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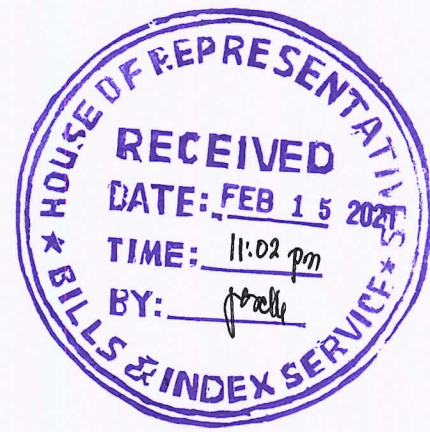
House of Representatives

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8727



Introduced by Representative Luisa Lloren Cuaresma

AN ACT
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BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF SOLANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

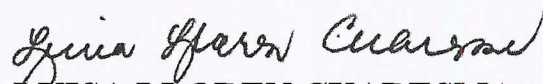
With the enactment of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, municipalities and cities have both become more empowered to deal with local issues. This is on account of the fact that the Local Government Code of 1991 has provided for the empowerment of local government units (LGUs) by decentralizing government powers. Presently, LGUs have been provided vast opportunities in effectively governing their respective area and constituents. Moreover, the delivery of basic services mandated by RA 7160 has become more effective and responsive, because LGUs are given wide latitude of discretion in determining the needs of the people residing within their jurisdiction.

The agriculturally based province of Nueva Vizcaya is composed of fifteen (15) municipalities which are mostly upland areas inhabited by various indigenous tribes. Despite of its economic growth, however, Nueva Vizcaya has no city of its own.

In order to bolster the development and progress of the province, and considering that one of its municipalities, particularly the Municipality of Solano, could fairly meet the criteria set forth under Section 450 of RA 7610 and other pertinent laws, it is imperative that a law be enacted for its conversion into a city.

The Municipality of Solano is geographically located at the heart of the province which strategically links the other towns and serves as the center of trade and commerce in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya. Its conversion into a component city would serve as an engine of growth to spur commercial and industrial activities and hasten the development of the entire province. The future even looks more promising for the town and undoubtedly, its conversion into a component city would pave the way to more opportunities both for Solano and the entire Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

In view of the foregoing, the urgent approval of this bill is strongly recommended.


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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 Solano.

Section 2. ***The City of Solano***. – The Municipality of Solano in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya is hereby converted into a component city to be known as the City of Solano, comprising of the current territory of the Municipality of Solano, Nueva Vizcaya. The territorial jurisdiction of the City shall be within the present metes and bounds of the Municipality of Solano.

Section 3. ***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 pertain to a municipal corporation to be exercised in conformity with the provisions of this Charter. Just like all other cities endowed with powers under the Local Government Code, the City shall have the following corporate powers:

- (1) To have a continuous succession in its corporate name;
- (2) To sue and be sued;
- (3) To have and use a corporate seal;
- (4) To acquire and convey real or personal property;
- (5) To enter into contracts; and
- (6) To exercise such other powers as are granted to corporations, subject to the limitations provided in this Act and other laws.

Section 4. **General Powers of the City.** – The City shall exercise the power to levy taxes, and may take, purchase, receive, hold, lease, convey and dispose of real and personal property for the general interest of the City, condemn private property for public use, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution suits wherein said City is a party, and exercise all the powers as are granted to corporations and/or hereinafter conferred.

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

Section 6. **Jurisdiction of the City.** – The jurisdiction of the City of Solano, for police purposes only, shall be co-extensive with its territorial jurisdiction and, for the purpose of protecting and ensuring the safety of the water supply of the City, such police jurisdiction shall also extend over all territory within the drainage area of such water supply, or within one hundred meters (100 m.) of any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct or pumping station used in connection with the City water service. The City Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the city or municipal courts of adjoining municipalities or cities to try crimes and misdemeanors committed within said drainage area, or within said spaces of one hundred meters (100 m.). *Provided*, that the court first taking cognizance of such an offense shall have jurisdiction to try said cases to the exclusion of others. The police force of the several municipalities and cities concerned shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the police force of the City for the maintenance of good order and the enforcement of ordinances throughout said zone, area and spaces.

ARTICLE II CITY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL

Section 7. **The Officials of the City of Solano.** – (a) There shall be in the City of Solano a City Mayor, a 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

1 Accountant, a City Budget Officer, a City Planning and Development
2 Coordinator, a City Engineer, a City Health Officer, a City Civil Registrar, a
3 City Administrator, a City Legal Officer, a City Veterinarian, a City Social
4 Welfare and Development Officer, a City General Services Officer, and a City
5 Agriculturist.

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7 (b) In addition thereto, the City Mayor may appoint a City Architect, a
8 City Information Officer, a City Technology Officer, a City Population Officer,
9 a City Environment and Natural Resources Officer, a City Cooperatives Officer,
10 a City Agroforestry Officer, and a City Indigenous People Officer. The City
11 Mayor may create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the
12 purposes and functions of the City.

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14 (c) Unless otherwise provided herein, all appointive city officials of the
15 City shall be appointed by the Mayor with the concurrence of the majority of
16 the Sangguniang Panlungsod Members, subject to pertinent Civil Service Law,
17 rules and regulations. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall act on the
18 appointments within fifteen (15) days from the date of its submission;
19 otherwise, the same shall be deemed confirmed.

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21 ARTICLE III
22 *THE CITY MAYOR AND THE CITY VICE MAYOR*
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24 Section 8. *The City Mayor.* – (a) The city mayor shall be the Local Chief
25 Executive of the City. He shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the
26 City.

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28 No person shall be eligible for the position of City Mayor unless at the
29 time of the election:

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31 (1) He is a Filipino citizen;
32 (2) At least twenty one (21) years of age;
33 (3) Able to read and write;
34 (4) An actual resident of the City for at least one (1) year prior to his
35 election; and
36 (5) A qualified voter therein.

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38 He shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and shall
39 receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade
40 Thirty (30) as prescribed under Republic Act No. 6758 and the
41 implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.
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1 (b) The City Mayor shall exercise such powers and perform such duties and
2 functions as provided herein:

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4 (1) Exercise those powers expressly granted to him by law, those
5 necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary,
6 appropriate or incidental for the efficient and effective governance of
7 the City and those which are essential to the promotion of the general
8 welfare;

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10 (aa) Determine the guidelines of city policies and be responsible to the
11 Sangguniang Panlungsod for the program of government;

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13 (bb) Direct the formulation of the city development plan with the
14 assistance of the city development council and, upon approval thereof
15 by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, implement the same;

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17 (cc) Present the program of government and propose policies and
18 projects for the consideration of the sangguniang panlungsod every
19 calendar year and as often as may be deemed necessary as the general
20 welfare of the inhabitants and the needs of the city government may
21 require;

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23 (dd) Initiate and propose legislative measures to the Sangguniang
24 Panlungsod and, as often as may be deemed necessary, provide such
25 information and data needed or requested by said Sanggunian in the
26 performance of its legislative functions;

