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2 **AN ACT**

3 **ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE METROPOLITAN**  
4 **MANILA COUNCIL IN FORMULATING POLICIES, RULES,**  
5 **REGULATIONS, AND IN ENACTING ORDINANCES FOR METRO**  
6 **MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.**  
7 **7924, ENTITLED, "AN ACT CREATING THE METROPOLITAN**  
8 **MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS**  
9 **AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR**  
10 **OTHER PURPOSES"**  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*  
14 *Congress assembled:*  
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16 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7924 is hereby amended, to  
17 read as follows:

18 "SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared  
19 [to be] the policy of the State to [treat] **RECOGNIZE AND**  
20 **REGARD** Metropolitan Manila, **COMPOSED OF THE CITIES**  
21 **OF CALOOCAN, LAS PIÑAS, MAKATI, MALABON,**

1 MANDALUYONG, MANILA, MARIKINA, MUNTINLUPA,  
2 NAVOTAS, PARAÑAQUE, PASAY, PASIG, QUEZON, SAN  
3 JUAN, TAGUIG, AND VALENZUELA, AND THE  
4 MUNICIPALITY OF PATEROS, as a special development and  
5 administrative region [and] UNDER THE DIRECT  
6 SUPERVISION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
7 PHILIPPINES. TOWARDS THIS END, certain basic services  
8 affecting [or involving] Metro Manila [as metro-wide services  
9 more] **MUST BE** efficiently and effectively planned, supervised  
10 and coordinated by a development authority [as created herein] **TO**  
11 **ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF GARBAGE, FLOODING,**  
12 **AIR POLLUTION, SCARCE SUPPLY OF SANITARY**  
13 **WATER, TRAFFIC, AND URBAN BLIGHT BROUGHT**  
14 **ABOUT BY URBAN MIGRATION AND POPULATION**  
15 **INCREASE,** without prejudice to the autonomy of the affected  
16 local government units (LGUs).

17 Pursuant to this policy, [Metropolitan Manila, as a public  
18 corporation created under Presidential Decree No. 824, embracing  
19 the cities of Caloocan, Manila, Mandaluyong, Makati, Pasay,  
20 Pasig, Quezon, and Muntinlupa, and the municipalities of Las  
21 Piñas, Malabon, Marikina, Navotas, Parañaque, Pateros, San Juan,  
22 Tagig, and Valenzuela, is hereby constituted into a special  
23 development and administrative region subject to direct

1 supervision of the President of the Philippines] **THE**  
2 **METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT**  
3 **AUTHORITY SHALL FORMULATE RULES AND**  
4 **REGULATIONS AND ENACT ORDINANCES TO**  
5 **ADDRESS METRO-WIDE PROBLEMS BY AUGMENTING**  
6 **AND HARMONIZING CONFLICTING POLICIES**  
7 **BETWEEN AND AMONG THE LOCALITIES OF**  
8 **METROPOLITAN MANILA.**

9 SEC. 2. Section 4 of the same Act is also amended to read as follows:

10 "SEC. 4. *Metro Manila Council.* The governing board and  
11 policy making body of the MMDA shall be the Metro Manila  
12 Council, composed of the mayors of [the eight (8) cities and nine  
13 (9) municipalities enumerated in Section 1 hereof] **METRO**  
14 **MANILA**, the president of the Metro Manila Vice Mayors League,  
15 and the president of the Metro Manila Councilors League.

16 The heads of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) [and  
17 Communications (DOTC)], Department of Public Works and  
18 Highways (DPWH), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department  
19 of Budget and Management (DBM), Housing and Urban  
20 Development Coordinating Committee (HUDCC), and **THE**  
21 Philippine National Police (PNP), or their duly authorized  
22 representatives, shall attend meetings of the council as non-voting  
23 members."

1                   “xxx                   xxx                   xxx.”

