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CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES }  
    *Second Regular Session*

H. No. 8877  
S. No. 2044

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8806

AN ACT CREATING THE CITY OF SORSOGON BY MERGING  
THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BACON AND SORSOGON IN  
THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR

*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 Sorsogon."

SEC. 2. *Creation and Merger.* – There is hereby created a  
new city in the Province of Sorsogon by merging the municipalities  
of Bacon and Sorsogon to be known as Sorsogon City, hereinafter  
referred to as the City.

SEC. 3. *Component of the Province and Congressional  
District.* – The City shall be a component of the Province of  
Sorsogon and shall remain part of the First Congressional District  
of the province. As such, the qualified and registered voters of  
the City shall continue to vote for elective provincial officials and  
for the representative in the First Congressional District of  
Sorsogon.

SEC. 4. *Territorial Jurisdiction.* – The territorial  
jurisdiction of the City shall be within the following metes and  
bounds:

Bounded on the Southeast, along lines 1-7 by Sorsogon Bay;  
on the West along lines 7-100 by the Municipality of Castilla  
(CAD 530, Castilla Cadastre); on the Northwest, along lines 100

to 162 by the Municipality of Manito, Province of Albay (CAD 595, Manito Cadastre); on the North along lines 162 to 605 by Albay Gulf; on the East along lines 605 to 765 by the Municipality of Prieto Diaz (Pls-792); on the Southeast along lines 765 to 973 by Municipality of Gubat (CAD 308-D, Gubat Cadastre); on the Southwest along lines 973 to 976 by the Municipality of Casiguran (CAD- 692-D, Casiguran Cadastre); on the South along lines 976 to 1167-1 by Sorsogon Bay.

Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being N 86.28 W, 13,222.43 m. From BLLM No.1, Cad-192, D Sorsogon Cadastre, thence.

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1 - 2	N51 - 17W	165.43 m.
2 - 3	S78 - 32W	251.37 m.
3 - 4	S26 - 17E	270.28 m.
4 - 5	S32 - 00W	94.34 m.
5 - 6	S38 - 12E	127.25 m.
6 - 7	S34 - 36W	490.81 m.
7 - 8	N13 - 33W	405.29 m.
8 - 9	N22 - 23W	275.77 m.
9 - 10	N29 - 59E	155.85 m.
10 - 11	S86 - 02E	72.17m.
11 - 12	N41 - 06W	603.85 m.
12 - 13	N14 - 45E	39.29 m.
13 - 14	N11 - 08W	129.44 m.
14 - 15	N09 - 20W	154.05 m.
15 - 16	N30 - 22W	148.35 m.
16 - 17	N14 - 57E	166.64 m.
17 - 18	N01 - 18E	44.01 m.

18 - 19	N54 - 41W	29.41 m.
19 - 20	N06 - 52E	83.60 m.
20 - 21	N04 - 24E	65.19 m.
21 - 22	N45 - 48E	50.21 m.
22 - 23	N33 - 41E	39.66 m.
23 - 24	N00 - 04W	87.01 m.
24 - 25	N52 - 48E	67.80 m.
25 - 26	N63 - 30E	110.85 m.
26 - 27	N16 - 54W	93.58 m.
27 - 28	N53 - 12W	119.88 m.
28 - 29	N06 - 20W	163.00 m.
29 - 30	N37 - 51W	164.62 m.
30 - 31	N27 - 17E	106.89 m.
31 - 32	N30 - 38W	145.26 m.
32 - 33	N17 - 39W	115.43 m.
33 - 34	N68 - 38E	123.49 m.
34 - 35	N07 - 36E	151.33 m.
35 - 36	N48 - 49W	106.30 m.
36 - 37	N15 - 57W	109.20 m.
37 - 38	N42 - 53W	133.73 m.
38 - 39	N06 - 35W	52.35 m.
39 - 40	N19 - 46E	109.44 m.
40 - 41	N48 - 01E	40.36 m.
41 - 42	N34 - 01E	144.78 m.
42 - 43	N04 - 02W	85.21 m.
43 - 44	N30 - 58E	320.70 m.

44 - 45	N10 - 54W	105.71 m.
45 - 46	N20 - 33E	170.88 m.
46 - 47	N09 - 56E	203.04 m.
47 - 48	N26 - 33W	190.05 m.
48 - 49	N17 - 20E	83.81 m.
49 - 50	N02 - 12W	130.10 m.
50 - 51	N03 - 35W	80.16 m.
51 - 52	N42 - 43W	88.46 m.
52 - 53	N74 - 03W	109.20 m.
53 - 54	N46 - 43W	94.79 m.
54 - 55	N75 - 15W	78.59 m.
55 - 56	S78 - 28W	100.02 m.
56 - 57	N69 - 41E	28.78 m.
57 - 58	N21 - 48E	80.78 m.
58 - 59	N08 - 08E	35.36 m.
59 - 60	N45 - 56E	43.14 m.
60 - 61	N36 - 36W	43.60 m.
61 - 62	N10 - 07W	56.89 m.
62 - 63	N74 - 56W	53.85 m.
63 - 64	N46 - 51E	43.86 m.
64 - 65	N03 - 49E	15.03 m.
65 - 66	N31 - 48W	58.83 m.
66 - 67	N04 - 34W	25.08 m.
67 - 68	N55 - 05W	64.64 m.
68 - 69	N19 - 39W	29.73 m.
69 - 70	N43 - 09E	65.80 m.

70 - 71	N03 - 43W	77.16 m.
71 - 72	N03 - 49E	75.17 m.
72 - 73	N53 - 08E	50.00 m.
73 - 74	N13 - 30E	51.42 m.
74 - 75	N19 - 30W	50.92 m.
75 - 76	N07 - 42E	37.34 m.
76 - 77	N43 - 29E	101.72 m.
77 - 78	S75 - 58E	41.23 m.
78 - 79	N71 - 56E	48.38 m.
79 - 80	N34 - 26E	42.44 m.
80 - 81	N58 - 00E	37.74 m.
81 - 82	N03 - 26E	50.09 m.
82 - 83	N54 - 28E	8.60 m.
83 - 84	N79 - 53E	28.44 m.
84 - 85	N10 - 18W	55.90 m.
85 - 86	N34 - 26E	42.44 m.
86 - 87	N20 - 33W	42.72 m.
87 - 88	N66 - 30W	50.16 m.
88 - 89	N12 - 18E	56.29 m.
89 - 90	N59 - 02E	29.15 m.
90 - 91	N16 - 31W	31.29 m.
91 - 92	N42 - 49E	20.45 m.
92 - 93	N28 - 37W	62.65 m.
93 - 94	N08 - 45W	65.76 m.
94 - 95	N41 - 38W	60.21 m.
95 - 96	N53 - 08W	25.00 m.

96 - 97	N19 - 39W	74.33 m.
97 - 98	N01 - 32E	150.05 m.
98 - 99	N25 - 38E	166.39 m.
99 - 100	N50 - 15E	234.20 m.
100 - 101	N60 - 45E	1119.95 m.
101 - 102	S60 - 45E	1695.66 m.
102 - 103	S76 - 04E	1487.57 m.
103 - 104	N37 - 59E	3453.16 m.
104 - 105	N12 - 19W	5613.07 m.
105 - 106	N60 - 54E	402.79 m.
106 - 107	N42 - 12E	189.37 m.
107 - 108	N67 - 17E	46.64 m.
108 - 109	S48 - 24E	74.45 m.
109 - 110	N20 - 21W	23.29 m.
110 - 111	N37 - 03E	67.78 m.
111 - 112	N16 - 44E	46.88 m.
112 - 113	N36 - 44E	53.04 m.
113 - 114	N21 - 00W	56.02 m.
114 - 115	N57 - 11E	36.53 m.
115 - 116	N20 - 21E	28.73 m.
116 - 117	N55 - 22E	37.02 m.
117 - 118	N05 - 50E	118.07 m.
118 - 119	N25 - 54E	35.11 m.
119 - 120	N37 - 35W	45.00 m.
120 - 121	N67 - 42W	26.19 m.
121 - 122	N44 - 50W	27.91 m.

122 - 123	N31 - 29E	12.89 m.
123 - 124	N10 - 52E	21.97 m.
124 - 125	N42 - 15W	29.51 m.
125 - 126	N67 - 22W	18.24 m.
126 - 127	N11 - 32E	9.40 m.
127 - 128	N45 - 46E	36.81 m.
128 - 129	S84 - 13E	27.88 m.
129 - 130	N13 - 09E	16.52 m.
130 - 131	N23 - 38W	13.87 m.
131 - 132	N45 - 47W	68.71 m.
132 - 133	N30 - 15E	38.50 m.
133 - 134	N44 - 41E	11.72 m.
134 - 135	S85 - 57E	24.36 m.
135 - 136	N56 - 26E	21.77 m.
136 - 137	N04 - 12E	6.42 m.
137 - 138	N09 - 04W	35.72 m.
138 - 139	N58 - 24W	40.87 m.
139 - 140	N19 - 17W	20.38 m.
140 - 141	N02 - 51E	41.12 m.
141 - 142	N04 - 08W	61.92 m.
142 - 143	N22 - 03E	48.13 m.
143 - 144	N12 - 20W	50.26 m.
144 - 145	N22 - 01W	36.21 m.
145 - 146	N63 - 29W	14.43 m.
146 - 147	N29 - 14W	6.92 m.
147 - 148	N43 - 49W	27.56 m.

148 - 149	S09 - 54W	35.91 m.
149 - 150	S43 - 17W	27.31 m.
150 - 151	S10 - 00W	39.48 m.
151 - 152	N75 - 07W	15.70 m.
152 - 153	N23 - 18W	45.94 m.
153 - 154	N27 - 30W	39.48 m.
154 - 155	N09 - 38W	46.70 m.
155 - 156	N73 - 33W	102.65 m.
156 - 157	N00 - 55W	41.48 m.
157 - 158	N27 - 10W	36.73 m.
158 - 159	N43 - 04W	31.19 m.
159 - 160	N27 - 27W	26.20 m.
160 - 161	N74 - 28W	48.10 m.
161 - 162	N04 - 06E	368.85 m.
162 - 163	N13 - 58W	50.03 m.
163 - 164	S85 - 33E	240.13 m.
164 - 165	N68 - 14E	58.61 m.
165 - 166	N72 - 49E	56.53 m.
166 - 167	S60 - 54E	82.15 m.
167 - 168	S61 - 30E	106.83 m.
168 - 169	S66 - 58E	63.27 m.
169 - 170	S79 - 37E	115.71 m.
170 - 171	N89 - 45E	6.72 m.
171 - 172	S84 - 44E	56.61 m.
172 - 173	N89 - 58E	47.68 m.
173 - 174	N87 - 13E	44.59 m.

199 - 200	S66 - 48E	64.55 m.
200 - 201	S22 - 21E	79.23 m.

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174 - 175	S67 - 11E	57.59 m.
175 - 176	S66 - 52E	148.49 m.
176 - 177	S58 - 27E	48.09 m.
177 - 178	S61 - 49E	207.55 m.
178 - 179	S18 - 43E	20.22 m.
179 - 180	S41 - 06E	70.45 m.
180 - 181	S79 - 02E	69.57 m.
181 - 182	S36 - 06E	84.99 m.
182 - 183	S40 - 27E	61.52 m.
183 - 184	S19 - 40E	141.37 m.
184 - 185	S40 - 27E	82.26 m.
185 - 186	S19 - 40E	32.15 m.
186 - 187	S33 - 17E	53.64 m.
187 - 188	S36 - 32E	58.40 m.
188 - 189	S77 - 02E	15.74 m.
189 - 190	S40 - 58E	57.76 m.
190 - 191	S72 - 30E	37.63 m.
191 - 192	S76 - 53E	43.38 m.
192 - 193	S64 - 38E	32.22 m.
193 - 194	S49 - 48E	19.24 m.
194 - 195	S46 - 40E	35.12 m.
195 - 196	S72 - 36E	35.08 m.
196 - 197	S41 - 34E	67.53 m.
197 - 198	S32 - 18E	51.38 m.
198 - 199	S11 - 22E	68.63 m.
199 - 200	S08 - 45E	64.93 m.

200 - 201	S22 - 21E	79.23 m.
201 - 202	S22 - 57E	156.59 m.
202 - 203	S32 - 32E	49.91 m.
203 - 204	S26 - 37E	46.10 m.
204 - 205	S28 - 51E	83.04 m.
205 - 206	S14 - 17E	6.93 m.
206 - 207	S32 - 22E	142.90 m.
207 - 208	S35 - 30E	19.22 m.
208 - 209	S40 - 31E	46.69 m.
209 - 210	S54 - 12E	137.20 m.
210 - 211	S61 - 22E	8.41 m.
211 - 212	S79 - 50E	47.74 m.
212 - 213	S82 - 57E	125.49 m.
213 - 214	S47 - 17E	114.61 m.
214 - 215	S79 - 46E	880.23 m.
215 - 216	S69 - 57E	39.45 m.
216 - 217	S58 - 24E	157.19 m.
217 - 218	S77 - 59E	45.27 m.
218 - 219	N82 - 37E	71.99 m.
219 - 220	N72 - 41E	268.25 m.
220 - 221	S71 - 28E	101.47 m.
221 - 222	S77 - 44E	230.15 m.
222 - 223	N48 - 01E	53.77 m.
223 - 224	N16 - 04E	68.49 m.
224 - 225	N07 - 38E	168.14 m.
225 - 226	N47 - 41E	118.53 m.