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28 (ee) Appoint all officials and employees whose salaries and wages are
29 wholly or mainly paid out of City funds and whose appointments are
30 not otherwise provided for in this Act, as well as those he may be
31 authorized by law to appoint;

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33 (ff) Represent the City in all its transactions and sign in its behalf all
34 bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon
35 authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or pursuant to existing laws
36 or ordinances;

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

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41 (hh) Determine the time, manner and place of payment of salaries or
42 wages of the officials and employees of the City in accordance with
43 law or ordinance;

(ii) Allocate and assign office space to City and other 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;

(jj) 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;

(kk) 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;

(ll) Furnish copies of executive orders issued by him to the respective council chairman within seventy-two (72) hours after their issuance;

(mm) 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;

(nn) 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;

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

(pp) 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 or employees in the formulation and implementation of plans, programs and projects; and, when appropriate, initiate any 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;

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2 (qq) Authorize payment for medical care, necessary transportation,
3 subsistence, hospital or medical fees of City officials and employees
4 who are injured while in the performance of their official duties and
5 functions, subject to the availability of funds;
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7 (rr) Solemnize marriages, any provision of law to the contrary
8 notwithstanding;
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10 (ss) Conduct an annual *Palarong Panlungsod* which shall feature
11 traditional sports and disciplines included in national and international
12 games, in coordination with the Department of Education; and
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14 (tt) Submit to the provincial governor and the President an annual
15 report containing a summary of all matters pertinent to the
16 management, administration and development of the City and all
17 information and data relative to its political, social and economic
18 conditions; and supplemental reports when unexpected events and
19 situations arise at any time during the year, particularly when man-
20 made or natural disasters or calamities affect the general welfare of the
21 City;
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23 (2) Enforce all laws and ordinances relative to the governance of the City
24 and, in the exercise of its appropriate corporate powers, implement all
25 approved policies, programs, projects, services and activities of the
26 City;
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28 (aa) Ensure that the acts of the City's component barangays are within
29 the scope of their prescribed powers, duties and functions;
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31 (bb) Call conventions, conferences, seminars, or meetings of elective
32 and appointive officials of the City, including national officials and
33 employees stationed in or assigned to the City, at such time and place
34 and on such subject as he may deem important for the promotion of
35 the general welfare of the local government unit and its inhabitants;
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37 (cc) Issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate
38 enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;
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40 (dd) Act as the deputized representative of the National Police
41 Commission, formulate the peace and order plan of the City and, upon
42 its approval, implement the same and as such exercise general and

operational control and supervision over the local police forces in the City, in accordance with Republic Act No. 6975; and

(ee) Call upon the appropriate law enforcement agencies to suppress disorder, riot, lawless violence, rebellion or sedition or to 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 in the implementation of development plans, program objectives and priorities, particularly those resources and revenues programmed for agro-industrial development and countryside growth and progress:

(aa) Require each head of office or department to prepare and submit an estimate of appropriations for the ensuing calendar year, in accordance with the budget preparation process as provided for in the Local Government Code;

(bb) 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;

(cc) 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;

(dd) 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;

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

(ff) 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

1 or removal of said house, building or structure within the period
2 prescribed by law or ordinance;

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

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

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11 (ii) Institute or cause to be instituted administrative or judicial
12 proceedings for violation of ordinances in the collection of taxes, fees
13 or charges, and for the recovery of funds and property; and cause the
14 City to be defended against all suits to ensure that its interests,
15 resources and rights shall be adequately protected;

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

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

24
25 (bb) Coordinate the implementation of technical services, including
26 public works and infrastructure programs rendered by national offices;
27 and

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29 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
30 powers, as provided under Republic Act N. 7160, otherwise known as
31 the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by
32 law or ordinance.

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34 Section 9. *The City Vice Mayor.* – (a) There shall be a Vice Mayor who
35 shall be elected in the same manner as the City Mayor and shall, at the same
36 time of his election, possess the same qualifications as the city mayor. He shall
37 hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and shall receive a
38 minimum monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade Twenty-Six
39 (26), as prescribed under Republic Act No. 6578, and the implementing
40 guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

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42 (b) The Vice Mayor shall:
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- 1 (1) Act as presiding officer of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and
2 sign all warrants drawn on the City treasury for all expenditures
3 appropriated for the operation of the sangguniang panlungsod;
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5 (2) Subject to Civil Service Law, rules and regulations, appoint all
6 officials and employees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, except
7 those whose manner of appointment is specifically provided for
8 under existing laws;
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10 (3) Assume the office of the City Mayor for the unexpired term of
11 the latter in the event of permanent vacancy;
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13 (4) Exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions of the
14 city mayor in cases of temporary vacancy; and
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16 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
17 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise
18 known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that
19 are prescribed by law or ordinance.
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21 ARTICLE IV
22 THE SANGGULANG PANLUNGSOD
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24 Section 10. *The Sangguniang Panlungsod.* (a) The Sangguniang
25 Panlungsod, the legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the City Vice
26 Mayor as Presiding Officer, the regular Sanggunian Members, the President of
27 the City Chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay, the President of the Panlungsod
28 na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, and the Sectoral
29 Representatives, as members.
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31 (b) The three (3) sectoral representatives shall be: one (1) from the
32 women; and as shall be determined by the Sangguniang Panlungsod within
33 ninety (90) days prior to the holding of the local elections, one (1) from the
34 agricultural or industrial workers; and one (1) from the other sectors, including
35 the urban poor, indigenous cultural communities and disabled persons.
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37 (c) The regular members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the sectoral
38 representatives shall be elected in the manner as may be provided for by the
39 law. The elective members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall possess the
40 same qualifications as that of the city mayor and vice mayor.
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1 (d) They shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding
2 to Salary Grade Twenty-Five (SG-25), as prescribed under Republic Act No.
3 6758 and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

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5 (e) The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall:

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7 (1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an
8 efficient and effective city government and in this connection
9 shall:

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11 (aa) Review all ordinances approved by the Sangguniang
12 Barangay and executive orders issued by the Punong
13 Barangay to determine whether these are within the
14 respective scope of their prescribed powers;

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

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21 (cc) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Five
22 thousand pesos (P5,000.00) or an imprisonment for a period
23 not exceeding one (1) year, or both, at the discretion of the
24 court, for the violation of a City Ordinance;

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26 (dd) Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the city
27 from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters
28 and calamities, and to provide relief services and assistance
29 for victims during and in the aftermath of said disasters or
30 calamities and in their return to productive livelihood
31 following said events;

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33 (ee) Enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and
34 impose appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness in
35 public places, vagrancy, mendicancy, prostitution,
36 establishment and maintenance of houses of ill-repute,
37 gambling and other prohibited games of chance, fraudulent
38 devices and ways to obtain money or property, drug
39 addiction, maintenance of drug dens, drug pushing, juvenile
40 delinquency, the printing, distribution and exhibition of
41 obscene or pornographic materials or publications, and as
42 such other activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the
43 inhabitants of the City:

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2 (ff) Protect the environment and impose appropriate
3 penalties for acts which endanger the environment, such as
4 but not limited to, dynamite fishing and other forms of
5 destructive fishing, illegal logging and smuggling of natural
6 resources products and of endangered species of flora and
7 fauna, slash-and-burn farming, and as such other activities
8 which result in pollution, acceleration of eutrophication of
9 rivers and lakes or of ecological imbalance;

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11 (gg) Determine the positions and the salaries, wages,
12 allowances and other emoluments and benefits of officials
13 and employees paid wholly or mainly from City funds and
14 provide for expenditure necessary for the proper conduct of
15 programs, projects, services and activities of the City
16 government;

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

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24 (ii) Provide a mechanism and the appropriate funds therefore
25 to ensure the safety and protection of all City government
26 property, public documents, or records such as those relating
27 to property inventory, land ownership, records of births,
28 marriages, deaths, assessments, taxation, accounts, business
29 permits, and such other records and documents of public
30 interest in the offices and governments of the City
31 government;

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33 (jj) When the finances of the City government allow, provide
34 for additional allowances and other benefits to Judges,
35 Prosecutors, public elementary and high school teachers, and
36 other national government officials stationed in or assigned
37 to the City;

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39 (kk) Provide legal assistance to barangay officials who, in
40 the performance of their official duties or on the occasion
41 thereof, have to initiate judicial proceedings or defend
42 themselves against legal action; and
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(II) Provide for group insurance or additional insurance coverages for all barangay officials, including members of barangay tanod brigades and other service units, with public or private insurance companies, when the finances of the City government allow such 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:

(aa) 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;

(bb) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code and 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 exemptions, incentives or reliefs;

(cc) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code and upon the majority vote of all members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, authorize the City Mayor to negotiate and contract loans and other forms of indebtedness;

(dd) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code and upon the majority vote of all 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;

(ee) 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;

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

(gg) Adopt a comprehensive land use plan for the City: *Provided*, That the formulation, adoption or modification of said plan shall be in coordination with the approved provincial comprehensive land use plan;

(hh) Reclassify land within the jurisdiction of the City, subject to the pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code;

(ii) Enact integrated zoning ordinances 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;

(jj) Subject to national law, process and approve subdivision plans for residential, commercial, or industrial 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, such 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;

(kk) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code, 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 or fish within the City waters;

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

1 (mm) Grant loans or provide grants to other local
2 government units or to national, provincial, and city
3 charitable, benevolent or education institutions: *Provided,*
4 That said institutions are operated and maintained within the
5 City;

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7 (nn) Regulate the numbering of residential, commercial and
8 other buildings; and

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10 (oo) Regulate inspection, weighing and measuring of articles
11 of commerce;

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13 (3) Subject to the provisions of the Local Government Code of
14 1991, enact ordinances granting franchises and authorizing the
15 issuance of permits or licenses, upon such conditions and for
16 such purposes intended to promote the general welfare of the
17 inhabitants of the City and pursuant to this legislative authority
18 shall:

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20 (aa) Fix and impose reasonable fees and charges for all
21 services rendered by the City government to private persons
22 or entities;

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

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

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

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40 (ee) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, authorize and
41 license the establishment, operation, and maintenance or
42 cockpits, and regulate cockfighting and commercial breeding

1 of gamecocks: *Provided*, That existing rights should not be
2 prejudiced;

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4 (ff) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department
5 of Transportation and Communications, regulate the
6 operation of tricycles and grant franchises for the operation
7 thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the City; and
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9 (gg) Upon approval by a majority vote of all the members of
10 the Sangguniang Panlungsod, grant a franchise to any
11 person, partnership, corporation, or cooperatives to do
12 business within the City; establish, construct, operate and
13 maintain ferries, wharves, markets or slaughterhouses; or
14 undertake such other activities within the City as may be
15 allowed by existing laws: *Provided*, That cooperatives shall
16 be given preference in the grant of such franchise;
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18 (4) Regulate activities relative to the use of land, buildings and
19 structures within the City in order to promote the general
20 welfare and for said purpose shall:
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22 (aa) Declare, prevent or abate any nuisance;
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24 (bb) Require that the buildings and the premises thereof and any
25 land within the City be kept and maintained in a sanitary
26 condition; impose penalties for any violation thereof; or, upon
27 failure to comply with the said requirement, have the work done
28 at the expense of the owner, administrator or tenant concerned;
29 or require the filling of any land or premises to a grade
30 necessary for proper sanitation;
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32 (cc) Regulate the disposal of clinical and other wastes from
33 hospitals, clinics, and other similar establishments;
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35 (dd) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of
36 cafes, restaurants, beer houses, hotels, motels, inns, pension
37 houses, and other similar establishments, including tourist
38 guides and transports;
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40 (ee) Regulate the sale, giving away or dispensing of any
41 intoxicating malt, *vino*, mixed or fermented liquors at any retail
42 outlet;
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(ff) 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;

(gg) 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, 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;

(hh) 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; and

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

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

(aa) Provide for establishment, maintenance, protection and conservation of communal forests and watersheds, tree parks, green belts, mangroves, and other similar forest development projects;

(bb) 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;

(cc) 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;

1
2 (dd) Regulate the preparation and sale of meat, poultry, fish,
3 vegetables, fruits, fresh dairy products and other foodstuffs for
4 public consumption;

5
6 (ee) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks,
7 bridges, parks and other public places and approve the
8 construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of the same;
9 establish bus and vehicle stops and terminals or regulate the use
10 of the same by privately-owned vehicles which serve the public;
11 regulate garages and the operation of conveyances for hire;
12 designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in
13 use; regulate the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and
14 awning posts on the streets; and provide for the lighting,
15 cleaning and sprinkling of streets and public places;

16
17 (ff) Regulate traffic on all streets and bridges; prohibit
18 encroachments or obstacles thereon and, when necessary in the
19 interest of public welfare, authorize the removal of
20 encroachments and illegal constructions in public places;

21
22 (gg) Subject to existing laws, establish and provide for the
23 maintenance, repair and operation of an efficient waterworks
24 system to supply water for the inhabitants and to purify the
25 source of the water supply and within one hundred meters (100
26 m) of the reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct, pumping station,
27 or watershed used in connection with the water service; and
28 regulate the consumption, use or wastage of water and fix and
29 collect charges thereof;

30
31 (hh) Regulate the drilling and excavation of the ground for the
32 laying of water, gas, sewer, and other pipes and the maintenance
33 of public drains, sewers, cesspools, tunnels and similar
34 structures; regulate the placing of poles and the use of
35 crosswalks, curbs and gutters; adopt measures to ensure public
36 safety against open canals, manholes, live wires and other
37 similar hazards to life and property; and regulate the
38 construction and use of private water closets, privies and other
39 similar structures in buildings and homes;

40
41 (ii) Regulate the placing, stringing, attaching, installing, repair
42 and construction of all gas mains, electric, telegraph and
43 telephone wires, conduits, meters, and other apparatus; and