2           SEC. 3. Section 5 of the same Act is hereby amended, to read as  
3 follows:

4                   “SEC. 5. *Functions and Powers of the Metro Manila*  
5 *Development Authority.* The MMDA shall:

6                   (a)   xxx

7                   (b)   xxx

8                   (c)   Undertake and manage on its own metro-wide  
9 programs and projects for the delivery of specific services under its  
10 jurisdiction, **ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT ORDINANCES AND**  
11 **OTHER REGULATIONS THAT FALL WITHIN ITS**  
12 **MANDATE, UPON THE** [subject to the] approval **BY**  
13 **MAJORITY VOTE** of the Council. For this purpose, **THE**  
14 **MMDA** can create appropriate management **OR**  
15 **IMPLEMENTING** offices;

16                   (d)   xxx

17                   (e)   xxx

18                   (f)   xxx

19                   (g)   Perform other related functions required to achieve  
20 the objectives of the MMDA, including the undertaking of delivery  
21 of basic services to the local government units, when deemed  
22 necessary subject to prior coordination with and consent of the  
23 local government unit concerned **OR AS MAY BE MANDATED**

1 BY ANY ORDINANCE APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY  
2 OF THE *SANGGUNIANG* OF THE COMPONENT LOCAL  
3 GOVERNMENT UNITS OF METRO MANILA.”

4 (e) xxx

5 (f) xxx

6 (g) xxx

7 SEC. 4. Section 6 of the same Act is further amended, to read as  
8 follows:

9 “SEC. 6. *Functions of the Metro Manila Council.*

10 (a) xxx

11 (b) xxx

12 (c) xxx

13 (d) It shall [promulgate] **PRESCRIBE, FORMULATE,**  
14 **AND ISSUE ORDINANCES,** rules and regulations and set  
15 policies and standards for metro-wide application governing the  
16 delivery of basic services **WITHIN THE MANDATE OF THE**  
17 **MMDA,** prescribe and collect service and regulatory fees, and  
18 impose and collect fines [and] **OR** penalties.

19 **(E) IT MAY ARBITRATE ANY CONFLICT OR**  
20 **ISSUE ARISING FROM ANY ORDINANCE, RULE,**  
21 **REGULATION, POLICY OR STANDARD BETWEEN OR**  
22 **AMONG THE CITY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.”**

1 SEC. 5. A new section to be denominated as Section 6-A is hereby added  
2 after Section 6 of the same Act, to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 6-A. *METRO MANILA COUNCIL ORDINANCE.*

4 THE DULY APPROVED AND RATIFIED ORDINANCE  
5 ISSUED BY THE METRO MANILA COUNCIL SHALL BE  
6 BINDING ON ALL COMPONENT LGUs OF METRO  
7 MANILA AND SHALL HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND  
8 EFFECT OF A LAW THEREIN. THE MMDA SHALL BE  
9 THE LEAD AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT ANY ORDINANCE  
10 AND SHALL BE ASSISTED BY THE LOCAL  
11 GOVERNMENT UNITS OR OTHER ENFORCEMENT  
12 AGENCIES THEREIN.

13 TO BE ENFORCEABLE, AN ORDINANCE MUST  
14 BE APPROVED AND RATIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING  
15 MANNER:

16 (A) ANY MEMBER OF THE METRO MANILA  
17 COUNCIL, OR THE *SANGGUNIAN* OF ANY CITY OR  
18 MUNICIPALITY, MAY PROPOSE TO THE METRO  
19 MANILA COUNCIL AN ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS OR  
20 RESOLVE ANY RELEVANT MATTER THAT FALLS  
21 WITHIN THE MANDATE OF THE MMDA.

22 (B) THE MEMBERS OF THE METRO MANILA  
23 COUNCIL SHALL COORDINATE AND CONSULT WITH

1        THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS  
2        AND OFFICES AND THE PUBLIC TO DETERMINE THAT  
3        THE MATTER PRESENTED TO THE METRO MANILA  
4        COUNCIL IS RELEVANT AND OF METRO-WIDE  
5        APPLICATION. THE RESULT OF THE METRO-WIDE  
6        CONSULTATION SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE  
7        METRO MANILA COUNCIL, WHICH MAY OPT TO  
8        FORM A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP AS IT DEEMS  
9        NECESSARY ON ISSUES ARISING FROM THE  
10       CONSULTATIONS.