226 - 227	N75 - 51E	188.11 m.
227 - 228	N50 - 25E	108.05 m.
228 - 229	N68 - 22E	132.38 m.
229 - 230	S05 - 04W	162.30 m.
230 - 231	S08 - 16W	73.33 m.
231 - 232	S40 - 44E	18.22 m.
232 - 233	S14 - 06E	166.52 m.
233 - 234	S11 - 59E	45.23 m.
234 - 235	S70 - 20E	22.44 m.
235 - 236	S31 - 23W	218.98 m.
236 - 237	S25 - 08E	263.63 m.
237 - 238	S16 - 16E	180.07 m.
238 - 239	S20 - 15E	43.98 m.
239 - 240	S30 - 45E	163.45 m.
240 - 241	S56 - 10E	56.84 m.
241 - 242	S39 - 17E	179.10 m.
242 - 243	S58 - 17E	179.38 m.
243 - 244	S52 - 31E	36.30 m.
244 - 245	S62 - 00E	73.33 m.
245 - 246	S76 - 28E	104.68 m.
246 - 247	S88 - 45E	93.79 m.
247 - 248	N60 - 28E	110.97 m.
248 - 249	N84 - 00E	133.80 m.
249 - 250	N84 - 35E	129.41 m.
250 - 251	N89 - 03E	190.27 m.
251 - 252	S70 - 35E	151.65 m.

252 - 253	N82 - 43E	105.33 m.
253 - 254	N88 - 25E	237.81 m.
254 - 255	S51 - 09E	53.21 m.
255 - 256	S45 - 46E	10.02 m.
256 - 257	S59 - 02E	189.97 m.
257 - 258	S40 - 17E	82.51 m.
258 - 259	S48 - 32E	41.49 m.
259 - 260	S23 - 42E	54.68 m.
260 - 261	S51 - 30E	71.89 m.
261 - 262	S62 - 24E	50.97 m.
262 - 263	S47 - 57E	68.38 m.
263 - 264	S30 - 40E	87.51 m.
264 - 265	S31 - 16E	73.07 m.
265 - 266	S28 - 50E	167.24 m.
266 - 267	S01 - 16W	48.55 m.
267 - 268	S31 - 01W	7.49 m.
268 - 269	S56 - 03E	117.90 m.
269 - 270	S58 - 18E	54.64 m.
270 - 271	S49 - 21E	5.88 m.
271 - 272	S24 - 00E	63.34 m.
272 - 273	S33 - 56E	164.66 m.
273 - 274	S49 - 46E	203.80 m.
274 - 275	S45 - 40E	63.93 m.
275 - 276	S22 - 34E	142.85 m.
276 - 277	S19 - 51E	102.98 m.
277 - 278	S25 - 20E	44.15 m.

278 - 279	S34 - 06E	72.16 m.
279 - 280	S63 - 43E	110.40 m.
280 - 281	S61 - 14E	90.55 m.
281 - 282	S61 - 02E	74.95 m.
282 - 283	N61 - 43E	124.47 m.
283 - 284	S39 - 21E	13.86 m.
284 - 285	S23 - 58E	120.11 m.
285 - 286	S45 - 29E	45.53 m.
286 - 287	S31 - 35E	45.33 m.
287 - 288	S31 - 34E	144.27 m.
288 - 289	S27 - 33E	31.52 m.
289 - 290	S29 - 11E	118.09 m.
290 - 291	S14 - 09W	98.49 m.
291 - 292	S00 - 27E	25.21 m.
292 - 293	S02 - 37E	59.39 m.
293 - 294	S20 - 33W	58.17 m.
294 - 295	S08 - 27E	45.15 m.
295 - 296	S24 - 27E	52.16 m.
296 - 297	S41 - 23E	158.80 m.
297 - 298	S62 - 05E	46.66 m.
298 - 299	S27 - 10E	49.36 m.
299 - 300	S50 - 51E	58.22 m.
300 - 301	S43 - 14E	91.57 m.
301 - 302	S45 - 13E	102.89 m.
302 - 303	S56 - 36E	85.15 m.
303 - 304	S79 - 28E	63.86 m.

304 - 305	S46 - 56E	11.48 m.
305 - 306	S21 - 31E	14.20 m.
306 - 307	S01 - 39W	106.44 m.
307 - 308	S17 - 03E	140.28 m.
308 - 309	S10 - 12W	146.09 m.
309 - 310	S14 - 55E	67.73 m.
310 - 311	S33 - 02E	19.61 m.
311 - 312	S47 - 37E	174.16 m.
312 - 313	S51 - 56E	35.12 m.
313 - 314	S54 - 56E	166.19 m.
314 - 315	S09 - 09W	1.82 m.
315 - 316	S30 - 40E	46.12 m.
316 - 317	S58 - 42E	10.24 m.
317 - 318	S77 - 25E	71.91 m.
318 - 319	S74 - 04E	177.60 m.
319 - 320	S17 - 28E	42.55 m.
320 - 321	S58 - 03E	125.97 m.
321 - 322	S21 - 42E	122.64 m.
322 - 323	S00 - 20E	182.46 m.
323 - 324	S82 - 29E	0.53 m.
324 - 325	S45 - 34W	23.04 m.
325 - 326	S08 - 55W	62.63 m.
326 - 327	S00 - 16W	130.71 m.
327 - 328	S21 - 05E	138.68 m.
328 - 329	S60 - 04E	95.37 m.
329 - 330	S60 - 24E	59.63 m.

330 - 331	S71 - 45E	180.86 m.
331 - 332	S81 - 18E	168.32 m.
332 - 333	S64 - 23E	324.48 m.
333 - 334	S53 - 55E	98.05 m.
334 - 335	S64 - 18E	285.09 m.
335 - 336	S50 - 11E	302.00 m.
336 - 337	S26 - 04E	121.95 m.
337 - 338	S37 - 01E	29.58 m.
338 - 339	S20 - 07E	117.29 m.
339 - 340	S10 - 10E	89.81 m.
340 - 341	S31 - 19E	49.90 m.
341 - 342	S39 - 28E	40.70 m.
342 - 343	S61 - 19E	16.42 m.
343 - 344	S31 - 31E	29.29 m.
344 - 345	S80 - 43E	16.86 m.
345 - 346	S51 - 59E	96.62 m.
346 - 347	S51 - 59E	38.58 m.
347 - 348	S72 - 12W	31.87 m.
348 - 349	S56 - 47E	92.16 m.
349 - 350	S66 - 24E	104.18 m.
350 - 351	S52 - 44W	14.46 m.
351 - 352	N44 - 59E	68.72 m.
352 - 353	N84 - 14E	94.03 m.
353 - 354	N59 - 46E	50.13 m.
354 - 355	N76 - 10E	43.86 m.
355 - 356	S82 - 26E	90.81 m.

356 - 357	N54 - 54E	18.26 m.
357 - 358	N40 - 52E	10.37 m.
358 - 359	N59 - 53E	91.43 m.
359 - 360	S84 - 50E	10.56 m.
360 - 361	S66 - 13E	41.98 m.
361 - 362	N55 - 51E	19.60 m.
362 - 363	S69 - 26W	92.60 m.
363 - 364	S75 - 17E	12.17 m.
364 - 365	S48 - 39E	23.10 m.
365 - 366	S63 - 56E	13.52 m.
366 - 367	S50 - 17E	10.05 m.
367 - 368	S54 - 47E	12.52 m.
368 - 369	S51 - 17E	24.94 m.
369 - 370	S72 - 51E	8.14 m.
370 - 371	N39 - 58E	8.14 m.
371 - 372	S63 - 14E	18.48 m.
372 - 373	S56 - 58E	19.94 m.
373 - 374	N36 - 13E	8.94 m.
374 - 375	S55 - 34E	10.22 m.
375 - 376	S48 - 19E	18.42 m.
376 - 377	S49 - 17E	10.50 m.
377 - 378	S47 - 14E	11.27 m.
378 - 379	S72 - 17E	8.41 m.
379 - 380	S44 - 23E	15.81 m.
380 - 381	S60 - 50E	40.59 m.
381 - 382	S63 - 08E	404.10 m.

382 - 383	S58 - 27E	241.90 m.
383 - 384	S65 - 55E	45.16 m.
384 - 385	S86 - 44E	47.43 m.
385 - 386	S85 - 42E	35.00 m.
386 - 387	S85 - 42E	71.76 m.
387 - 388	N85 - 07E	36.49 m.
388 - 389	S65 - 29E	49.39 m.
389 - 390	S56 - 46E	174.84 m.
390 - 391	S22 - 50E	13.89 m.
391 - 392	S80 - 11E	39.86 m.
392 - 393	S67 - 03E	210.51 m.
393 - 394	S46 - 10E	6.56 m.
394 - 395	N74 - 19E	22.93 m.
395 - 396	N72 - 34E	46.42 m.
396 - 397	N89 - 44E	112.14 m.
397 - 398	S59 - 06E	67.77 m.
398 - 399	N31 - 27E	109.63 m.
399 - 400	S44 - 25E	94.42 m.
400 - 401	S71 - 06E	111.10 m.
401 - 402	S68 - 13E	128.66 m.
402 - 403	S53 - 40E	43.14 m.
403 - 404	S52 - 59E	151.16 m.
404 - 405	N35 - 37E	17.86 m.
405 - 406	S53 - 12E	155.46 m.
406 - 407	S51 - 41W	26.32 m.
407 - 408	S02 - 29E	88.86 m.

408 - 409	S34 - 52W	64.30 m.
409 - 410	S83 - 58W	73.72 m.
410 - 411	S09 - 11W	41.91 m.
411 - 412	S67 - 10E	17.34 m.
412 - 413	S63 - 50E	124.27 m.
413 - 414	S32 - 06E	133.04 m.
414 - 415	S25 - 52E	299.39 m.
415 - 416	S35 - 39E	106.88 m.
416 - 417	S24 - 25W	73.73 m.
417 - 418	S05 - 53E	68.23 m.
418 - 419	S25 - 27E	150.79 m.
419 - 420	S12 - 28W	56.71 m.
420 - 421	S18 - 59E	58.27 m.
421 - 422	S20 - 23E	32.40 m.
422 - 423	S51 - 16E	77.28 m.
423 - 424	S47 - 11E	64.88 m.
424 - 425	S10 - 48E	242.80 m.
425 - 426	S12 - 56W	76.65 m.
426 - 427	S29 - 25W	92.25 m.
427 - 428	S21 - 36E	94.02 m.
428 - 429	S24 - 12E	61.21 m.
429 - 430	S40 - 11E	96.61 m.
430 - 431	S54 - 46E	103.89 m.
431 - 432	S73 - 28E	49.53 m.
432 - 433	N74 - 41E	61.80 m.
433 - 434	S82 - 07E	71.57 m.

434 - 435	S23 - 03E	105.83 m.
435 - 436	S05 - 44W	44.48 m.
436 - 437	S09 - 09W	13.84 m.
437 - 438	S25 - 37W	44.86 m.
438 - 439	S58 - 02W	77.06 m.
439 - 440	S33 - 37W	129.51 m.
440 - 441	S44 - 26W	141.36 m.
441 - 442	S40 - 29W	109.26 m.
442 - 443	S12 - 06E	67.92 m.
443 - 444	S62 - 13E	139.15 m.
444 - 445	S74 - 48E	101.84 m.
445 - 446	S55 - 44E	58.24 m.
446 - 447	S51 - 42E	168.67 m.
447 - 448	S02 - 25E	173.50 m.
448 - 449	S29 - 43E	130.18 m.
449 - 450	S63 - 47E	62.22 m.
450 - 451	S13 - 11E	64.43 m.
451 - 452	S30 - 30E	5.28 m.
452 - 453	N51 - 33E	111.02 m.
453 - 454	N81 - 02E	192.35 m.
454 - 455	N50 - 12E	39.05 m.
455 - 456	S64 - 41E	81.86 m.
456 - 457	N08 - 32E	141.57 m.
457 - 458	N85 - 00E	1089.15 m.
458 - 459	S76 - 25W	872.43 m.
459 - 460	S09 - 11W	263.37 m.

