city jail warden whose
20 qualifications shall be as those provided for under the “Bureau of Fire
21 Protection and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Professionalization
22 Act of 2004”. He or she shall assist in the immediate rehabilitation of
23 individuals or detention of prisoners. Great care must be exercised so that
24 human rights of these prisoners are respected and protected, and their spiritual
25 and physical well-being are properly and promptly attended to.

26 SEC. 48. *The City Schools Division.* – (a) There shall be established
27 and maintained by the DepED a city schools division of the City of Ilagan
28 whose area of jurisdiction will cover all the school districts within the City.

1 (b) The city schools division shall be headed by a city schools
2 division superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required
3 by the DepED.

4 SEC. 49. *The City Prosecution Service.* – (a) There shall be
5 established in the City a city prosecution service to be headed by a city
6 prosecutor and such number of assistant city prosecutors, as may be necessary,
7 who shall be organizationally part of the Department of Justice (DOJ), and
8 under the supervision and control of the Secretary of Justice and whose
9 qualifications, manner of appointment, rank, salary and benefits shall be
10 governed by existing laws covering prosecutors in the DOJ.

11 (b) The city prosecutor shall handle the criminal prosecution in the
12 municipal trial courts in the City as well as in the regional trial courts for
13 criminal cases originating in the territory of the City, and shall render to or for
14 the City such services as are required by law, ordinance or regulation of the
15 DOJ.

16 The Secretary of Justice shall always ensure the adequacy and the
17 quality of prosecution service in the City and, for this purpose, shall, in the
18 absence or lack or insufficiency in number of assistant city prosecutors as
19 provided hereinabove, designate from among the assistant provincial
20 prosecutors a sufficient number to perform and discharge the functions of the
21 city prosecution service as provided hereinabove.

22 ARTICLE IX

23 TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

24 SEC. 50. *Municipal Ordinances Existing at the Time of the Approval*
25 *of this Act.* – All municipal ordinances of the Municipality of Ilagan existing
26 at the time of the approval of this Act shall continue to be in force within the
27 *City of Ilagan until the sangguniang panlungsod shall declare otherwise.*

1 SEC. 51. *Plebiscite.* – The City of Ilagan shall acquire corporate
2 existence upon the ratification of its creation by a majority of the votes cast by
3 the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the present Municipality
4 of Ilagan within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Act.

5 The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise such
6 plebiscite.

7 The expenses for such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of
8 Ilagan.

9 SEC. 52. *Officials of the City of Ilagan.* – The present elective
10 officials of the Municipality of Ilagan shall continue to exercise their powers
11 and functions until such time that a new election is held and the duly elected
12 officials shall have already qualified and assumed their offices. Appointive
13 officials and employees of the municipality shall likewise continue exercising
14 their functions and duties and they shall be automatically absorbed by the city
15 government of the City of Ilagan.

16 SEC. 53. *Succession Clause.* – The City of Ilagan shall succeed to all
17 the assets, properties, liabilities and obligations of the Municipality of Ilagan.

18 SEC. 54. *Election of Provincial Governor and Sangguniang*
19 *Panlalawigan Members of the Province of Isabela.* – The qualified voters of
20 the City of Ilagan shall be qualified to vote and run for any elective position in
21 the elections for provincial governor, provincial vice governor, sangguniang
22 panlalawigan members and other elective officials for the Province of Isabela.

23 SEC. 55. *Jurisdiction of the Province of Isabela.* – The City of Ilagan
24 shall, unless otherwise provided by law, continue to be under the jurisdiction
25 of the Province of Isabela.

26 SEC. 56. *Suspension of Increase in Rates of Local Taxes.* – No
27 increase in the rates of local taxes shall be imposed by the City within the
28 period of five (5) years from its acquisition of corporate existence.

1 SEC. 57. *Legislative District.* – Until otherwise provided by law, the
2 City of Ilagan shall continue to be a part of the First Legislative District of the
3 Province of Isabela.

4 SEC. 58. *Applicability of Laws.* – The provisions of the Local
5 Government Code of 1991 and other laws pertaining to the Province of Isabela
6 and such laws as are applicable shall govern the City of Ilagan insofar as these
7 are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

8 SEC. 59. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason or reasons, any
9 part or provision of this Charter shall be held unconstitutional, invalid or
10 inconsistent with the Local Government Code of 1991, the other parts or
11 provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full
12 force and effect.

13 SEC. 60. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
14 after its complete publication in any newspaper of general and local
15 circulation.

Approved,

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