1 provide for the correction, condemnation or removal of the
2 same when found to be dangerous, defective or otherwise
3 hazardous to the welfare of the inhabitants;
4

5 (jj) Subject to the availability of funds and existing laws, rules
6 and regulations, establish and provide for the operation of
7 vocational and technical schools and similar post-secondary
8 institutions and, with the approval of the Department of
9 Education and subject to existing laws on tuition fees and other
10 school charges in educational institutions supported by the City
11 government;
12

13 (kk) Establish a scholarship fund for the poor but deserving
14 students in schools located within its jurisdiction or for students
15 residing within the City;
16

17 (ll) Approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to
18 prevent the introduction and spread of disease;
19

20 (mm) Provide for an efficient and effective system of solid
21 wastes and garbage collection and prohibit littering and the
22 placing or throwing of garbage, refuse and other filth and
23 wastes;
24

25 (nn) Provide for the care of disabled persons, paupers, the aged,
26 the sick, persons of unsound mind, abandoned minors, juvenile
27 delinquents, drug dependents, abused children and youth below
28 eighteen (18) years of age; and, subject to availability of funds,
29 establish and provide for the operation of centers and facilities
30 for said needy and disadvantaged persons;
31

32 (oo) Establish and provide for the maintenance and
33 improvement of jail and detention centers, institute a sound jail
34 management program, and appropriate funds for the subsistence
35 of detainees and convicted prisoners in the City;
36

37 (pp) Establish a City Council whose purpose is the promotion of
38 culture and arts, coordinate with government agencies and non-
39 governmental organizations and, subject to the availability of
40 funds, appropriate funds for the support and development of the
41 same; and
42

1 (qq) Establish a City Council for the elderly which shall
2 formulate policies and adopt measures beneficial to the elderly
3 and to the community; provide incentives for non-governmental
4 agencies and entities and, subject to the availability of funds,
5 appropriate funds to support programs and projects for the
6 benefit of the elderly;
7

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

12 ARTICLE V
13 *PROCESS OF LEGISLATION*
14

15 Section. 11. *Internal Rules of Procedure.* – (a) On the first regular
16 session following the election of its members, and within ninety (90) days
17 thereafter, the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall adopt or update its existing rules
18 of procedure.
19

20 (b) The rules of procedures shall provide for the following:
21

22 (1) The organization of the Sanggunian and the election of its
23 officers as well as the creation of standing committees which
24 shall include, but shall not be limited to, the committees on
25 appropriations, women and family, human rights, youth and
26 sports development, environmental protection, and
27 cooperatives; the general jurisdiction of each committee; and
28 the election of the chairman and members of each committee;
29

30 (2) The order and calendar of business for each session;
31

32 (3) The legislative process;
33

34 (4) The parliamentary procedures which include the conduct of
35 members during sessions;
36

37 (5) The discipline of members for disorderly behaviour and
38 absences without justifiable cause for four (4) consecutive
39 sessions, for which they may be censured, reprimanded, or
40 excluded from the session, suspended for not more than sixty
41 (60) days, or expelled; *Provided*, That the penalty of suspension
42 or expulsion shall require the concurrence of at least two-thirds

(2/3) vote of all the *Sanggunian* Members: *Provided, further,*
That a 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.

Section. 12. *Full Disclosure of Financial and Business Interest of Sangguniang Panlungsod Members.* – (a) Every *Sangguniang Panlungsod* member shall, upon assumption to office, make a full disclosure of his business and financial interest. He shall also disclose any business, financial or 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 interest. 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 provision applicable to this situation, “conflict of interest” refers in general to one where it may be reasonably deduced that a member of the *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

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2 (2) Disclosure shall be made when a member takes a position or
3 makes a privilege speech on a matter that may affect the
4 business interest, financial connection, or professional
5 relationship described herein.
6

7 Section 13. **Sessions.** – (a) On the first day of the session immediately
8 following the election of its members, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall, by
9 resolution, fix the day, time and place of its regular sessions. The minimum
10 number of regular sessions for the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall be once a
11 week.
12

13 (b) When public interest so demands, special sessions may be called by
14 the City Mayor or by a majority of the members of the *Sanggunian*.
15

16 (c) All sessions shall be open to the public unless a closed-door session is
17 ordered by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, there
18 being a quorum, in the public interest or for reasons of security, decency or
19 morality. No two (2) sessions, regular or special, may be held in a single day.
20

21 (d) In the case of special sessions of the *Sanggunian*, a written notice to
22 the members shall be served personally, if practicable, at the member's usual
23 place of residence at least twenty-four (24) hours before the special session is
24 held. Under extraordinary circumstances or when the matter to be taken is of
25 extreme importance or urgency, however, notice may be served through e-mail
26 or any other form of electronic communication. Unless concurred in by two-
27 thirds (2/3) vote of the *Sanggunian* members present, there being a quorum, no
28 other matter may be considered at a special session except those stated in the
29 notice.
30

31 (e) The *Sanggunian* shall keep a journal and a record of its proceedings
32 which may be published upon resolution of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*.
33

34 Section 14. **Quorum.** – (a) A majority of all the members of the
35 *Sanggunian* who have been elected and qualified shall constitute a quorum to
36 transact official business. Should a question of *quorum* be raised during a
37 session, the Presiding Officer shall immediately proceed to call the roll of the
38 members and thereafter announce the results.
39

40 (b) Where there is no *quorum*, the Presiding Officer may declare a recess
41 until such time as a *quorum* is constituted, or a majority of the members present
42 may adjourn from day to day and may compel the immediate attendance of any
43 member absent without justifiable cause by designating a member of the

1 *Sanggunian*, to be assisted by a member or members of the police force
2 assigned to the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Solano, to arrest the absent
3 member and present him at the session.
4

5 (c) If there is still no *quorum* despite the enforcement of the immediately
6 preceding subsection, no business shall be transacted. The Presiding Officer,
7 upon proper motion duly approved by the members present, shall then declare
8 the session adjourned for lack of *quorum*.
9

10 Section 15. ***Approval of Ordinances.*** – (a) Every ordinance enacted by
11 the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall be presented to the City Mayor. If he
12 approves the same, he shall affix his signature on each and every page thereof;
13 otherwise, he shall veto it and return the same with his objections to the
14 *Sanggunian*, which may proceed to reconsider the same. The *Sanggunian* may
15 override the veto of the City Mayor by *two-thirds (2/3)* vote of all its members,
16 thereby making the ordinance or resolution effective for all legal intents and
17 purposes.
18

19 (b) The veto shall be communicated by the City Mayor to the *Sanggunian*
20 within TEN (10) days; otherwise, the ordinance shall be deemed approved as if
21 he had signed it.
22

23 Section 16. ***Veto Power of the City Mayor.*** – (a) The City Mayor may
24 veto any ordinance of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* on the ground that it is *ultra*
25 *vires* or prejudicial to the public welfare, stating his response therefore in
26 writing.
27