460 - 461	S48 - 27E	293.98 m.
461 - 462	S26 - 34W	413.67 m.
462 - 463	S85 - 36W	195.58 m.
463 - 464	S21 - 32E	204.27 m.
464 - 465	S65 - 25E	324.42 m.
465 - 466	N63 - 26E	212.43 m.
466 - 467	N89 - 10E	205.02 m.
467 - 468	N23 - 45E	881.63 m.
468 - 469	N36 - 36E	436.00 m.
469 - 470	N11 - 38E	173.57 m.
470 - 471	N45 - 46E	265.19 m.
471 - 472	N76 - 13E	272.86 m.
472 - 473	N19 - 07E	644.65 m.
473 - 474	N16 - 49E	53.18 m.
474 - 475	N07 - 32W	18.37 m.
475 - 476	N07 - 09W	31.61 m.
476 - 477	N18 - 03E	30.42 m.
477 - 478	N00 - 32E	56.46 m.
478 - 479	N86 - 42W	6.60 m.
479 - 480	N01 - 08E	41.55 m.
480 - 481	N21 - 22W	24.71 m.
481 - 482	N15 - 14W	88.29 m.
482 - 483	N04 - 46E	48.56 m.
483 - 484	N38 - 07E	17.36 m.
484 - 485	N19 - 09E	17.77 m.
485 - 486	N05 - 36W	27.70 m.

486 - 487	N01 - 25E	43.51 m.
487 - 488	N00 - 37W	29.40 m.
488 - 489	N32 - 48E	29.42 m.
489 - 490	N12 - 27E	5.10 m.
490 - 491	N26 - 47E	55.90 m.
491 - 492	N13 - 44E	27.18 m.
492 - 493	N13 - 51E	39.81 m.
493 - 494	N39 - 13W	33.53 m.
494 - 495	N13 - 45E	120.85 m.
495 - 496	N20 - 16E	126.20 m.
496 - 497	N11 - 40W	131.51 m.
497 - 498	N09 - 39E	69.60 m.
498 - 499	N29 - 18E	99.55 m.
499 - 500	N62 - 48E	60.35 m.
500 - 501	N39 - 04E	124.34 m.
501 - 502	N14 - 21E	164.27 m.
502 - 503	N78 - 27E	41.17 m.
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504 - 505	N81 - 49W	32.36 m.
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506 - 507	N32 - 00E	35.84 m.
507 - 508	N58 - 28E	128.55 m.
508 - 509	N49 - 53E	57.78 m.
509 - 510	N40 - 36E	72.36 m.
510 - 511	N48 - 24E	30.82 m.
511 - 512	N18 - 20E	122.46 m.

512 - 513	N05 - 04W	85.87 m.
513 - 514	N32 - 24E	144.29 m.
514 - 515	N19 - 18E	15.70 m.
515 - 516	N14 - 08E	110.68 m.
516 - 517	N04 - 48E	50.12 m.
517 - 518	N18 - 04E	31.53 m.
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519 - 520	N20 - 50E	68.71 m.
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521 - 522	N08 - 57E	13.54 m.
522 - 523	N12 - 42W	17.02 m.
523 - 524	N16 - 03E	54.06 m.
524 - 525	N17 - 05E	14.16 m.
525 - 526	N06 - 07E	124.98 m.
526 - 527	N25 - 29E	6.14 m.
527 - 528	N10 - 47E	4.06 m.
528 - 529	S75 - 00W	5.80 m.
529 - 530	N03 - 42E	46.63 m.
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532 - 533	N06 - 51E	34.77 m.
533 - 534	N06 - 13W	21.59 m.
534 - 535	N02 - 37E	21.01 m.
535 - 536	N00 - 22W	28.75 m.
536 - 537	N01 - 24W	34.29 m.
537 - 538	N20 - 19E	229.73 m.

538 - 539	N48 - 34W	24.33 m.
539 - 540	N06 - 10E	99.75 m.
540 - 541	N04 - 15W	3.92 m.
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542 - 543	N17 - 42W	51.31 m.
543 - 544	N08 - 59W	39.14 m.
544 - 545	N15 - 33W	184.43 m.
545 - 546	N44 - 24W	104.91 m.
546 - 547	N09 - 07W	117.96 m.
547 - 548	N00 - 24E	23.17 m.
548 - 549	N07 - 47E	70.35 m.
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550 - 551	N05 - 27E	118.60 m.
551 - 552	N05 - 27E	160.12 m.
552 - 553	N13 - 36E	52.37 m.
553 - 554	N18 - 38E	87.64 m.
554 - 555	N20 - 45E	50.48 m.
555 - 556	N26 - 05E	5.93 m.
556 - 557	N13 - 09E	27.54 m.
557 - 558	N09 - 19E	116.83 m.
558 - 559	N13 - 02E	43.91 m.
559 - 560	N10 - 10E	45.18 m.
560 - 561	N15 - 59E	49.16 m.
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563 - 564	N63 - 29E	80.52 m.

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565 - 566	N74 - 22E	73.42 m.
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567 - 568	N51 - 38E	72.08 m.
568 - 569	N31 - 25E	46.40 m.
569 - 570	N04 - 38W	29.27 m.
570 - 571	N01 - 24W	27.76 m.
571 - 572	N27 - 33E	150.22 m.
572 - 573	N40 - 04E	88.17 m.
573 - 574	N31 - 23E	89.47 m.
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575 - 576	N53 - 35E	58.60 m.
576 - 577	N77 - 40E	31.06 m.
577 - 578	N62 - 56E	50.18 m.
578 - 579	N65 - 41E	22.63 m.
579 - 580	N65 - 48E	21.08 m.
580 - 581	N70 - 44E	38.02 m.
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586 - 587	N57 - 12E	7.70 m.
587 - 588	N65 - 49E	183.05 m.
588 - 589	N61 - 08E	174.55 m.
589 - 590	N52 - 41E	46.63 m.

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596 - 597	N65 - 22E	71.17 m.
597 - 598	N63 - 02E	111.12 m.
598 - 599	N39 - 55E	198.63 m.
599 - 600	N78 - 48E	294.77 m.
600 - 601	S69 - 08E	324.50 m.
601 - 602	S26 - 55E	251.90 m.
602 - 603	S38 - 28E	25.00 m.
603 - 604	S07 - 04E	17.98 m.
604 - 605	S02 - 26W	29.98 m.
605 - 606	S00 - 45E	15.94 m.
606 - 607	S07 - 08W	117.12 m.
607 - 608	S22 - 33E	38.22 m.
608 - 609	S14 - 21E	75.67 m.
609 - 610	S15 - 41E	5.59 m.
610 - 611	S04 - 29E	78.95 m.
611 - 612	S18 - 43W	32.47 m.
612 - 613	S16 - 44E	56.15 m.
613 - 614	N87 - 25E	17.06 m.
614 - 615	S10 - 17E	48.39 m.
615 - 616	N73 - 38E	15.33 m.

616 - 617	S54 - 18E	55.23 m.
617 - 618	S46 - 44E	51.17 m.
618 - 619	S43 - 26E	85.25 m.
619 - 620	S49 - 42E	46.00 m.
620 - 621	S19 - 58W	55.09 m.
621 - 622	S21 - 41W	69.11 m.
622 - 623	S04 - 24W	95.00 m.
623 - 624	S87 - 30W	31.23 m.
624 - 625	S32 - 21W	44.38 m.
625 - 626	N76 - 22W	55.52 m.
626 - 627	S88 - 29W	29.37 m.
627 - 628	S13 - 54W	93.16 m.
628 - 629	S10 - 17E	110.86 m.
629 - 630	S12 - 50W	78.59 m.
630 - 631	S06 - 29W	170.73 m.
631 - 632	S02 - 26W	25.49 m.
632 - 633	S07 - 44W	271.70 m.
633 - 634	S17 - 14E	10.70 m.
634 - 635	S07 - 38E	22.31 m.
635 - 636	S00 - 12W	27.73 m.
636 - 637	S00 - 12W	61.62 m.
637 - 638	S00 - 12W	56.18 m.
638 - 639	S00 - 12W	24.55 m.
639 - 640	S00 - 12W	75.42 m.
640 - 641	S00 - 12W	29.81 m.
641 - 642	S00 - 04E	192.15 m.

642 - 643	S50 - 34W	150.75 m.
643 - 644	N56 - 52W	85.98 m.
644 - 645	N81 - 43W	152.59 m.
645 - 646	S87 - 39W	122.10 m.
646 - 647	S78 - 41W	35.69 m.
647 - 648	S52 - 26W	65.60 m.
648 - 649	S50 - 43W	14.21 m.
649 - 650	S11 - 19W	35.69 m.
650 - 651	S03 - 16W	35.06 m.
651 - 652	N88 - 42W	88.02 m.
652 - 653	N39 - 39W	45.45 m.
653 - 654	N09 - 52E	23.35 m.
654 - 655	N23 - 27W	10.03 m.
655 - 656	S87 - 10W	55.34 m.
656 - 657	S68 - 12W	23.86 m.
657 - 658	S89 - 19W	28.24 m.
658 - 659	S59 - 01W	22.41 m.
659 - 660	S44 - 59W	51.64 m.
660 - 661	S54 - 35W	34.20 m.
661 - 662	S80 - 16W	14.43 m.
662 - 663	S48 - 05W	52.32 m.
663 - 664	S62 - 37W	17.76 m.
664 - 665	S10 - 00W	26.07 m.
665 - 666	S29 - 15E	13.20 m.
666 - 667	S01 - 54W	29.55 m.
667 - 668	S54 - 06W	84.30 m.

668 - 669	S40 - 22W	74.18 m.
669 - 670	S61 - 00W	102.56 m.
670 - 671	N81 - 27W	19.38 m.
671 - 672	N54 - 10W	41.16 m.
672 - 673	S79 - 22W	20.22 m.
673 - 674	N88 - 42W	20.34 m.
674 - 675	N80 - 32W	60.27 m.
675 - 676	N22 - 02W	38.37 m.
676 - 677	N85 - 47W	38.56 m.
677 - 678	S41 - 41W	58.65 m.
678 - 679	S08 - 01W	10.54 m.
679 - 680	S19 - 28E	54.09 m.
680 - 681	S72 - 14W	71.64 m.
681 - 682	S72 - 14W	218.00 m.
682 - 683	S72 - 14W	128.75 m.
683 - 684	S49 - 51W	48.07 m.
684 - 685	S86 - 09W	77.12 m.
685 - 686	S23 - 54W	16.39 m.
686 - 687	S30 - 30W	26.48 m.
687 - 688	S00 - 45E	19.31 m.
688 - 689	S41 - 27W	30.17 m.
689 - 690	S35 - 18E	5.83 m.
690 - 691	S77 - 55E	34.06 m.
691 - 692	S58 - 59E	19.58 m.
692 - 693	S09 - 32W	3.86 m.
693 - 694	N81 - 08E	3.18 m.

694 - 695	S43 - 27E	27.11 m.
695 - 696	S15 - 34W	17.28 m.
696 - 697	S28 - 04E	3.25 m.
697 - 698	S19 - 17E	29.80 m.
698 - 699	S54 - 57W	12.31 m.
699 - 700	S01 - 18E	16.72 m.
700 - 701	N59 - 03W	17.97 m.
701 - 702	N22 - 59W	53.36 m.
702 - 703	N83 - 12W	23.90 m.
703 - 704	S54 - 35W	95.79 m.
704 - 705	S13 - 43W	6.11 m.
705 - 706	S39 - 19E	26.02 m.
706 - 707	S51 - 30E	55.92 m.
707 - 708	S54 - 11E	14.23 m.
708 - 709	S27 - 45W	12.85 m.
709 - 710	S24 - 03W	6.82 m.
710 - 711	S04 - 27W	99.34 m.
711 - 712	S04 - 27W	448.03 m.
712 - 713	S04 - 27W	38.91 m.
713 - 714	S04 - 27W	45.00 m.
714 - 715	S04 - 01W	83.11 m.
715 - 716	S04 - 01W	138.60 m.
716 - 717	S04 - 01W	199.69 m.
717 - 718	S04 - 01W	367.91 m.
718 - 719	S00 - 38E	201.08 m.
719 - 720	S04 - 15E	14.45 m.

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721 - 722	N45 - 00E	12.73 m.
722 - 723	N89 - 08E	66.01 m.
723 - 724	S09 - 28W	30.41 m.
724 - 725	S56 - 19E	18.03 m.
725 - 726	N63 - 26E	22.36 m.
726 - 727	N10 - 37W	16.28 m.
727 - 728	N35 - 41E	48.01 m.
728 - 729	N38 - 40E	32.02 m.
729 - 730	S53 - 45E	18.60 m.
730 - 731	S22 - 37E	26.00 m.
731 - 732	N84 - 17E	20.10 m.
732 - 733	N51 - 20E	76.84 m.
733 - 734	N85 - 14E	60.21 m.
734 - 735	N45 - 00E	28.28 m.
735 - 736	N15 - 57E	36.40 m.
736 - 737	N71 - 34E	15.81 m.
737 - 738	S50 - 12E	39.05 m.
738 - 739	S45 - 00E	56.57 m.
739 - 740	S65 - 37E	82.35 m.
740 - 741	N75 - 04E	15.52 m.
741 - 742	S45 - 00E	28.28 m.
742 - 743	S88 - 05E	30.02 m.
743 - 744	N42 - 16E	14.87 m.
744 - 745	N20 - 19E	28.79 m.
745 - 746	N88 - 25E	36.01 m.

