

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1626, June 29, 1979**
]

AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE IN SALARIES OF THE METROPOLITAN MANILA COMMISSION OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE MAYORS IN FOUR (4) CITIES OF METROPOLITAN MANILA.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to adjust the salaries of government officials and employees to enable them to cope with the rising costs of living;

WHEREAS, in line with this policy, Executive Order No. 79-02 of the Metro Manila Governor has authorized the salary adjustment of city/municipal officials within Metro Manila , including those in the Metropolitan Manila Commission;

WHEREAS, such increase in salaries, particularly the adjustment to CESO rates of the salaries of city/municipal officials occupying position which were equated to the Career Executive Service have, aside from rendering the present rates of Metropolitan Manila Commission officials and City Mayors in the four cities (4) of Metro Manila obsolete and unrealistic, also brought about the undesirable situation where the superior officials receive lower salaries than their subordinates;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree:

SECTION 1. *Salaries of MMC Governor, Vice-Governor and Three (3) Commissions for Planning, Operations and Finance.* — The salaries of the Metropolitan Manila Governor/Chairman shall be increased from P60,000 to P75,000, the Vice Governor/Vice Chairman from P50,000 to P60,000, and the three (3) Commissioners for Planning, Operations and Finance from P45,000 to P55,000 each per annum.

SEC. 2. Salaries of Assistant to the Governor and the Assistants for Planning, Operations and Finance.— In the meantime and until the Metro Manila Commission is constituted, the salaries authorized in the preceding section for the Vice Governor/Vice Chairman and Commissioners for Planning, Operations and Finance shall be enjoyed/received by the Assistant to the MMC Governor/Chairman and the Assistants for Planning, Operations and Finance, respectively.

SEC. 3. Salaries of Mayors of the Four (4) Cities in Metro Manila.—The salaries of the City Mayor of Manila shall be fixed at P54,000 per annum while those of the City Mayors of Pasay, Caloocan and Quezon cities shall receive P50,000 each, per annum.

SEC. 4. Funding.—The amounts necessary to implement the salary increase of the abovementioned officials shall be drawn from the salary savings or such other funds of the Metro Manila Commission or the city concerned as are not otherwise earmarked for specific purposes.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. —The salary increase authorized in this Decree shall be made effective May 1, 1979.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E.