28 (b) The City Mayor shall have the power to veto any particular item or
29 items of an appropriation ordinance, an ordinance or resolution adopting local
30 investment plan, any public investment program, or an ordinance directing the
31 payment of money or creating liability. In such case, the veto shall not affect the
32 item or items which are not objected to. The vetoed item or items shall not take
33 effect unless the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* overrides the veto in the manner
34 herein provided; otherwise, the item or items in the appropriations ordinance of
35 the previous year corresponding to those vetoed, if any, shall be deemed re-
36 enacted.
37

38 (c) The City Mayor may veto an ordinance or resolution only once. The
39 *Sanggunian* may override the veto of the City Mayor by *two-thirds (2/3)* vote of
40 all its members, thereby making the ordinance effective even without the
41 approval of the City Mayor.
42

1 Section 17. *Transmittal of City Ordinances to the Sangguniang*
2 *Panlalawigan.* – Within THREE (3) days after approval, the Secretary to the
3 *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall forward to the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* for
4 review, copies of approved ordinances and the resolutions approving the local
5 development plans and public investment programs formulated by the local
6 development councils. If no action has been taken by the *Sangguniang*
7 *Panlalawigan* within THIRTY (30) days after submission of such an ordinance
8 or resolution, the same shall be presumed consistent with law and therefore
9 valid.

10
11 Section. 18. *Review of Barangay Ordinances by the Sangguniang*
12 *Panlungsod.* – (a) Within TEN (10) days after its enactment, the *Sangguniang*
13 *Barangay* shall furnish copies of all barangay ordinances to the *Sangguniang*
14 *Panlungsod* for review as to whether the ordinance is consistent with law and
15 city ordinances.

16
17 (b) If the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* fails to take action on the barangay
18 ordinances within THIRTY (30) days from receipt thereof, the same shall be
19 deemed approved.

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21 (c) If the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* finds the barangay ordinances
22 inconsistent with law or city ordinances, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall,
23 within THIRTY (30) days from receipt thereof, return the same with its
24 comments and recommendations to the *Sangguniang Barangay* concerned for
25 adjustment, amendment, or modification, in which case, the effectivity of the
26 barangay ordinance is suspended until such time as the revision called for is
27 effected.

28
29 Section. 19. *Effectivity of Ordinances or Resolutions.* – (a) Unless
30 otherwise stated in the ordinance or the resolution approving the local
31 development plan and public investment program, the same shall take effect
32 after TEN (10) days from the date a copy thereof is posted in a bulletin board at
33 the entrance of the City Hall of Solano, and in at least two (2) conspicuous
34 places in the City of Solano.

35
36 (b) The Secretary to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall cause the posting
37 of an ordinance or resolution in the bulletin board at the entrance of the City
38 Hall of Solano and in at least TWO (2) conspicuous places in the City of Solano
39 not later than FIVE (5) days after approval thereof.

40
41 The text of the ordinance or resolution shall be disseminated and
42 posted in Filipino or English and in the language or dialect understood by the
43 majority of the people of the City and the Secretary of the *Sangguniang*

1 *Panlungsod* shall record such fact in a book kept for the purpose, stating the
2 dates of approval and posting.

3
4 (c) The main features of the ordinances or resolutions duly enacted or
5 adopted shall, in addition to being posted, be published once in a local
6 newspaper of general circulation within the province: *Provided*, That, in the
7 absence thereof, the ordinance or resolution shall be published in any newspaper
8 of general circulation: *Provided, further*, That the gist of all ordinances with the
9 penal sanctions shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

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11 ARTICLE VI
12 *DISQUALIFICATIONS AND SUCCESSION OF ELECTIVE CITY*
13 *OFFICIALS*
14

15 Section. 20. *Disqualifications for Elective City Officials.* – The
16 following persons are disqualified from running for any elective position in the
17 City:

- 18 (a) Those sentenced by final judgment for an offense involving moral
19 turpitude or for an offense punishable by one (1) year or more of
20 imprisonment, within two (2) years after serving sentence;
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22 (b) Those removed from office as a result of an administrative case;
23
24 (c) Those convicted by final judgment for violating the oath of allegiance
25 to the Republic of the Philippines;
26
27 (d) Those with dual citizenship;
28
29 (e) Fugitives from justice in criminal or non-political cases here and
30 abroad;
31
32 (f) Permanent residents in a foreign country or those who have acquired
33 the right to reside abroad and continue to avail of the same right after
34 the effectivity of the Local Government Code; and
35
36 (g) The insane and feeble-minded.
37

38 Section. 21. *Permanent Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor and*
39 *City Vice Mayor.* – (a) If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the City
40 Mayor, the City Vice Mayor concerned shall become the City Mayor. If a
41 permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the City Vice Mayor, the highest

1 ranking *Sangguniang Panlungsod* member or, in case of his permanent
2 incapacity, the second highest ranking *Sangguniang Panlungsod* member, shall
3 become the City Mayor or the City Vice Mayor, as the case may be. Subsequent
4 vacancies in the said offices shall be filled automatically by the other
5 *Sanggunian Members* according to their ranking, which shall be determined on
6 the basis of the proportion of votes obtained by each winning candidates to the
7 total number of registered votes in the City in the immediately preceding local
8 election.

9
10 (b) A tie between or among the highest ranking *Sangguniang Panlungsod*
11 members shall be resolved by drawing of lots or toss coin.

12
13 (c) The successors as defined herein shall serve only the unexpired terms
14 of their predecessors. For purposes of this Act, a permanent vacancy arises
15 when an elective local official fills a higher vacant office, refuses to assume
16 office, fails to qualify, dies, is removed from office, voluntarily resigns, or is
17 otherwise permanently incapacitated to discharge the functions of his office.

18
19 Section. 22. *Permanent Vacancy in the Sanggunian.* – Permanent
20 vacancies in the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* where automatic succession as
21 provided above does not apply shall be filled by appointment in the following
22 manner:

23
24 (1) The Provincial Governor shall make the aforesaid appointment;

25
26 (2) Only the nominee of the political party under which the *Sanggunian*
27 member concerned had been elected and whose elevation to the next
28 higher in rank created the last vacancy in the *Sanggunian* shall be
29 appointed in the same manner herein provided. The appointee shall
30 come from the same political party as that of the *Sanggunian* member
31 who caused the vacancy and shall serve the unexpired term of the
32 vacant office. In the appointment herein mentioned, a nomination and
33 a certificate of membership of the appointee from the highest official
34 of the political party concerned are conditions *sine qua non*, and any
35 appointment without such nomination and certification shall be null
36 and void *ab initio* and shall be a ground for administrative action
37 against the official responsible therefor;

38
39 (3) In case the permanent vacancy is caused by a *Sanggunian* member
40 who does not belong to any political party, the City Mayor shall, upon
41 recommendation of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, appoint a qualified
42 person to fill the vacancy;

1 (4) In case of vacancy in the representation of the youth and the barangay
2 in the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, said vacancy shall be filled
3 automatically by the official next in rank of the organization
4 concerned.
5

