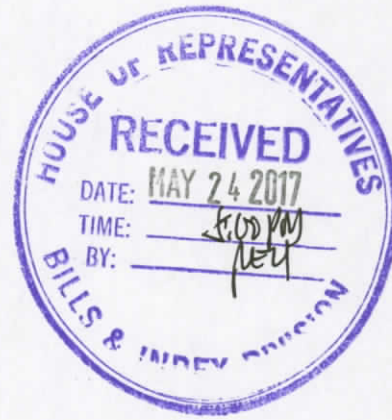


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to divide Barangay Muzon into four distinct and independent barangays.

Barangay Muzon is considered as the city's most populous area, with a population of more than a hundred thousand. As such, the splitting of Barangay Muzon into four barangays will not alter its present administrative status. This proposal is intimated on the vision of the local governance in improving the delivery of basic social services and effectively managing available resources for the general welfare of the whole constituency of the City.

Further, this proposal is in accordance with Section 385 of the Local Government Code which provides that a barangay may be created, divided, merged, abolished, or its boundary substantially altered, by law or by an ordinance, subject to the approval by a majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite to be conducted by the Comelec in the local government unit or units directly affected within such period of time as may be determined by the law or ordinance creating said barangay and Section 386 of the same Code which states that a barangay maybe divided as long as the creation thereof shall not reduce the population of the original Barangay or Barangays to less than the minimum requirement prescribed by law. The author opts for the enactment of a law for this purpose

Considering the premises aforestated, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY MUZON IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO FOUR DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MUZON EAST, BARANGAY MUZON WEST, BARANGAY MUZON SOUTH AND BARANGAY MUZON PROPER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Division of Barangay Muzon. - Barangay Muzon in the City of Jose Del Monte, Bulacan is hereby divided into four (4) distinct and independent barangays to be known as: (1) Barangay Muzon East; (2) Barangay Muzon West; (3) Barangay Muzon South; and (4) Barangay Muzon Proper.

SEC. 2. Territorial Boundaries. - The boundaries of the four barangays will be determined by the city planning and development office and the city assessor's office.

SEC. 3. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. - Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", Barangay Muzon shall be divided into four and the new barangays shall exist upon the approval by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections in the area affected, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 4. Barangay Officials. - The incumbent barangay officials of the old Barangay Muzon shall continue to hold office under Barangay Muzon Proper until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified while the first set of officials of the other newly created barangays shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the local government unit through a resolution by the sanggunian and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected or qualified.

SEC. 5. Public Infrastructure and Facilities - All existing public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangays.

SEC. 6. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares. - The four barangays named under this Act shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. - If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof, shall not be repealed or modified.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in any a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,