11            (C) AFTER DUE AND DILIGENT  
12        CONSULTATIONS AND DELIBERATIONS, THE METRO  
13        MANILA COUNCIL SHALL VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL  
14        AND APPROVE IT BY THE MAJORITY VOTE OF ITS  
15        VOTING MEMBERS.

16            (D) IF THE VOTE IS IN FAVOR OF THE  
17        PROPOSAL, THE METRO MANILA COUNCIL SHALL  
18        PRESENT IT TO THE *SANGGUNIANG* OF EACH  
19        CITY/MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT UNIT FOR ITS  
20        APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL. IF THE VOTE IS NOT  
21        FAVORABLE, THE METRO MANILA COUNCIL SHALL  
22        ARCHIVE IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

1 (E) AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE PROPOSAL,  
2 THE *SANGGUNIAN* SHALL EITHER APPROVE OR  
3 DISAPPROVE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE *IN TOTO*  
4 WITHOUT ANY AMENDMENT.

5 (F) WITHIN THIRTY (30) WORKING DAYS FROM  
6 THE RECEIPT OF THE PROPOSAL, THE *SANGGUNIAN*  
7 SHALL SUBMIT TO THE METRO MANILA COUNCIL ITS  
8 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPROVAL OR  
9 DISAPPROVAL ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

10 (G) THE FAILURE OF THE *SANGGUNIAN* TO  
11 SUBMIT ITS RESOLUTION WITHIN THE REQUIRED  
12 PERIOD IS CONSIDERED AS AN APPROVAL OF THE  
13 CONCERNED *SANGGUNIAN*.

14 (H) THE METRO MANILA COUNCIL SHALL  
15 DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS  
16 APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE *SANGGUNIAN*  
17 UNITS.

18 (I) IF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS  
19 APPROVED, THE METRO MANILA COUNCIL SHALL  
20 RATIFY THE APPROVED ORDINANCE BY THE  
21 MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL ITS VOTING MEMBERS. IF  
22 THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS DISAPPROVED, THE



1 METRO MANILA COUNCIL SHALL DETERMINE AND  
2 SETTLE THE ISSUES GOVERNING ITS DISAPPROVAL.

3 (J) WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS FROM THE  
4 RATIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCE, THE METRO  
5 MANILA COUNCIL SHALL POST THE ORDINANCE IN  
6 THE BULLETIN BOARDS AND ANY CONSPICUOUS  
7 PLACES IN THE MMDA OFFICES AND CITY OR  
8 MUNICIPAL HALLS IN METRO MANILA, AS WELL AS  
9 IN THEIR WEBSITES OR OFFICIAL ELECTRONIC  
10 PAGES. IF THE ORDINANCE CARRIES PENAL  
11 SANCTIONS, IT MUST BE PUBLISHED IN ONE (1)  
12 NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION.

13 (K) THE DULY APPROVED AND RATIFIED  
14 ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT FIFTEEN (15) DAYS  
15 AFTER ITS POSTING OR PUBLICATION. HOWEVER,  
16 THIS PERIOD MAY BE SHORTENED IN EXEPTIONAL  
17 OR EMERGENCY CASES WHEN EARLIER  
18 IMPLEMENTATION IS NECESSARY.”

19 SEC. 6. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the  
20 Metro Manila Council shall promulgate rules and regulations implementing the  
21 provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant  
22 to this section shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication in one (1)  
23 newspaper of general circulation.

1           SEC. 7. If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or  
2   invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected shall continue to  
3   remain in full force and effect.

4           SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
5   the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

6           Approved,