6 Section 23. *Temporary Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor.* – (a)
7 When the City Mayor is temporarily incapacitated to perform his duties for
8 physical or legal reasons such as, but not limited to, leave of absence, travel
9 abroad, and suspension from office, the City Vice Mayor or the highest ranking
10 *Sangguniang Panlungsod* member shall automatically exercise the powers and
11 perform the duties and functions of the City Mayor, except the power to
12 appoint, suspend, or dismiss employees which can only be exercised if the
13 period of temporary incapacity exceeds THIRTY (30) working days.
14

15 (b) Said temporary incapacity shall terminate upon submission to the
16 *Sangguniang Panlungsod* of a written declaration by the City Mayor that he has
17 reported back to office. In cases where the temporary incapacity is due to legal
18 causes, the City Mayor shall submit necessary documents showing that said
19 legal causes no longer exist.
20

21 (c) When the City Mayor is travelling within the country but outside his
22 territorial jurisdiction for a period not exceeding THREE (3) consecutive days,
23 he may designate in writing the officer-in-charge of his office. Such
24 authorization shall specify the powers and functions that the local official
25 concerned shall exercise in the absence of the City Mayor except the power to
26 appoint, suspend, or dismiss employees.
27

28 (d) In the event, however, that the City Mayor falls or refuses to issue
29 such authorization, the City Vice Mayor or the highest ranking *Sangguniang*
30 *Panlungsod* member, as the case may be, shall have the right to assume the
31 powers, duties and functions of the said office on the fourth day of absence of
32 the City Mayor, subject to the limitations provided in *subsection (c)* hereof.
33

34 ARTICLE VII 35 CITY OFFICERS IN GENERAL 36

37 Section. 24. *City Offices.* – (a) There shall be established in the City
38 Government of Solano the following offices for its elective officials:
39

40 (1) The Office of the City Mayor;
41

42 (2) The Office of the City Vice Mayor; and

1
2 (3) The Office of the Members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*.
3

4 (b) The City shall likewise establish the following offices:
5

6 (1) *Finance Department* – to be composed of the Office of the City
7 Treasurer and Assistant City Treasurer; the Office of the City
8 Assessor and Assistant City Assessor; the Office of the City
9 Accountant and the Office of the City Budget Officer;
10

11 (2) *Health Department* – to be composed of the City Health Officer;
12 the Office of the City Veterinarian; and the Office of the City
13 Environment and Natural Resources Officer;
14

15 (3) *Legal Department* – to be composed of the office of the City Legal
16 Officer;
17

18 (4) *General Services Department* – to be composed of the Office of the
19 City General Services; the Office of the City Civil Registrar; the
20 Office of the City Administrator; the Office of the City Social
21 Welfare and Development Officer; the Office of the City
22 Information Officer; the Office of the City Population Officer; the
23 Office of the City Cooperatives Officer; and the Office of the
24 Secretary of the *Sanggunian*; and
25

26 (5) *Planning Department* – to be composed of the Office of the City
27 Engineer; the Office of the City Architect; and the Office of the
28 City Planning and Development Coordinator;
29

30 Section 25. *The Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary*. – The Secretary to
31 the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall take charge of the Office of the *Sanggunian*,
32 and shall:

33 (1) Attend and keep a journal of proceedings of meetings of the
34 *Sangguniang Panlungsod*;
35

36 (2) Keep the seal of the City and affix the same with his signature to
37 all ordinances, resolutions, and other official acts of the
38 *Sangguniang Panlungsod*;
39

- (3) Present copies of the ordinances, resolutions and other official acts of the *Sanggunian* to the Presiding Officer for his signature;
- (4) Forward for approval by the City Mayor, copies of ordinances enacted by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*;
- (5) Forward to the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* copies of duly approved ordinances and resolutions as provided under *Section 56, 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 non-confidential records herein open to the public during the usual business hours;
- (9) Translate into the dialect used by the majority of 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;
- (10) Take custody of the local archives and where applicable, the local library and annually account for the same; 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.

Section. 26. *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 civil service law, rules and regulations.

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

4
5 (c) No person shall be appointed treasurer unless he is a citizen of the
6 Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral character, a holder
7 of a college degree preferably in commerce, public administration or law from a
8 recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its
9 equivalent. He must have acquired experience in treasury or accounting service
10 for at least five (5) years.

11
12 (c) The City Treasurer shall receive such compensation, emoluments
13 and allowances as may be determined by law.

14
15 (d) The City Treasurer shall take charge of the Treasury Office and
16 shall:

- 17
18 1. Advise the City Mayor, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and other local
19 government and national officials concerned regarding disposition of
20 local government funds and on such other matters relative to public
21 finance;
22 2. Take custody and exercise proper management of funds of the city;
23 3. Take charge of the disbursement of all funds of the City and such
24 other funds the custody of which may be entrusted to him by law or
25 other competent authority;
26 4. Inspect private commercial and industrial establishments within the
27 jurisdiction of the City in relation to the implementation of tax
28 ordinances, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code;
29 5. Maintain and update the tax information system of the City; and
30 6. Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
31 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise
32 known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are
33 prescribed by law or ordinance.

34
35 Section 27. *The Assistant City Treasurer.* – (a) The Assistant City
36 Treasurer may be appointed by the Secretary of Finance from a list of at least
37 THREE (3) ranking eligible recommendees of the City Mayor, subject to civil
38 service laws, rules and regulations.

39
40 (b) No person shall be appointed Assistant City Treasurer unless he
41 is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good
42 moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in commerce,
43 public administration, or law from a recognized college or university, and

1 a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired
2 at least five (5) years experience in treasury or accounting.

3
4 (c) The Assistant City Treasurer shall receive such compensation,
5 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

6
7 (d) The Assistant City Treasurer shall assist the City Treasurer and
8 perform such other duties as the latter may assign him. He shall have
9 authority to administer oaths concerning notices and notifications to those
10 delinquent in the payment of the real property tax and concerning official
11 matter relating to the accounts of the City Treasurer or otherwise arising
12 from the offices of the City Treasurer and the City Assessor.

13
14 Section 28. *The City Assessor.* – (a) The City Assessor must be a citizen
15 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral character, a
16 holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical engineering,
17 commerce, or any other related course from a recognized college or university,
18 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired
19 experience in real property assessment work or in any related field for at least
20 five (5) years immediately preceding the day of his appointment.

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

24
25 (c) The City Assessor shall take charge of the city Assessor's
26 Office, and shall:

- 27
28 (1) Ensure that all laws and policies governing the appraisal and
29 assessment of real properties for taxation purposes are properly
30 executed;
31 (2) Initiate, review, and recommend changes in policies and
32 objectives, plans and programs, techniques, procedures and
33 practices in the valuation and assessment of real properties for
34 taxation purposes;
35 (3) Establish a systematic method of real property assessment;
36 (4) Install and maintain a real property identification and
37 accounting system;
38 (5) Prepare, install and maintain a system of tax mapping, showing
39 graphically all properties subject to assessment and gather all
40 data concerning the same;
41 (6) Conduct frequent physical surveys to verify and determine
42 whether all real properties within the City are properly listed in
43 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;
- (9) Issue, upon request of any interested party, certified copies of assessment records of real property 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.