746 - 747	N18 - 26E	12.65 m.
747 - 748	S53 - 08E	25.00 m.
748 - 749	N87 - 08E	20.02 m.
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750 - 751	N82 - 24E	15.13 m.
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752 - 753	S16 - 52E	34.48 m.
753 - 754	S48 - 39E	33.30 m.
754 - 755	S65 - 18E	55.04 m.
755 - 756	S42 - 16E	29.73 m.
756 - 757	N78 - 41E	25.50 m.
757 - 758	N53 - 08E	25.00 m.
758 - 759	S71 - 34E	63.25 m.
759 - 760	N74 - 03E	36.40 m.
760 - 761	S08 - 08E	35.36 m.
761 - 762	S87 - 43E	25.02 m.
762 - 763	S59 - 02E	46.65 m.
763 - 764	S04 - 09W	11.47 m.
764 - 765	S36 - 22W	2170.54 m.
765 - 766	S82 - 58W	129.80 m.
766 - 767	S20 - 22W	489.61 m.
767 - 768	S03 - 50E	437.54 m.
768 - 769	S16 - 57E	1081.62 m.
769 - 770	S03 - 30W	34.91 m.
770 - 771	S57 - 20E	46.32 m.
771 - 772	S29 - 45W	72.56 m.

772 - 773	S35 - 13E	20.81 m.
773 - 774	S18 - 26W	31.26 m.
774 - 775	S73 - 18W	20.88 m.
775 - 776	N85 - 26W	75.24 m.
776 - 777	S71 - 34W	15.81 m.
777 - 778	S33 - 41W	18.03 m.
778 - 779	S59 - 02E	29.15 m.
779 - 780	S02 - 52W	20.02 m.
780 - 781	S64 - 17W	59.93 m.
781 - 782	S53 - 37E	23.60 m.
782 - 783	S18 - 26E	18.97 m.
783 - 784	S71 - 13W	52.81 m.
784 - 785	N71 - 34W	31.62 m.
785 - 786	N63 - 26W	22.36 m.
786 - 787	S84 - 17W	10.05 m.
787 - 788	S03 - 01E	19.03 m.
788 - 789	S16 - 42W	20.88 m.
789 - 790	S63 - 26W	33.54 m.
790 - 791	S11 - 19W	25.50 m.
791 - 792	S15 - 57W	36.40 m.
792 - 793	S17 - 45W	26.25 m.
793 - 794	S66 - 22W	34.93 m.
794 - 795	S43 - 09W	21.93 m.
795 - 796	N88 - 44W	45.01 m.
796 - 797	N68 - 12W	10.77 m.
797 - 798	S86 - 11W	15.03 m.

798 - 799	S32 - 57E	64.35 m.
799 - 800	S02 - 17E	25.02 m.
800 - 801	S66 - 30W	50.16 m.
801 - 802	N48 - 01W	13.45 m.
802 - 803	N55 - 00W	24.41 m.
803 - 804	N63 - 26W	11.18 m.
804 - 805	S73 - 18W	10.44 m.
805 - 806	S51 - 51E	35.61 m.
806 - 807	S11 - 19W	25.50 m.
807 - 808	N78 - 07W	38.83 m.
808 - 809	N51 - 20W	51.22 m.
809 - 810	S24 - 27W	60.42 m.
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811 - 812	N09 - 28W	30.41 m.
812 - 813	N70 - 21W	14.87 m.
813 - 814	S62 - 14W	21.47 m.
814 - 815	S82 - 52W	80.62 m.
815 - 816	N83 - 40W	18.11 m.
816 - 817	S75 - 58W	49.48 m.
817 - 818	N48 - 49W	21.26 m.
818 - 819	S80 - 55W	25.32 m.
819 - 820	S05 - 43W	10.05 m.
820 - 821	S46 - 51E	21.93 m.
821 - 822	S18 - 26W	15.81 m.
822 - 823	S52 - 08W	57.01 m.
823 - 824	N80 - 04W	40.61 m.

824 - 825	S51 - 20W	19.21 m.
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826 - 827	N49 - 38W	26.25 m.
827 - 828	N78 - 41W	10.20 m.
828 - 829	S53 - 08W	15.00 m.
829 - 830	N62 - 29W	54.12 m.
830 - 831	N04 - 34E	25.08 m.
831 - 832	S76 - 14E	50.45 m.
832 - 833	N31 - 36E	15.26 m.
833 - 834	N68 - 38W	24.70 m.
834 - 835	N09 - 10E	31.40 m.
835 - 836	N77 - 19W	41.00 m.
836 - 837	N27 - 48E	62.18 m.
837 - 838	N14 - 02W	20.62 m.
838 - 839	N63 - 26W	11.18 m.
839 - 840	S83 - 40W	45.28 m.
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841 - 842	N45 - 00W	7.07 m.
842 - 843	S26 - 34W	11.18 m.
843 - 844	S84 - 17W	10.05 m.
844 - 845	S55 - 34W	42.44 m.
845 - 846	N78 - 41W	25.50 m.
846 - 847	S40 - 00E	13.69 m.
847 - 848	S59 - 24W	1042.57 m.
848 - 849	S28 - 29W	918.30 m.
849 - 850	S71 - 02W	890.02 m.

850 - 851	S47 - 43W	1150.47 m.
851 - 852	S57 - 02W	592.98 m.
852 - 853	S26 - 52W	93.66 m.
853 - 854	S32 - 00E	28.30 m.
854 - 855	S15 - 31W	18.68 m.
855 - 856	S11 - 48W	92.96 m.
856 - 857	N13 - 53W	87.56 m.
857 - 858	N84 - 22W	71.34 m.
858 - 859	S57 - 20W	46.32 m.
859 - 860	S11 - 46E	24.52 m.
860 - 861	S41 - 46W	37.54 m.
861 - 862	N63 - 26W	44.72 m.
862 - 863	S37 - 52W	57.01 m.
863 - 864	S02 - 52E	20.02 m.
864 - 865	S32 - 21E	35.51 m.
865 - 866	S28 - 30W	39.82 m.
866 - 867	S59 - 45E	13.89 m.
867 - 868	S12 - 20E	32.76 m.
868 - 869	S88 - 02W	29.02 m.
869 - 870	N45 - 56W	129.42 m.
870 - 871	N72 - 25E	23.28 m.
871 - 872	S01 - 35W	79.06 m.
872 - 873	S56 - 25W	71.45 m.
873 - 874	S70 - 19W	413.82 m.
874 - 875	S24 - 06E	370.13 m.
875 - 876	S37 - 01E	81.40 m.

876 - 877	S29 - 12E	262.35 m.
877 - 878	S53 - 08E	160.00 m.
878 - 879	S10 - 29E	27.46 m.
879 - 880	S22 - 20W	302.70 m.
880 - 881	S09 - 14W	124.62 m.
881 - 882	S09 - 49E	352.15 m.
882 - 883	S55 - 23E	51.04 m.
883 - 884	S04 - 24W	26.08 m.
884 - 885	S05 - 23E	53.24 m.
885 - 886	S26 - 03E	100.18 m.
886 - 887	S01 - 30W	38.01 m.
887 - 888	S47 - 18E	299.35 m.
888 - 889	N88 - 22E	35.01 m.
889 - 890	S82 - 39E	156.28 m.
890 - 891	S42 - 53E	95.52 m.
891 - 892	S16 - 42E	20.88 m.
892 - 893	S13 - 30W	25.71 m.
893 - 894	S48 - 06W	52.40 m.
894 - 895	S05 - 25W	165.56 m.
895 - 896	S24 - 27E	36.25 m.
896 - 897	S78 - 41E	112.18 m.
897 - 898	S36 - 52E	25.00 m.
898 - 899	S15 - 40W	203.57 m.
899 - 900	S32 - 50W	73.78 m.
900 - 901	S61 - 18W	347.73 m.
901 - 902	S43 - 07E	24.59 m.

902 - 903	S12 - 10W	603.63 m.
903 - 904	N78 - 40W	191.94 m.
904 - 905	S19 - 00W	53.61 m.
905 - 906	S47 - 52W	28.32 m.
906 - 907	S27 - 13W	39.36 m.
907 - 908	S60 - 15E	40.31 m.
908 - 909	N32 - 00E	37.74 m.
909 - 910	S82 - 24E	15.13 m.
910 - 911	S28 - 37E	62.65 m.
911 - 912	S37 - 29W	37.80 m.
912 - 913	S08 - 08E	21.21 m.
913 - 914	N74 - 37E	41.48 m.
914 - 915	S63 - 26E	11.18 m.
915 - 916	S08 - 08W	35.36 m.
916 - 917	S78 - 41W	25.50 m.
917 - 918	S05 - 43E	30.15 m.
918 - 919	S38 - 40W	12.81 m.
919 - 920	N78 - 41W	15.30 m.
920 - 921	S82 - 24W	60.53 m.
921 - 922	S89 - 03E	60.01 m.
922 - 923	S14 - 16W	60.88 m.
923 - 924	N90 - 00W	20.00 m.
924 - 925	S56 - 19W	18.03 m.
925 - 926	S74 - 03E	36.40 m.
926 - 927	S19 - 17E	42.38 m.
927 - 928	S04 - 34W	50.16 m.

928 - 929	S52 - 08W	57.01 m.
929 - 930	S00 - 04E	17.00 m.
930 - 931	S75 - 04E	31.03 m.
931 - 932	S29 - 15E	28.65 m.
932 - 933	S05 - 43W	40.20 m.
933 - 934	S11 - 19E	25.50 m.
934 - 935	S18 - 26W	47.43 m.
935 - 936	N90 - 00E	10.00 m.
936 - 937	N47 - 19E	36.73 m.
937 - 938	S65 - 59E	12.04 m.
938 - 939	S01 - 46E	65.03 m.
939 - 940	N90 - 00E	25.00 m.
940 - 941	S00 - 00E	16.00 m.
941 - 942	S72 - 28W	19.92 m.
942 - 943	S33 - 07W	27.46 m.
943 - 944	S74 - 03E	36.40 m.
944 - 945	N72 - 28E	19.92 m.
945 - 946	S04 - 46E	36.12 m.
946 - 947	S56 - 19W	18.03 m.
947 - 948	S31 - 02E	58.19 m.
948 - 949	S11 - 12W	15.43 m.
949 - 950	N80 - 13W	29.43 m.
950 - 951	S09 - 28E	91.24 m.
951 - 952	S38 - 40E	25.61 m.
952 - 953	S50 - 12W	7.81 m.
953 - 954	N84 - 34W	21.10 m.

954 - 955	S79 - 34W	38.64 m.
955 - 956	S18 - 26E	9.49 m.
956 - 957	S86 - 25E	16.03 m.
957 - 958	S06 - 10E	37.22 m.
958 - 959	S40 - 14W	17.03 m.
959 - 960	S05 - 43E	30.15 m.
960 - 961	S33 - 41W	21.63 m.
961 - 962	N60 - 57E	10.30 m.
962 - 963	S42 - 16W	29.73 m.
963 - 964	S57 - 10E	36.89 m.
964 - 965	N17 - 06W	13.60 m.
965 - 966	S75 - 35W	36.14 m.
966 - 967	N30 - 28W	19.72 m.
967 - 968	S86 - 38W	17.07 m.
968 - 969	S08 - 45W	39.46 m.
969 - 970	N84 - 17W	20.10 m.
970 - 971	S22 - 07W	34.54 m.
971 - 972	S74 - 29W	37.36 m.
972 - 973	S88 - 18E	40.82 m.
973 - 974	N79 - 11W	125.58 m.
974 - 975	N52 - 45W	2454.64 m.
975 - 976	S75 - 55W	847.25 m.
976 - 977	N89 - 01W	68.16 m.
977 - 978	N20 - 14W	292.02 m.
978 - 979	N22 - 53E	88.79 m.
979 - 980	N15 - 30W	41.30 m.

980 - 981	S22 - 38W	333.39 m.
981 - 982	N41 - 44W	142.94 m.
982 - 983	N24 - 51W	59.51 m.
983 - 984	N23 - 30E	25.08 m.
984 - 985	N30 - 18W	89.19 m.
985 - 986	N15 - 43E	33.24 m.
986 - 987	N24 - 34W	38.48 m.
987 - 988	N10 - 21E	139.07 m.
988 - 989	N66 - 06E	106.10 m.
989 - 990	N38 - 40W	57.63 m.
990 - 991	N50 - 12W	109.34 m.
991 - 992	N32 - 44W	116.50 m.
992 - 993	N30 - 00W	366.03 m.
993 - 994	N39 - 12W	83.87 m.
994 - 995	N22 - 19W	671.32 m.
995 - 996	N14 - 14W	272.37 m.
996 - 997	N31 - 33W	66.89 m.
997 - 998	N05 - 39E	50.80 m.
998 - 999	N16 - 02W	235.40 m.
999 - 1000	N08 - 02E	85.84 m.
1000 - 1001	N18 - 04E	341.83 m.
1001 - 1002	S68 - 45E	77.25 m.
1002 - 1003	N13 - 00W	13.34 m.
1003 - 1004	N67 - 04W	205.36 m.
1004 - 1005	S56 - 34W	1397.30 m.
1005 - 1006	S46 - 24W	174.00 m.

