[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9649, July 07, 2009]

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5412, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS

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

SECTION 1. Sections 98 and 101 of Republic Act No. 5412, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 98. All lands of the public domain having been ceded by the national government to the City of General Santos, the city shall exercise the rights and prerogatives over such lands in the concept of a beneficial owner. The disposition of all lands of the public domain within the city shall be in accordance with the provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 141, as amended, and all other pertinent laws, executive issuances, rules and regulations: *Provided*, That all incomes and receipts derived from such disposition, administration and management of all lands of the public domain shall accrue exclusively and to be turned over immediately without need of demand to the city as provided in this Act: *Provided, further,* That the city government shall at all times be consulted and informed of such disposition, administration and management: *Provided, finally,* That the city government shall concur prior to any disposition, administration and management of such public lands."

SEC. 101. Ownership of Waterworks, Electric Light and Power and Telephone Systems, Roads, Streets, Etc. — Any provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, all existing waterworks, electric light and power, and/or telephone systems presently operated by the Municipality of General Santos shall be owned by the city, and revenues therefrom shall accrue to the general fund of the city.

"All existing municipal and provincial roads, streets, bridges, docks, piers, wharves, machineries, equipment and other public works improvements shall be owned by the city, and the funds and assets of the Municipality of Genral Santos shall be owned by the city and its liabilities shall be assumed by the city, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Notwithstanding the provisions of Republic Act Nos. 8371, 7916 and 6657, as amended, the city government shall be informed and its concurrence shall be sought on all matters relating to lands by agencies of government concerned, which the city council determines for the use of the city."