Section 29. ***The Assistant City Assessor.*** – (a) The Assistant City Assessor must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral character, a holder of 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 day 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 on all declarations of real property for purposes of assessment.

Section 30. ***The City Accountant.*** – (a) The City Accountant must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, 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 day of his appointment.

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

1 (c) The City Accountant shall take charge of both the Office on
2 Accounting and Internal Audit Services and shall:

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- 4 (1) Install and maintain an internal audit system in the City;
 - 5 (2) Prepare and submit financial statements to the City Mayor and
6 to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*;
 - 7 (3) Appraise the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and other officials on
8 the financial conditions and operations of the City;
 - 9 (4) Certify to the availability of budgetary allotment to which
10 expenditures and obligations may be properly charged;
 - 11 (5) Review supporting documents before preparation of vouchers to
12 determine completeness of requirements;
 - 13 (6) Prepare statements of cash advances, liquidation, salaries,
14 allowances, reimbursements and remittances pertaining to the
15 City;
 - 16 (7) Post individual disbursements to the subsidiary ledger and index
17 cards;
 - 18 (8) Maintain individual ledgers for officials and employees of the
19 City pertaining to payrolls and deductions;
 - 20 (9) Record and post in index cards details of purchased furniture,
21 fixtures and equipment, including disposal thereof, if any;
 - 22 (10) Account for all issued requests for obligations and maintain
23 and keep all records and reports related thereto;
 - 24 (11) Prepare journals and the analysis of obligations and maintain
25 and keep all records and reports related thereto; and
 - 26 (12) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such
27 other powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160,
28 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and
29 those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.
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31 Section 31. ***The City Budget Officer.*** – (a) The City Budget Officer must
32 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral
33 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in accounting, economics,
34 public administration, or any related course from a recognized college or
35 university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have
36 acquired experience in government budgeting or in any related field for at least
37 five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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39 (b) The City Budget Officer shall receive such compensation,
40 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

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42 (c) The City Budget Officer shall take charge of the City Budget Office
43 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 thereof;
- (5) Submit periodic budgetary reports to the Department of Budget and Management;
- (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 the component city;
- (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.

Section 32. *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 Solano, 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 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 of 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 Sangguniang Panlungsod;
- (7) Promote people participation in development planning within the City; and
- (8) 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.

Section 33. *The City Engineer.* – (a) The City Engineer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral character, and a licensed 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) In general, initiate, review and recommend changes in policies and objectives, plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in infrastructure development and public works 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, and 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

1 known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are
2 prescribed by law or ordinance.
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4 Section 34. ***The City Health Officer.*** – (a) The City Health Officer must
5 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral
6 character, and a licensed medical practitioner. He must have acquired
7 experience in the practice of his profession for at least five (5) years
8 immediately preceding the date of his appointment.
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10 (b) The City Health Officer shall receive such compensation, emoluments
11 and allowances as may be determined by law.
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13 (c) The City Health Officer shall take charge of the Office of the City
14 Health Services, and shall:
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- 16 (1) Supervise the personnel and staff of said office, formulate program
17 implementation guidelines and rules and regulations for the operation
18 of the said office for the approval of the City Mayor, in order to assist
19 him in the efficient, effective and economical implementation of
20 health services program geared to the implementation of health-related
21 projects and activities;
- 22 (2) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
23 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City
24 Mayor, in carrying out activities to ensure the delivery of basic
25 services and provision of adequate facilities relative to health services;
- 26 (3) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the city
27 mayor, implement the same, particularly those concerning health
28 programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to
29 implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to
30 provide;
- 31 (4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of health services, particularly
32 during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and
33 calamities; and
- 34 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
35 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise
36 known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are
37 prescribed by law or ordinance.
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39 Section 35. ***The City Civil Registrar.*** – (a) The City Civil Registrar must
40 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral
41 character, a holder of a college degree from a recognized college or university,
42 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired

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

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4 (b) The City Civil Registrar shall receive such compensation, emoluments
5 and allowances as may be determined by law.

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7 (c) The City Civil Registrar shall be responsible for the civil registration
8 program in the City of Solano, pursuant to the Civil Registry Law, the Civil
9 Code, and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations issued to implement them.

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11 (d) The City Civil Registrar shall take charge of the Office of the City
12 Civil Registry, and shall:

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14 (1) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the city
15 mayor, implement the same, particularly those concerning civil
16 registry programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to
17 implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to
18 provide; and

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

23
24 Section 36. **The City Administrator.** – (a) The City Administrator must
25 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral
26 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in public administration, law,
27 or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade
28 civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in
29 management and administration work for at least five (5) years immediately
30 preceding the date of his appointment.

31
32 (b) The City Administrator shall receive such compensation, emoluments
33 and allowances as may be determined by law.

34
35 (c) The City Administrator shall take charge of the Office of the City
36 Administrator, and shall:

37
38 (1) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the city
39 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
40 the management and administration of related programs and projects
41 which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the
42 *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

- (2) 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;
- (3) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the city mayor on all matters relative to the management and administration of the City; and
- (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.

Section 37. **The City Legal Officer.** – (a) The City Legal Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, 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 City Legal Officer shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The City Legal Officer, the chief legal counsel of the City, shall take charge of the Office for Legal Services, 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 provisions of adequate facilities;
- (2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those concerning programs and projects related to legal services which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;
- (3) Recommend measures to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City Mayor on all matters related to upholding the rule of law;
- (4) Be in the frontline of protecting human rights and prosecuting any violation thereof, particularly those which occur during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities; 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.

1 Section 38. ***The City Veterinarian.*** – (a) The City Veterinarian must be a
2 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral
3 character, and a licensed doctor or veterinary medicine. He must have practiced
4 his profession for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of his
5 appointment.

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7 (b) The City Veterinarian shall receive such compensation, emoluments
8 and allowances as may be determined by law.

9
10 (c) The City Veterinarian shall take charge of the Office of Veterinary
11 Services, and shall:

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13 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
14 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City
15 Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic
16 services and provision of adequate facilities;
17 (2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the City
18 Mayor, implement the same, particularly those concerning veterinary
19 related activities which the City Mayor is empowered to implement
20 and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;
21 (3) Be in the frontline of veterinary-related activities, such as the outbreak
22 of highly contagious and deadly diseases and in situations resulting in
23 the depletion of animals for work and human consumption,
24 particularly those arising from and in the aftermath of man-made and
25 natural disasters and calamities;
26 (4) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
27 Mayor on all other matters relative to veterinary services which will
28 increase the number and improve the quality of livestock, poultry, and
29 other domestic animals used for work or human consumption; and
30 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
31 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise
32 known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are
33 prescribed by law or ordinance.