1006 - 1007	N27 - 19W	337.68 m.
1007 - 1008	S59 - 02W	145.77 m.
1008 - 1009	N66 - 12W	185.81 m.
1009 - 1010	S50 - 12W	312.41 m.
1010 - 1011	N81 - 01W	256.14 m.
1011 - 1012	S50 - 28W	267.09 m.
1012 - 1013	S05 - 21W	271.00 m.
1013 - 1014	S70 - 03W	178.73 m.
1014 - 1015	N76 - 29W	475.15 m.
1015 - 1016	S68 - 12W	700.07 m.
1016 - 1017	N87 - 50W	265.19 m.
1017 - 1018	S46 - 59E	219.90 m.
1018 - 1019	S43 - 32E	27.59 m.
1019 - 1020	S10 - 11W	79.25 m.
1020 - 1021	S05 - 26W	1066.79 m.
1021 - 1022	N01 - 39E	975.40 m.
1022 - 1023	S43 - 02W	143.63 m.
1023 - 1024	N43 - 02W	123.11 m.
1024 - 1025	N83 - 17W	85.59 m.
1025 - 1026	S13 - 00W	66.71 m.
1026 - 1027	S81 - 52W	70.71 m.
1027 - 1028	N33 - 16W	38.28 m.
1028 - 1029	N90 - 00W	30.00 m.
1029 - 1030	N29 - 56W	38.08 m.
1030 - 1031	S32 - 37W	29.68 m.
1031 - 1032	S23 - 50E	47.01 m.

1032 - 1033	S28 - 57W	150.84 m.
1033 - 1034	S59 - 02W	58.31 m.
1034 - 1035	N67 - 18W	119.23 m.
1035 - 1036	N24 - 41W	191.51 m.
1036 - 1037	N90 - 00W	48.00 m.
1037 - 1038	S61 - 58W	104.24 m.
1038 - 1039	N83 - 25W	78.52 m.
1039 - 1040	S61 - 37W	262.12 m.
1040 - 1041	S14 - 15W	162.59 m.
1041 - 1042	S66 - 53W	126.13 m.
1042 - 1043	N81 - 14W	188.20 m.
1043 - 1044	S55 - 34W	206.13 m.
1044 - 1045	N58 - 26W	122.29 m.
1045 - 1046	S33 - 18W	240.47 m.
1046 - 1047	N72 - 41W	97.42 m.
1047 - 1048	N26 - 34W	31.30 m.
1048 - 1049	N90 - 00W	29.00 m.
1049 - 1050	S30 - 42W	74.43 m.
1050 - 1051	N65 - 13W	71.59 m.
1051 - 1052	S66 - 38W	128.55 m.
1052 - 1053	N82 - 34W	46.39 m.
1053 - 1054	S87 - 43W	75.06 m.
1054 - 1055	S01 - 35W	72.03 m.
1055 - 1056	S58 - 30W	202.89 m.
1056 - 1057	S13 - 44W	134.85 m.
1057 - 1058	S22 - 59E	130.57 m.

1058 - 1059	S11 - 53E	58.25 m.
1059 - 1060	S61 - 03W	53.71 m.
1060 - 1061	N66 - 02W	29.55 m.
1061 - 1062	N60 - 39E	18.36 m.
1062 - 1063	N26 - 34W	17.89 m.
1063 - 1064	S67 - 23W	13.00 m.
1064 - 1065	S54 - 44W	121.25 m.
1065 - 1066	S81 - 38W	34.37 m.
1066 - 1067	S87 - 37W	120.10 m.
1067 - 1068	N00 - 46E	151.01 m.
1068 - 1069	N56 - 03W	62.68 m.
1069 - 1070	S19 - 38W	270.75 m.
1070 - 1071	S13 - 27W	287.90 m.
1071 - 1072	N53 - 54W	237.62 m.
1072 - 1073	N08 - 53E	323.88 m.
1073 - 1074	S87 - 27W	198.20 m.
1074 - 1075	N27 - 14W	222.86 m.
1075 - 1076	S43 - 16W	218.84 m.
1076 - 1077	N13 - 47W	143.60 m.
1077 - 1078	S85 - 40W	255.73 m.
1078 - 1079	S31 - 17E	163.68 m.
1079 - 1080	S50 - 00W	221.94 m.
1080 - 1081	N81 - 39W	181.93 m.
1081 - 1082	N17 - 16W	370.70 m.
1082 - 1083	S15 - 53W	204.60 m.
1083 - 1084	N69 - 52W	409.00 m.

1084 - 1085	S59 - 55W	502.72 m.
1085 - 1086	N88 - 37W	415.12 m.
1086 - 1087	S74 - 39W	323.74 m.
1087 - 1088	N55 - 56W	764.41 m.
1088 - 1089	N15 - 52E	694.69 m.
1089 - 1090	S18 - 53E	40.16 m.
1090 - 1091	N71 - 28W	182.46 m.
1091 - 1092	N89 - 27W	466.23 m.
1092 - 1093	N55 - 52W	489.31 m.
1093 - 1094	N80 - 13W	147.14 m.
1094 - 1095	N23 - 35W	124.75 m.
1095 - 1096	N42 - 09W	149.29 m.
1096 - 1097	N46 - 28E	704.22 m.
1097 - 1098	N42 - 26W	386.10 m.
1098 - 1099	N50 - 57W	117.16 m.
1099 - 1100	N28 - 22W	170.47m.
1100 - 1101	N83 - 09W	293.64 m.
1101 - 1102	N54 - 06W	230.19 m.
1102 - 1103	S67 - 03W	47.66 m.
1103 - 1104	S46 - 33W	53.12 m.
1104 - 1105	S48 - 27W	90.27 m.
1105 - 1106	N20 - 06W	43.66 m.
1106 - 1107	S40 - 57W	15.60 m.
1107 - 1108	S14 - 08W	52.36 m.
1108 - 1109	S61 - 32W	19.34 m.
1109 - 1110	S27 - 10W	32.85 m.

1110 - 1111	S74 - 03W	36.40 m.
1111 - 1112	S46 - 51E	21.93 m.
1112 - 1113	N33 - 52W	34.09 m.
1113 - 1114	S09 - 06E	48.93 m.
1114 - 1115	N42 - 26W	36.66 m.
1115 - 1116	S81 - 05W	45.55 m.
1116 - 1117	N86 - 33W	83.15 m.
1117 - 1118	S82 - 30W	38.33 m.
1118 - 1119	N65 - 23W	26.40 m.
1119 - 1120	S35 - 32W	25.81 m.
1120 - 1121	S86 - 06W	44.10 m.
1121 - 1122	S10 - 29W	27.46 m.
1122 - 1123	S54 - 28W	25.81 m.
1123 - 1124	S12 - 37W	85.06 m.
1124 - 1125	N90 - 00W	39.41 m.
1125 - 1126	N65 - 11W	189.51 m.
1126 - 1127	S84 - 11W	15.31 m.
1127 - 1128	N67 - 27W	49.56 m.
1128 - 1129	N76 - 44W	121.47 m.
1129 - 1130	S68 - 54W	24.66 m.
1130 - 1131	N88 - 22W	105.99 m.
1131 - 1132	S76 - 31W	47.31 m.
1132 - 1133	S45 - 00W	14.14 m.
1133 - 1134	S46 - 38W	48.78 m.
1134 - 1135	N86 - 01W	21.59 m.
1135 - 1136	S61 - 52W	48.76 m.

1136 - 1137	S40 - 55W	19.85 m.
1137 - 1138	S57 - 10W	36.89 m.
1138 - 1139	N90 - 00W	110.00 m.
1139 - 1140	S79 - 23W	81.39 m.
1140 - 1141	N37 - 34W	16.40 m.
1141 - 1142	S82 - 36W	100.84 m.
1142 - 1143	S70 - 58E	30.68 m.
1143 - 1144	S69 - 37W	37.34 m.
1144 - 1145	S32 - 04W	88.51 m.
1145 - 1146	S30 - 21E	73.23 m.
1146 - 1147	S06 - 10W	143.63 m.
1147 - 1148	S67 - 12W	30.97 m.
1148 - 1149	N86 - 34W	50.09 m.
1149 - 1150	S76 - 46W	52.39 m.
1150 - 1151	S68 - 25W	526.93 m.
1151 - 1152	N76 - 49W	179.74 m.
1152 - 1153	N06 - 41W	301.04 m.
1153 - 1154	S87 - 05W	216.68 m.
1154 - 1155	N81 - 39W	144.53 m.
1155 - 1156	S09 - 24E	146.97 m.
1156 - 1157	N64 - 41W	191.78 m.
1157 - 1158	S70 - 21W	110.04 m.
1158 - 1159	N28 - 44W	118.60 m.
1159 - 1160	N22 - 43E	93.23 m.
1160 - 1161	N78 - 08W	243.20 m.
1161 - 1162	S56 - 27W	217.17 m.

1162 - 1                      N51 - 33W                      273.93 m.

containing an area of thirty-one thousand one hundred fifty-eight (31,158) hectares more or less.

The reference boundary computation are based on the approved Municipal Boundary Index Maps and technical description of Cad-192, Sorsogon Cadastre and pls-1046-D, Bacon Public Land Subdivision. Point 1 is equivalent to MBM 1; Point 26 is equivalent to MBM 2; Points 100 to 104 are equivalent to MBM 3 to MBM 7, all of Cad 192, Sorsogon Cadastre; Point 606 is equivalent to MBM 32, Point 643 is equivalent to MBM 33, both pls-792, Prieto Diaz Public Land Subdivision; Point 705 is equivalent to MBM 39; Points 764 to 769 are equivalent to MBM 3 to MBM 8, respectively; Points 847 to 852 are equivalent to MBM 9 to MBM 13, respectively, all of pls-1046-D, Bacon Public Land Subdivision; Point 852 is also equivalent to MBM 17; Points 873 to 874 are equivalent to MBM 18 to MBM 19, respectively; Points 902 to 904 are equivalent to MBM 20 to MBM 22, respectively; Points 973 to 976 are equivalent to MBM 23 to MBM 26, respectively, all of Cad 192, Sorsogon Cadastre.

The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by the appropriate agency or forum of existing boundary disputes or cases involving questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City of Sorsogon and the adjoining local government units.

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

- (a) To have a continuous succession in its corporate name;
- (b) To sue and be sued;
- (c) To have and use a corporate seal;

- (d) To acquire, hold and convey real or personal property;
- (e) To enter into any contracts and/or agreements; and
- (f) To exercise such other powers, prerogatives or authority subject to the limitations provided in this Act or laws.

SEC. 6. *General Powers.* – The City shall have a common seal and may alter the same at pleasure. It shall exercise the powers to levy taxes; to close and open roads, streets, alleys, parks or squares; to take, purchase, receive, hold, lease, convey and dispose of real and personal property for the general interests of the City; to appropriate or condemn private property for public use; to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued; to prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution suits wherein the City is involved or interested in and to exercise all the powers as are granted to corporations or as hereinafter granted.

SEC. 7. *Liability for Damages.* – The City and its officials shall not be exempt from liability for death or injury to persons or damage to property.

SEC. 8. *Jurisdiction of the City.* – The jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon, for police purposes only, shall be coextensive with its territorial jurisdiction and for the purpose of protecting and ensuring the purity of the water supply of the City, such police jurisdiction shall also extend over all the territory within the drainage area of such water supply, or within one hundred (100) meters of any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct or pumping station used in connection with the city water service.

The regional trial courts and the city courts of the City of Sorsogon shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the regional trial courts and the metropolitan trial courts or city or municipal trial courts of the adjoining municipalities to try crimes and misdemeanor committed within the said drainage area, or within said space of one hundred (100) meters. The court first taking jurisdiction of such offense shall thereafter retain exclusive jurisdiction thereof. But any license that may be issued within said zone, area or spaces shall be granted by the proper authorities

of the city or municipality concerned, and the fees arising therefrom shall accrue to the treasury of the said city or municipality.

ARTICLE II  
*CITY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL*

SEC. 9. *The Officials of the City of Sorsogon.* – (a) There shall be in the City: a city mayor, a city vice mayor, sangguniang panlungsod members, a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer and an assistant city treasurer, a city assessor and an assistant city assessor, a city accountant, a city budget officer, a city planning and development coordinator, a city engineer, a city health officer, a city civil registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a city social welfare and development officer, a city veterinarian, a city general services officer, a city agriculturist, a city cooperatives officer, and an environment and natural resources officer;

(b) In addition thereto, the city mayor may appoint a city architect, a city information officer and a city population officer;

(c) The City shall establish a city fire station to be headed by a city fire marshal, a city jail to be headed by a city jail warden, a city school division to be headed by a city school division superintendent, and a city prosecution service to be headed by a city prosecutor; and

(d) The City may:

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

(2) Create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the city government; or

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

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

### ARTICLE III

#### *THE CITY MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR*

SEC. 10. *The City Mayor.* – (A) The city mayor shall be the chief executive of the City. He shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the City.