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35 Section 39. ***The City Social Welfare and Development Officer.*** – (a) The
36 City Social Welfare and Development Officer must be a citizen of the
37 Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral character, a duly
38 licensed social worker or any related course from a recognized college or
39 university, and a first degree civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must
40 have acquired experience in the practice of social work for at least five (5) years
41 immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

1 (b) The City Social Welfare and Development Officer shall receive such
2 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

3
4 (c) The City Social Welfare and Development Officer shall take charge of
5 the Office on Social Welfare and Development, and shall:

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7 (1) Formulate measures for the approval of the *Sangguniang*
8 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City
9 Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services
10 and provision of adequate facilities relative to social welfare and
11 development services;
12 (2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the
13 City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those concerning social
14 welfare programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to
15 implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to
16 provide;
17 (3) Be in the frontline of service delivery, particularly those
18 concerning immediate relief and assistance during and in the aftermath of
19 man-made and natural disasters and calamities;
20 (4) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advice the City
21 Mayor on all other matters related to social welfare and development
22 services which will improve the livelihood and living conditions of the
23 inhabitants; and
24 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
25 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known
26 as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by
27 law or ordinance.

28
29 **Section 40. *The City General Services Officer.*** – (a) The City General
30 Services Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of
31 Solano, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree on public
32 administration, business administration and management from a recognized
33 college or university, and a first degree civil service eligible or its equivalent.
34 He must have acquired experience in general services for at least five (5) years
35 immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

36
37 (b) The City General Services Officer shall receive such compensation,
38 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

39
40 (c) The City General Services Officer shall take charge of the Office of
41 Social Services, and shall:
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- (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 concerning 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;
- (3) 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;
- (4) Be in the frontline of general services related activities, such as the possible or 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 other matters related 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.

Section 41. ***The City Architect.*** - (a) The City Architect must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, 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 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 concerning architectural

1 planning and design of programs and projects which the city mayor is
2 empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
3 empowered to provide;

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

8 (4) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advice the City Mayor
9 on all other matters relative to architectural planning and design as it
10 relates to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

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

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16 Section 42. *The City Information Officer.* - (a) The City Information
17 Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of
18 good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in journalism,
19 mass communication or any related course from a recognized college or
20 university, and a first degree civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must
21 have experience in writing articles and research papers, or in writing for print,
22 television or broadcast media for at least three (3) years immediately preceding
23 the date of his appointment.

24
25 (b) The City Information Officer shall receive such compensation,
26 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

27
28 (c) The City Information Officer shall take charge of the Office on Public
29 Informaton, and shall:

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31 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
32 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City
33 Mayor in providing the information and research data required for the
34 delivery of basic services and provision of adequate facilities so that
35 the public becomes aware of said services and may fully avail of the
36 same;

37 (2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the City
38 Mayor, implement the same, particularly those concerning public
39 information and research data to support programs and projects which
40 the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the
41 *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

42 (3) Be in the frontline of providing information during and in the
43 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;

(4) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City Mayor on all other matters relative to public information and research data as it relates to the total socioeconomic development 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.

Section 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 Solano, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in environment, forestry, agriculture or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first degree 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 Environment and Natural Resources Office, 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 to environment and natural resources services;

(2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the city mayor, implement the same, particularly those concerning environment and natural resources 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 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;

- (4) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advice the City Mayor on all other matters relative to the protection, conservation, maximum utilization, application of appropriate technology and other matters related to the environment and natural resources; 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.

Section 44. ***The City Cooperatives Officer.*** - (a) The City Cooperative Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in business administration with special training in cooperatives or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first degree civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in cooperatives organization and management for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

(b) The City Cooperative Officer shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The City Cooperative Officer shall take charge of the Office for the Development of Cooperatives, 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 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 concerning the integration of cooperative principles and methods in 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 cooperatives organization, rehabilitation of 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;
- (4) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advice 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

1 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
2 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise
3 known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are
4 prescribed by law or ordinance.
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6 Section 45. *The City Population Officer.* - (a) The City Population
7 Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of
8 good moral character, a holder of a college degree with specialized training in
9 population development from a recognized college or university, and a first
10 degree civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in the
11 implementation of programs on population development or responsible
12 parenthood for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his
13 appointment.
14

15 (b) The City Population Officer shall receive such compensation,
16 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.
17

18 (c) The City Population Officer shall take charge of the Office on
19 Population Development, and shall:
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21 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
22 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City
23 Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic
24 services and provision of adequate facilities relative to the integration
25 of population development principles and in providing access to said
26 services and facilities;

27 (2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the City
28 Mayor, implement the same, particularly those concerning the
29 integration of population development principles and methods in
30 programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to
31 implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to
32 provide; and

33 (3) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
34 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise
35 known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are
36 prescribed by law or ordinance.
37

38 Section 46. *The City Agriculturist.* - (a) The City Agriculturist must be a
39 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Solano, of good moral
40 character, a holder of a college degree in agriculture or any related course from
41 a recognized college or university, and a first degree civil service eligible or its
42 equivalent. He must have practiced his profession in agriculture or acquired

1 experience in a related field for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the
2 date of his appointment.

3
4 (b) The City Agriculturist shall receive such compensation, emoluments
5 and allowances as may be determined by law.

6
7 (c) The City Agriculturist shall take charge of the Office of Agricultural
8 Services, and shall:

9
10 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
11 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the
12 City Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic
13 services and provision of adequate facilities relative to agricultural
14 services;

15 (2) Develop plans and strategies, and upon approval thereof by the
16 City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to
17 do with agricultural programs and projects which the City Mayor is
18 empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*
19 is empowered to provide; and

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

24
25 ARTICLE IX
26 TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

27
28 Section 47. ***Municipal Ordinances Existing at the Time of the Approval***
29 ***of this Act.*** – All municipal ordinances of the Municipality of Solano existing at
30 the time of the approval of this Act shall continue to be in force within the City
31 of Solano until the sangguniang panlungsod shall, by ordinance, provide
32 otherwise.

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34 Section 48. ***Suspension of Increase in Rates of Local Taxes.*** – No
35 increase in the rates of local taxes shall be imposed by the City within a period
36 of five (5) years from its acquisition of corporate existence.

37
38 Section 49. ***Plebiscite.*** – The City of Solano acquires existence upon the
39 ratification of its creation by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters
40 in a plebiscite to be conducted in the present Municipality of Solano within
41 SIXTY (60) days from the approval of this Act. The expenses for such
42 plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of Solano. The Commission on
43 Elections shall conduct and supervise such plebiscite.

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2 Section 50. *Officials of the City of Solano.* – The present elective
3 officials of the municipality shall continue to exercise their powers and
4 functions until such time that a new election is held and the duly-elected
5 officials shall have already qualified and assumed their offices. The appointive
6 officials and employees of the municipality shall likewise continue exercising
7 their functions and duties and they shall automatically be absorbed by the city
8 government of the City of Solano.

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10 Section 51. *Jurisdiction of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya.* – The City of
11 Solano shall, unless otherwise provided by law, continue to be under the
12 jurisdiction of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

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14 Section 52. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act is
15 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions thereof shall
16 remain valid and effective.

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18 Section 53. *Applicability of Laws.* – The provisions of Republic Act No.
19 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and such laws
20 as are applicable to component cities shall govern the City of Solano insofar as
21 they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

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23 Section 54. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect upon its
24 approval.

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27 Approved