No person shall be eligible for the position of city mayor unless at the time of the election:

- (1) He is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (2) An actual resident of the City for at least one (1) year prior to his election; and
- (3) A qualified voter therein.

He shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to salary grade thirty (30) as prescribed under Republic Act No. 6758 and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

(B) The city mayor, as the chief executive of the city government shall exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions as provided by the Local Government Code of 1991 and other laws:

- (1) Exercise those powers expressly granted to him by law, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for the efficient and effective governance

of the City and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare:

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

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

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

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

(e) Appoint all officials and employees whose salaries and wages are wholly or mainly paid out of city funds and whose appointments are not otherwise provided for in this Act as well as those he may be authorized by law to appoint except those who are to be appointed by the vice mayor as provided in Section 11 hereof;

(f) Represent the City in all its business transactions and sign on its behalf all bonds, contracts, obligations, and such other documents with authority from the sangguniang panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance;

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

(h) Determine the time, manner and place of payment of salaries or wages of the city officials and employees, in accordance with law or ordinance;

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

(j) Ensure that all executive officials and employees of the City faithfully discharge their duties and functions as provided by law and this Act and cause to be instituted administrative or judicial proceedings against any official or employee of the City who may have committed an offense in the performance of his official duties;

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

(l) Furnish copies of executive orders issued by him to the office of the governor within seventy-two (72) hours after their issuance;

(m) Visit component barangays of the City at least once every six (6) months to deepen his understanding of problems and conditions, listen and give appropriate counsel to local officials and inhabitants of general laws and ordinances which especially concern them, and otherwise conduct visits and inspections to ensure that the governance of the City will improve the quality of life of the inhabitants;

(n) Act on leave applications of officials and employees appointed by him and the commutation of the monetary value of their leave credits in accordance with law;

(o) Authorize official trips of city officials and employees outside of the City for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days;

(p) Call upon any national official or employee stationed in or assigned to the City to advise him on matters affecting the City and to make recommendations thereon; coordinate with said officials and employees in the formulation and implementation of plans, programs and projects; and when appropriate, initiate an administrative or judicial action against a national government official or employee who may have committed an offense in the performance of his official duties while stationed in or assigned to the City;

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

(r) Solemnize marriages, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding;

(s) Conduct an annual palamong panlungsod which shall feature traditional sports and disciplines included in national and international games, in coordination with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports; and

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

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

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

(b) Call conventions, conferences, seminars or meetings of elective or appointive officials of the City, including provincial and national officials and employees stationed in or assigned to the City, at such time and place and on such subject he may deem important for the promotion of the general welfare of the local government unit and its inhabitants;

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

(d) Be entitled to carry the necessary firearms within his territorial jurisdiction;

(e) Act as the deputized representative of the National Police Commission, formulate the peace and order plan of the City, upon its approval, implement the same; and as such exercise general and operational control and supervision over the police forces in the City in accordance with Republic Act No. 6975; and

(f) Call upon the appropriate law enforcement agencies to suppress disorder, riot, lawless violence, rebellion or sedition, or apprehend violators of the law when public interest so requires and the city police forces are inadequate to cope with the situation or the violators.

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

(a) Require each head of an office or department to prepare and submit an estimate of appropriations for the ensuing calendar year, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;

(b) Prepare and submit to the sanggunian for approval the executive and supplemental budgets of the City for the ensuing calendar year in the manner provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

(c) Ensure that all taxes and other revenues of the City are collected and that city funds are applied to the payment of expenses and settlement of obligations of the City, in accordance with law or ordinance;

(d) Issue licenses and permits and suspend or revoke the same for any violation of the conditions upon which said licenses or permits had been issued pursuant to law or ordinance. This also includes the issuance of licenses and permits to gambling operations authorized by law subject to the ordinance of the sangguniang panlungsod;

(e) Issue permits without need of approval therefor from any national agency, for the holding of activities for any charitable or welfare purpose, excluding prohibited games or shows contrary to law, public policy and public morals;

(f) Require owners of illegally constructed houses, buildings or other structures to obtain the necessary permit, subject to such fines and penalties as may be imposed by law or ordinance, or to make necessary changes in the construction of the same when said construction violates any law or ordinance, or to order the demolition or removal of said house, building or structure within the period prescribed by law or ordinance;

(g) Adopt adequate measures to safeguard and conserve land, mineral, forest, marine and other resources of the City;

(h) Provide efficient and effective property and supply management in the City; and protect the funds, credits, rights and other properties of the City; and

(i) Institute or cause to be instituted administrative or judicial proceedings for violation of ordinances in the collection of taxes, fees or charges, and for the recovery of funds and property;

and cause the City to be defended against all suits to ensure that its interests, resources and rights shall be adequately protected.

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

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

(b) Coordinate the implementation of technical services, including public works and infrastructure programs, rendered by national offices and provincial office.

(5) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 11. *The City Vice Mayor.* – (a) There shall be a vice mayor who shall be elected in the same manner as the city mayor and shall at the time of his election possess the same qualifications as the city mayor. He shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and shall receive a monthly compensation corresponding to salary grade twenty-six (26) as prescribed under Republic Act No. 6758 and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

(b) The city vice mayor shall exercise the following duties:

(1) Act as presiding officer of the sangguniang panlungsod and sign all warrants drawn on the city treasury for all expenditures appropriated for the operation of the sangguniang panlungsod;

(2) Subject to civil service law, rules and regulations, appoint all officials and employees including the secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod, and such employees of the individual

members of the sangguniang panlungsod, except those whose manner of appointment is specifically provided for under existing laws;

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

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

(5) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### *THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD*

SEC. 12. *The Sangguniang Panlungsod.* – The sangguniang panlungsod, the legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice mayor as presiding officer, twelve (12) regular sanggunian members, the president of the city chapter of the liga ng mga barangay, the president of the panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan and the sectoral representatives, as members.

(A) The regular member shall be elected by district with each district electing four (4) members of Sangguniang Panlungsod, as follows:

(1) Bacon District - This district shall be composed of twenty-eight (28) barangays in the Municipality of Bacon which includes: Balete, Balogo, Bato, Bon-ot, Bogña, Buenavista, Cabarbuhan, Caricaran, Del Rosario, Gatbo, Jamislagan, Maricrum, Osiao, Poblacion, Rawis, Salvacion, San Isidro, San Juan, San Pascual, San Ramon, San Roque, San Vicente, Sta. Cruz, Sta. Lucia, Sto. Domingo, Sto. Niño, Sawanga and Sugod;

(2) Sorsogon East District - This district shall be composed of fourteen (14) barangays in the Municipality of Sorsogon,

principally situated at the eastern part of said town, which includes: Abuyog, Almendras-Cogon, Balogo, Bibincahan, Buhatan, Burabod, Cabid-an, Marinas, Polvorista, Salog, Sampaloc, San Juan, Sirangan and Sulukan; and

(3) Sorsogon West District - This district shall be composed of twenty-two (22) barangays in the Municipality of Sorsogon, principally situated at the western part of said town, which includes: Barayong, Basud, Bitan-o, Bucalbucalan, Buenavista, Bulabog, Cambulaga, Capuy, Gimaloto, Guinlajon, Macabog, Pamurayan, Pangpang, Panlayaan, Peñafrancia, Piot, Rizal, Salvacion, San Isidro, Talisay, Ticol and Tugos.

(B) In addition thereto, there shall be three (3) sectoral representatives: one (1) from the women; and as shall be determined by the sangguniang panlungsod within ninety (90) days prior to the holding of the local elections, one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers, and one (1) from the other sectors, including the urban poor, indigenous cultural communities or disabled persons.

(C) The regular members of the sangguniang panlungsod and the sectoral representatives shall be elected in the manner as may be provided for by law. The elective members of the sangguniang panlungsod shall possess the qualifications as provided under Section 39 of Republic Act No. 7160.

(D) They shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(E) The sangguniang panlungsod shall:

(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective city government, and relative hereto shall:

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

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

(c) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Five thousand pesos (P5,000) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or both at the discretion of the court, for violation of a city ordinance;

(d) Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the City on harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide relief services and assistance for victims during and in the aftermath of said disasters or calamities and in their return to productive livelihood following said events;

(e) Enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness in public places, vagrancy, mendicancy, prostitution, establishment and maintenance of houses of ill repute, gambling and other prohibited games of chance, fraudulent devices and ways to obtain money or property, drug addiction, maintenance of drug dens, drug pushing, juvenile delinquency, the printing, distribution or exhibition of obscene or pornographic materials or publications, and such other activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the City;

(f) Protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment, such as dynamite fishing and other forms of destructive fishing, illegal logging, smuggling of logs, smuggling of natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and fauna, slash-and-burn farming and such other activities which result in pollution, acceleration of eutrophication of rivers and lakes or of ecological imbalance;

(g) Subject to the provision of the Local Government Code of 1991 and the pertinent laws, determine the powers and duties of officials and employees of the City;

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

(i) Authorize the payment of compensation to a qualified person not in the government service who fills up a temporary vacancy or grant *honorarium* to any qualified official or employee designated to fill a temporary vacancy in a concurrent capacity at the rate authorized by law;

(j) Provide a mechanism and the appropriate funds therefor, to ensure the safety and protection of all city government property, public documents or records such as those relating to property inventory, land ownership, record of births, marriages, deaths, assessments, taxation, accounts, business permits and such other records and documents of public interest in the offices and departments of the city government;

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

(l) Provide legal assistance to city and barangay officials including the members of the city police who, in the performance of their official duties or on the occasion thereof, have to initiate judicial proceedings or defend themselves against legal actions. The sangguniang panlungsod may authorize the city mayor to engage the services of private counsel for this purpose; and

(m) Provide for group insurance or additional insurance coverage for all officials, including members of barangay tanod brigades and other service units, with public or private insurance companies, when the finances of the city government allows said coverage.

(2) Generate and maximize the use of resources and revenues for the development plans, program objectives and

priorities of the City, with particular attention to agro-industrial development and city-wide growth and progress, and relative thereto, shall:

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

(b) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code of 1991 and the applicable laws, and upon the majority vote of all the members of the sangguniang panlungsod, enact ordinances levying taxes, fees and charges, prescribing the rates thereof for general and specific purposes and granting tax exemption, incentive or relief;

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

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

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

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

(g) Adopt a comprehensive land use plan for the City and that, the formulation, adoption or modification of said plan shall be in coordination within the approved provincial comprehensive land use plan;

(h) Reclassify lands within the jurisdiction of the City subject to the pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;

(i) Enact integrated zoning ordinance in consonance with the approved comprehensive land use plan, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations; establish fire limits or zones, particularly in populous centers, and regulate the construction, repair or modification of buildings within said fire limits or zones in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Code;

(j) Subject to national law, process and approve subdivision plans for residential, commercial or industrial purposes and other development purposes, and to collect processing fees and other charges, the proceeds of which shall accrue entirely to the City: *Provided, however,* That where approval of a national agency or office is required, said approval shall not be withheld for more than thirty (30) days from receipt of the application. Failure to act on the application within the period stated above shall be deemed as approval thereof;

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

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

(m) Grant loans or provide grants to other local government units or to national, provincial and city charitable, benevolent or

educational institutions: *Provided*, That said institutions are operated and maintained within the City;

(n) Regulate the numbering of residential, commercial and other buildings; and

(o) Regulate the inspection, weighing and measuring of articles of commerce.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Declare, prevent or abate any nuisance;

(b) With the concurrence of a majority of the members of the sangguniang panlungsod, a quorum being present, deny the entry of legalized gambling by ordinance into any part of the City or regulate its location in the City;

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

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

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

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

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

(h) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of any entertainment or amusement facilities, including the theatrical performances, circuses, billiard pools, public dancing schools, public dance halls, sauna baths, massage parlors and other places for entertainment or amusement; regulate such other events or activities for amusement or entertainment, particularly those which tend to disturb the community or annoy the inhabitants, or require the suspension or suppression of the same; or prohibit certain forms of amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and moral welfare of the community;

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

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

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

(a) Provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection and conservation of communal forests and watersheds, tree parks, greenbelts, mangroves and other similar forest development projects;

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

(c) Authorize the establishment, maintenance and operation by the city government of ferries, wharves, and other structures intended to accelerate productivity related to marine and seashore or offshore activities;

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

(e) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, parks and other public places and approve the construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of the same; establish bus and vehicle stops and terminals or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles which serve the public; regulate garages and operation of conveyances for hire; designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in use; regulate the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and awning posts on the streets; and provide for the lighting, cleaning and sprinkling of streets and public places;

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

(g) Subject to existing laws, establish and provide for the maintenance, repair and operation of an efficient waterworks system to supply water for the inhabitants and to purify the source of the water supply; regulate the construction, maintenance, repair and use of hydrants, pumps, cisterns and reservoirs; protect the purity and quantity of the water supply of the City and, for this purpose, extend the coverage of appropriate ordinances over all territory within the drainage area of said water supply and within one hundred (100) meters of the reservoir, canal, conduit, aqueduct, pumping station, or watershed used in connection with

the water service; and regulate the consumption, use or wastage of water and fix and collect charges therefor;

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

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

(j) Subject to the availability of funds and the existing laws, rules and regulations, establish and provide for the operation of vocational and technical schools and similar post secondary institutions and, with the approval of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and subject to existing laws on tuition fees, fix and collect reasonable tuition fees and other school charges in educational institutions supported by the city government;

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

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

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

(n) Provide for the care of disabled persons, paupers, the aged, the sick, persons of unsound mind, abandoned minors, juvenile delinquents, drug dependents, abused children and other needy and disadvantaged persons, particularly children and the youth below eighteen (18) years of age; and subject to availability of funds, establish and provide for the operation of centers and facilities for the said needy and disadvantaged persons;

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

(p) Appropriate funds to support the maintenance and improvement of the provincial hospital located within the City;

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

(r) Establish a city council for the elderly which shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the community; provide incentives for nongovernmental agencies and entities and, subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support programs and projects for the benefit of the elderly.

(6) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

## ARTICLE V

### *PROCESS OF LEGISLATION*

SEC. 13. *Internal Rules of Procedure.* – (a) On the first regular session following the election of its members and within

ninety (90) days thereafter, the sangguniang panlungsod shall adopt or update its existing rules of procedure.

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

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

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

(3) The legislative process;

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

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

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

SEC. 14. *Full Disclosure of Financial and Business Interests of Sangguniang Panlungsod Members.* – (a) Every sangguniang panlungsod member shall, upon assumption to office, make a full disclosure of his business and financial interests. He shall also disclose any business, financial, professional relationship or any

relation by affinity or consanguinity within the fourth civil degree, which he may have with any person, firm or entity affected by any ordinance or resolution under consideration by the sanggunian of which he is a member, which relationship may result in conflict of interests. Such relationship shall include:

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

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

In the absence of a specific constitutional or statutory provisions applicable to this situation, "conflict of interest" refers in general to one where it may be reasonably deduced that a member of a sanggunian may not act in the public interest due to some private, pecuniary or other personal considerations that may tend to affect his judgment to the prejudice of the service or the public.

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

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

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

SEC. 15. *Sessions.* – (a) On the first day of the session immediately following the election of its members, the

sangguniang panlungsod shall, by resolution, fix the day, time and place of its sessions. The minimum number of regular sessions shall be once a week for the sangguniang panlungsod and twice a month for the sangguniang barangay.

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

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

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

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

(e) The sanggunian shall keep a journal and record of its proceedings which may be published upon resolution of the sangguniang panlungsod.

SEC. 16. *Quorum.* – (a) A majority of all the members of the sanggunian who have been elected and qualified shall constitute a quorum to transact official business. Should a question of quorum be raised during a session, the presiding officer shall immediately proceed to call the roll of the members and thereafter announce the results.

(b) Where there is no quorum, the presiding officer may declare a recess until such time as a quorum is constituted, or a majority of the members present may adjourn from day to day and may compel the immediate attendance of any member absent

without justifiable cause by designating a member of the sanggunian, to be assisted by a member or members of the police force assigned in the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon, to arrest the absent member and present him at the session.

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

SEC. 17. *Approval of Ordinances.* – (a) Every ordinance enacted by the sangguniang panlungsod shall be presented to the city mayor. If the city mayor approves the same, he shall affix his signature on each and every page thereof; otherwise, he shall veto it and return the same with his objections to the sanggunian, which may proceed to reconsider the same. The sanggunian may override the veto of the city mayor by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members, thereby making the ordinance or resolution effective for all legal intents and purposes.

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

SEC. 18. *Veto Power of the City Mayor.* – (a) The city mayor may veto any ordinance of the sangguniang panlungsod on the ground that it is *ultra vires* or prejudicial to the public welfare, stating his reasons thereof in writing.

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

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

SEC. 19. *Review of City Ordinances by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.* – (a) Within three (3) days after approval, the secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod shall forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan for review, copies of approved ordinances and the resolutions approving the local development plans and public investment programs formulated by the local development councils.

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

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

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

SEC. 20. *Review of Barangay Ordinances by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.* – (a) Within ten (10) days after its enactment, the sangguniang barangay shall furnish copies of all barangay ordinances to the sangguniang panlungsod for review

as to whether the ordinance is consistent with law and city ordinances.

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

(c) If the sangguniang panlungsod finds the barangay ordinances inconsistent with law or city ordinances, the sangguniang panlungsod shall, within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, return the same with its comments and recommendations to the sangguniang barangay concerned for adjustment, amendment or modification; in which case, the effectivity of the barangay ordinance is suspended until such time as the revision called for is effected.

*SEC. 21. Enforcement of Disapproved Ordinances or Resolutions.* – Any attempt to enforce any ordinance or any resolution approving the local development plan and public investment program, after the disapproval thereof, shall be sufficient ground for the suspension or dismissal of the official or employee concerned.

*SEC. 22. Effectivity of Ordinances or Resolutions.* – (a) Unless otherwise stated in the ordinance or the resolution approving the local development plan and public investment program, the same shall take effect after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof is posted in a bulletin board at the entrance of the City Hall of Sorsogon, and in at least two (2) other conspicuous places in the City of Sorsogon.

(b) The secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall cause the posting of an ordinance or resolution in the bulletin board at the entrance of the City Hall of Sorsogon, and in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the City of Sorsogon not later than five (5) days after approval thereof.

The text of the ordinance or resolution shall be disseminated and posted in Filipino or English and in the language or dialect understood by the majority of the people in the City and the

secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall record such fact in a book kept for the purpose, stating the dates of approval and posting.

(c) The main features of the ordinance or resolution duly enacted or adopted shall, in addition to being posted, be published once in a local newspaper of general circulation within the City: *Provided*, That in the absence thereof the ordinance or resolution shall be published in any newspaper of general circulation: *Provided, further*, That the gist of all ordinances with penal sanctions shall also be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### *DISQUALIFICATIONS AND SUCCESSION FOR ELECTIVE CITY OFFICIALS*

SEC. 23. *Disqualifications for Elective City Officials.* – The following persons are not qualified from running for any elective position in the City:

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

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

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

(d) Those with dual citizenship;

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

(f) Permanent residents in a foreign country or those who have acquired the right to reside abroad and continue to avail of

the same right after the effectivity of the Local Government Code of 1991; and

(g) The insane or feeble-minded.

SEC. 24. *Permanent Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor and City Vice Mayor.* – (a) If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city mayor, the city vice mayor concerned shall become the city mayor. If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city vice mayor, the highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod member or, in case of his permanent incapacity, the second highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod member shall become the city mayor or city vice mayor, as the case may be. Subsequent vacancies in said offices shall be filled automatically by the other sanggunian members according to their ranking as defined herein.

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

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

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

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

SEC. 25. *Permanent Vacancies in the Sanggunian.* – (a) Permanent vacancies in the sangguniang panlungsod where automatic succession as provided above does not apply shall be filled by appointments in the following manner:

(1) The provincial governor shall make the aforesaid appointments;

(2) Only the nominee of the political party under which the sanggunian member concerned had been elected shall be appointed in the manner herein provided. The appointee shall come from the political party as that of the sanggunian member who caused the vacancy and shall serve the unexpired term of the vacant office. In the appointment herein mentioned, a nomination and a certificate of membership of the appointee from the highest official of the political party concerned are conditions *sine qua non*, and any appointment without such nomination and certification shall be null and void *ab initio* and shall be a ground for administrative action against the official responsible therefor;

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

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

SEC. 26. *Temporary Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor.* – (a) When the city mayor is temporarily incapacitated to perform his duties for physical or legal reasons such as, but not limited to, leave of absence, travel abroad and suspension from office, the city vice mayor or the highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod member, shall automatically exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions of the city mayor, except the power to appoint, suspend or dismiss employees which can only be exercised if the period of temporary incapacity exceeds thirty (30) working days.

(b) Said temporary incapacity shall terminate upon submission to the sangguniang panlungsod of a written declaration by the city mayor that he has reported back to office. In case where the temporary incapacity is due to legal cause, the city

mayor shall also submit necessary documents showing the said legal cause no longer exists.

(c) When the city mayor is traveling within the country but outside territorial jurisdiction for a period not exceeding three (3) consecutive days, he may designate in writing the officer-in-charge of his office. Such authorization shall specify the powers and functions that the local official concerned shall exercise in the absence of the city mayor except the power to appoint, suspend or dismiss employees.

(d) In the event, however, that the city mayor fails or refuses to issue such authorization, the city vice mayor or the highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod member, shall have the right to assume the powers, duties and functions of the said office on the fourth day of absence of the city mayor, subject to the limitations provided in subsection (c) hereof.

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

## ARTICLE VII

### *THE APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY: THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES*

#### *SEC. 27. The Secretary of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.*

– (a) There shall be a secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod who shall be a career official with the rank and salary equal to a head of a department or office.

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

(c) The secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan copies of duly approved ordinances in the manner provided in Sections 56 and 57 under Book I of the Local Government Code of 1991;

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

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

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

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

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

(11) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance relative to his position.

SEC. 28. *The City Treasurer.* – (a) The city treasurer shall be appointed by the Secretary of Finance from a list of at least three (3) ranking eligible recommendees of the city mayor, subject to the civil service law, rules and regulations.

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

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

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

(e) The city treasurer shall take charge of the city treasury office, and shall:

(1) Advise the city mayor, the sangguniang panlungsod and other local government and national officials concerned

regarding disposition of local government funds and on such other matters relative to public finance;

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

(3) Take charge of the disbursement of all funds of the City and such other funds the custody of which may be entrusted to him by law or other competent authority;

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

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

(6) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 29. *The Assistant City Treasurer.* – (a) The assistant city treasurer may be appointed by the Secretary of Finance from a list of at least three (3) ranking eligible recommendees of the city mayor, subject to civil service law, rules and regulations.

(b) No person shall be appointed assistant city treasurer unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in commerce, public administration or law from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired at least three (3) years experience in treasury or accounting.

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

(d) The assistant city treasurer shall assist the city treasurer and perform such other duties as the latter may assign him. He shall have authority to administer oaths concerning notices and notifications to those delinquent in the payment of the real property tax and concerning official matters relating to the accounts of the city treasurer or otherwise arising from the offices of the city treasurer and the city assessor.

SEC. 30. *The City Assessor.* – (a) The city assessor must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical engineering, commerce, or any other related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in real property assessment work or in any related field for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(11) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 31. *The Assistant City Assessor.* – (a) The assistant city assessor must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical engineering, commerce or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in assessment or in any related field for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

(c) The assistant city assessor shall assist the city assessor and perform such other duties as the latter may assign to him. He shall have the authority to administer oaths and all declarations of real property for purposes of assessment.

SEC. 32. *The City Accountant.* – (a) The city accountant must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, and a certified public accountant. He must have acquired experience in the treasury or accounting service for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(8) Post individual disbursements to the subsidiary ledger and index cards;

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

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

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

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

(13) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 33. *The City Budget Officer.* – (a) The city budget officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in accounting, economics, public administration, or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in government budgeting or in any related field for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

(c) The city budget officer shall take charge of the city budget office, and shall:

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

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

(3) Assist the city mayor in the preparation of the budget and during budget hearings;

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

(5) Submit periodic budgetary reports to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);

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

(7) Assist the sangguniang panlungsod in reviewing the approved budgets of component local government units;

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

(9) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 34. *The City Planning and Development Coordinator.*

– (a) The city planning and development coordinator must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in urban planning, development studies, economics, public administration, or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in development

planning or in any related field for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(6) Analyze the income and expenditure patterns, and formulate and recommend fiscal plans and policies for consideration of the finance committee of the City as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

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

(8) Exercise supervision and control over the secretariat of the Local Development Council; and

(9) Perform such other functions and duties and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 35. *The City Engineer.* – (a) The city engineer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character and a licensed civil engineer. He must have acquired experience in the practice of his profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Provide engineering services to the City, including investigation and survey, engineering designs, feasibility studies and project management; and

(5) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 36. *The City Health Officer.* – (A) The city health officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, and a licensed medical practitioner. He must have acquired experience in the practice of his profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

(1) Supervise the personnel and staff of said office, formulate program implementation guidelines and rules and regulations for the operation of the said office for the approval of the city mayor in order to assist him in the efficient, effective and economical implementation of health service program geared to implement health-related projects and activities;

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

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

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

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

(b) Advise the city mayor and the sangguniang panlungsod on matters pertaining to health;

(c) Execute and enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations relating to public health;

(d) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod through the Local Health Board the passage of such ordinances as he may deem necessary for the preservation of public health;

(e) Recommend the prosecution of any violation of sanitary laws, ordinances or regulations;

(f) Direct the sanitary inspection of all business establishment selling food items or providing accommodation such as hotels, motels, lodging houses, pension houses, and the like, in accordance with the Sanitation Code;

(g) Conduct health information campaigns and render health intelligence services; and

(h) Coordinate with other government agencies and nongovernmental organizations involved in the promotion and delivery of health services.

(5) Be in the frontline of the delivery of health services, particularly during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 37. *The City Civil Registrar.* – (A) The city civil registrar must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired

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

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

(C) The city civil registrar shall be responsible for the civil registration program in the City of Sorsogon, pursuant to the Civil Registry Law, the Civil Code, and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations issued to implement them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Transmit to the Office of the Civil Registrar-General, within the prescribed period, duplicate copies of registered documents required by law;

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

(f) Receive applications for the issuance of a marriage license and, after determining that the requirements and supporting certificates and publication thereof for the prescribed period have been complied with, issue the license upon payment of the authorized fee to the treasurer; and

(g) Coordinate with the National Statistics Office in conducting educational campaigns for vital registration and assist in the preparation of demographic and other statistics for the City of Sorsogon.

(3) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 38. *The City Administrator.* – (A) The city administrator must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in public administration, law, or any other related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in management and administrative work for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

(B) The term of city administrator is coterminous with that of his appointing authority.

(C) The city administrator shall serve as a career official of the city and shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

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

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

(2) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city administrator shall:

(a) Assist in the coordination of the work of all the officials of the City under the supervision, direction and control of the city mayor, and for this purpose, he may convene the chiefs of offices and other officials of the City;

(b) Establish and maintain a sound personnel program for the City designed to promote career development and uphold the merit principle in the local government service; and

(c) Conduct a continuing organizational development of the City with the end in view of instituting effective administrative reforms.

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

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

(5) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 39. *The City Legal Officer.* – (A) The city legal officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, and a member of the Philippine

Bar. He must have practiced his profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

(B) The term of the city legal officer shall be coterminous with that of his appointing authority.

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

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

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

(2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with programs and projects related to legal services which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide under the Local Government Code of 1991;

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city legal officer shall:

(a) Represent the City in all civil actions and special proceedings wherein the City or any official thereof, in his official capacity, is a party: *Provided*, That, in actions or proceedings where the City is a party adverse to the provincial government or to another component city or municipality, a special legal officer may be employed to represent the adverse party;

(b) When required by the city mayor or sanggunian, draft ordinances, contracts, bonds, leases and other instruments involving any interest of the City and provide comments and recommendations on any instruments already drawn;

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

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

(e) When directed by the city mayor or sanggunian, initiate and prosecute, in the interest of the City, any civil action on any bond, lease or other contract upon any breach or violation thereof; and

(f) Review and submit recommendations on ordinances approved and executive orders issued by component units.

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

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

(6) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

*SEC. 40. The City Social Welfare and Development Officer.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 41. *The City Veterinarian.* – (A) The city veterinarian must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, and a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine. He must have practiced his profession for

at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

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

(2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with veterinary-related activities which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide;

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city veterinarian shall:

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

(b) Regulate the keeping of domestic animals;

(c) Regulate and inspect poultry, milk and dairy products for public consumption;

(d) Enforce all laws and regulations for the prevention of cruelty of animals; and

(e) Take the necessary measures to eradicate, prevent or cure all forms of animal diseases.

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

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

(6) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 42. *The City General Services Officer.* – (A) The city general services officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree in public administration, business administration or management from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in general services, including management of supply, solid waste disposal and general sanitation for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

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

(2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the general services supportive of the welfare of the inhabitants of the City which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide under the Local Government Code of 1991;

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city general services officer shall:

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

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

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

(d) Recommend to the city mayor reasonable rental rates of private properties which may be leased for the official use of the City;

(e) Maintain and supervise janitorial, security, landscaping and other related services in all local government public buildings and other real property, whether owned or leased by the City;

(f) Collate and disseminate information regarding prices, shipping and other costs of supplies and other items commonly used by the City;

(g) Perform archival and record management with respect to records of offices and departments of the City; and

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

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

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

(6) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 43. *The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer.* – (A) The city environment and natural resources officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in environment, forestry, agriculture or any other related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in the environment and natural resources management, conservation and utilization work for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

(C) The city environment and natural resources officer shall take charge of the office of the environment and natural resources, and shall:

(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang panlungsod and to provide assistance and support

to the city mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of adequate facilities relative to environment and natural resources services as provided for under Section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991;

(2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with environment and natural resources programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide under the Local Government Code of 1991;

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city environment and natural resources officer shall:

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

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

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

(d) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental organizations in the implementation of measures to prevent and control land, air and water pollution with the assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

(4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services concerning the environment and natural resources, particularly in the renewal and rehabilitation of the environment during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

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

(6) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 44. *The City Architect.* – (A) The city architect must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, and a duly licensed architect. He must have practiced his profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

(C) The city architect shall take charge of the office on the architectural planning and design, and shall:

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

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

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the architect shall:

(a) Prepare and recommend for consideration of the sanggunian the architectural plan and design for the City or a part thereof, including the renewal of slums and blighted areas, land reclamation activities, the greening of land, and appropriate planning of marine and foreshore areas;

(b) Review and recommend for appropriate action of the sanggunian or mayor as the case may be, the architectural plans and design submitted by governmental and nongovernmental entities or individuals, particularly those for undeveloped, underdeveloped and poorly designed areas; and

(c) Coordinate with government and nongovernment entities and individuals involved in the aesthetics and the maximum utilization of the land and water within the jurisdiction of the City, compatible with environmental integrity and ecological balance.

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

(5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city mayor on all matters relative to architectural planning and design as it relates to the total socioeconomic development of the city; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 45. *The City Information Officer.* – (A) The city information officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in journalism, mass communications, or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have

experience in writing articles and research papers, or writing for print, television or broadcast media for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

(C) The city information officer shall take charge of the office on public information, and shall:

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

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

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city information officer shall:

(a) Provide relevant, adequate and timely information to the City and its residents;

(b) Furnish information and data on the City to government agencies or offices as may be required by law or ordinance; and nongovernmental organizations to be furnished to said agencies and organizations; and

(c) Maintain effective liaison with the various sectors of the community on matters and issues that affect the livelihood and the quality of life of the inhabitants and encourage support for programs of the local and national government.

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

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

(6) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 46. *The City Cooperatives Officer.* – (A) The city cooperatives officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in business administration with special training on cooperatives or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience on cooperatives development for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

(1) Formulate measures for consideration of the sangguniang panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of facilities through the development of cooperatives, and in providing access to such services and facilities;

(2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the integration of cooperatives principles and methods in programs which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city cooperatives officer shall:

(a) Assist in the organization of cooperatives;

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

(c) Assist cooperatives in establishing linkages with government agencies and nongovernment organizations involved in the promotion and integration of the concept of cooperatives in the livelihood of the people and other community activities.

(4) Be in the frontline of cooperative organization, rehabilitation or viability enhancement, particularly during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities, to aid in their survival and, if necessary, subsequent rehabilitation;

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

(6) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 47. *The City Population Officer.* – (A) The city population officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a

college degree preferably with specialized training in population development from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in the implementation of programs on population development or responsible parenthood for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

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

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

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city population officer shall:

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

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

(c) Implement appropriate training programs responsive to the cultural heritage of the inhabitants.

(4) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 48. *The City Agriculturist.* – (A) The city agriculturist must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Sorsogon, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in agriculture or any other related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have practiced his profession in agriculture or acquired the experience in a related field for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

(C) The city agriculturist shall take charge of the office for the agricultural services, and shall:

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Assist the city mayor in the establishment and extension services of demonstration farms or aquaculture and marine products;

(d) Enforce rules and regulations relating to agriculture and aquaculture; and

(e) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental organizations which promote agricultural productivity through appropriate technology compatible with environmental integrity.

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

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

(6) Perform such other duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII

*THE CITY FIRE STATION SERVICE, THE CITY JAIL  
SERVICE, THE CITY SCHOOL DIVISION AND  
THE CITY PROSECUTION SERVICE*

SEC. 49. *The City Fire Station Service.* – (a) There shall be established in the City at least one (1) fire station with adequate personnel, fire fighting facilities and equipment, subject to the standards, rules and regulations that may be promulgated by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). The City shall provide the necessary land or site of the station.

(b) The city fire station service shall be headed by a city fire marshal whose qualifications shall be as those provided for under Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Philippine National Police Law.

(c) The city fire station shall be responsible for the protection and various emergency services such as rescue and evacuation of injured people at fire-related incidents and, in general fire prevention and suppression measures to secure the safety of life and property of the citizenry.

SEC. 50. *The City Jail Service.* – (a) There shall be established and maintained in the City a secured, clean, adequately equipped and sanitary jail for the custody and safekeeping of prisoners, any fugitive from justice, or person detained awaiting investigation or trial and/or transfer to the national penitentiary, and/or violent mentally ill person who endangers himself or the safety of others, duly certified as such by the proper medical health officer, pending the transfer to a mental institution.

(b) The city jail service shall be headed by a city jail warden who must be a graduate of a four (4)-year course in psychology, psychiatry, sociology, nursing, social work or criminology who shall assist in the immediate rehabilitation of individuals or detention of prisoners. Great care must be exercised so that human rights of these prisoners are respected and protected, and their spiritual and physical well-being are properly and promptly attended to.

SEC. 51. *The City School Division.* – (a) The Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall establish and maintain a school division of the City of Sorsogon whose area of jurisdiction will cover all the school districts within the City; and

(b) The city school division shall be headed by a division superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

SEC. 52. *The City Prosecution Service.* – (a) There shall be established in the City a prosecution service to be headed by a city prosecutor and such number of assistant prosecutors as may be necessary, who shall be organizationally part of the Department of Justice, and under the supervision and control of the Secretary of Justice and whose qualifications, manner of appointment, rank, salary and benefits shall be governed by existing laws covering prosecutors in the Department of Justice.

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

(c) The Secretary of Justice shall always assure the adequacy and quality of prosecution service in the City and for this purpose, shall, in the absence or lack or insufficiency in number of city assistant prosecutors as provided hereinabove, designate from among the assistant provincial prosecutors a sufficient number to perform and discharge the functions of the city prosecution service as provided hereinabove.

## ARTICLE IX

### *TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS*

SEC. 53. *Municipal Ordinances Existing at the Time of the Approval of this Act.* – All municipal ordinances of the municipalities of Bacon and Sorsogon existing at the time of the approval of this Act shall continue to be in force within the City of

Sorsogon until the sangguniang panlungsod ordinance shall provide otherwise.

SEC. 54. *Plebiscite.* – The City of Sorsogon shall acquire corporate existence upon the ratification of its creation by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the present municipalities of Bacon and Sorsogon within one hundred twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act. The expenses for such plebiscite shall be borne by the municipalities of Bacon and Sorsogon. The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise such plebiscite.

SEC. 55. *Officials of the City of Sorsogon.* – The first elections for the local elective positions in the City shall be held together with the regular elections in May 2001. As such, the incumbent elected municipal officials of the municipalities of Bacon and Sorsogon shall continue to exercise their powers and functions until the expiration of their terms in year 2001. However, in the case of the presidents of the municipal chapters of the liga ng mga barangay and sangguniang kabataan in the municipalities of Bacon and Sorsogon, their respective tenures shall be modified in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

The appointive officials and employees of the municipalities of Bacon and Sorsogon shall likewise continue exercising their functions and duties and they shall be automatically absorbed by the City Government of Sorsogon: *Provided*, That the above officials and employees shall continue to receive the salaries they are receiving at the time of the approval of this Act until the new adjustment of salaries in accordance with law.

SEC. 56. *Succession Clause.* – The City of Sorsogon shall succeed to all the assets, properties, liabilities and obligations of the Municipality of Sorsogon.

SEC. 57. *Election of Provincial Governor and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members of the Province of Sorsogon.* – The qualified voters of the City of Sorsogon shall qualify to vote and run for any elective position in the elections for provincial governor, provincial vice governor, sangguniang panlalawigan members and other elective offices for the Province of Sorsogon.

SEC. 58. *Jurisdiction of the Province of Sorsogon.* – The City of Sorsogon shall, unless otherwise provided by law, continue to be under the jurisdiction of Sorsogon Province.

SEC. 59. *Suspension of Increase in Rates of Local Taxes.* – No increase in the rates of local taxes shall be imposed by the City within the period of five (5) years from its acquisition of corporate existence.

SEC. 60. *Representative District.* – Until otherwise provided by law, the City of Sorsogon shall continue to be a part of the First Congressional District of Sorsogon Province.

SEC. 61. *Applicability of Laws.* – The provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and such laws as are applicable to component cities shall govern the City of Sorsogon insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 62. *Separability Clause.* – If any part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions thereof shall remain valid and effective.

SEC. 63. *Reservation.* – Nothing herein contained shall preclude the determination by the appropriate agency or forum of boundary disputes or cases involving questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City of Sorsogon and any of the adjoining local government units even after the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 64. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 65. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general and local circulation.

Approved, August 16, 2000.