

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9008, February 21, 2001]

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE
OF ALBAY INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY
OF LIGAO**

*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 Ligao."

SEC. 2. *The City of Ligao.* - The Municipality of Ligao shall be converted into a component city to be known as the City of Ligao, hereinafter referred to as the City, which shall comprise the present territory of the Municipality of Ligao, Province of Albay. The territorial jurisdiction of the City shall be within the present metes and bounds of the Municipality of Ligao, containing an area of 24,675 hectares or 246.75 sq. kms. as per approved cadastral survey. The City of Ligao shall have the following metes and bounds.

Rounded on the NW., along lines 1 to 22 by the Municipality of Oas on the NE., along lines 22 to 25 by the Municipality of Tabaco; on the SE., along lines 25 to 44 by the Municipality of Guinobatan; along lines 44 to 47 by the Municipality of Pio Duran; on the South, along lines 47 to 168 by the Cagmanaba Bay; on the NW., along lines 168 to 170 to the point of beginning by the Municipality of Oas.

Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being S-44-17W 28890.07 meters from BLLM No.1, Cad 239-D Ligao Cadastre, Thence:

LINE	BEARING
1-2	N38-16E
2-3	N34-31E
3-4	N37-08E
4-5	N32-34E
5-6	N41-58E
6-7	N28-50E
7-8	N44-25E
8-9	N44-11E
9-10	N44-04E
10-11	N58-01E
11-12	N57-40E
12-13	N45-49E

13-14	N46-12E
14-15	N46-18E
15-16	N46-12E
16-17	N46-21E
17-18	N46-40E
18-19	N46-34E
19-20	N46-49E
20-21	N55-57E
21-22	N56-14E
22-23	S71-31E
23-24	S53-02E
24-25	S48-50E
25-26	N70 - 17W
26-27	N70 - 04W
27-28	N70 - 26W
28-29	S78 - 45W
29-30	S45 - 53W
30-31	S45 - 53W
31-32	S45 - 55W
32-33	S54 - 54W
33-34	S54 - 54W
34-35	S47 - 40W
35-36	S47 - 42W
36-37	S47 - 41W
37-38	S44 - 23W
38-39	S41 - 35W
39-40	S41 - 26W
40-41	S45-29E
41-42	S27 - 32W
42-43	S41 - 40W
43-44	S43 - 59W
44-45	S67 - 02W
45-46	S74 - 08W
46-47	S03-35E
47-48	N73 - 45W
48-49	N65 - 36W
49-50	N73 - 45W
50-51	S89 - 15W
51-52	S81-01W
52-53	S84 - 00W
53-54	S73 - 56W
54-55	S82 - 18W
55-56	S76-41W
56-57	S66-51W
57-58	S67 - 25W
58-59	S62 - 03W
59-60	S64 - 24W
60-61	S63 - 54W
61-62	S41 - 48W
62-63	S39-11W
63-64	S22 - 40W
64-65	S14-33W

65-66	S12-48W
66-67	S00-35E
67-68	S15-28W
68-69	S14-52W
69-70	S01-57E
70-71	S21-23W
71-72	S54 - 19W
72-73	S58 - 26W
73-74	S50 - 26W
74-75	S22 - 29W
75-76	S40 - 50W
76-77	S70 - 44W
77-78	S50 - 19W
78-79	S62 - 07W
79-80	S62 - 09W
80-81	S66 - 09W
81-82	N56 - 49W
82-83	N87 - 17W
83-84	N77 - 40W
84-85	S17-58W
85-86	S38 - 29W
86-87	S58 - 17W
87-88	S65 - 57W
88-89	S63 - 29W
89-90	S50 - 45W
90-91	S54 - 54W
91-92	S60 - 55W
92-93	S57 - 49W
93-94	S70 - 09W
94-95	S65 - 09W
95-96	S60 - 05W
96-97	S64-33W
97-98	S70 - 15W
98-99	S67 - 25W
99 -100	S68 - 50W
100-101	N89 - 57W
101-102	S59 - 43W
102 -103	S64 - 01W
103 -104	S66 - 07W
104 - 105	S76 - 43W
105 - 106	N89 - 58W
106 - 107	N73 - 34W
107 - 108	N83 - 40W
108 - 109	S85 - 04W
109 - 110	N77 - 57W
110 - 111	S80 - 07W
111 - 112	S89 - 11W
112 - 113	S71 - 36W
113 - 114	S48 - 51W
114 - 115	S43 - 22W
115 - 116	S39 - 33W
116 - 117	S33 - 28W

117 - 118	S36 - 44W
118 - 119	S45 - 37W
119 - 120	S64 - 44W
120 - 121	S68 - 07W
121 - 122	S82 - 27W
122 - 123	S73 - 09W
123 - 124	N88 - 21W
124 - 125	N47 - 31W
125 - 126	N41 - 54W
126 - 127	N31 - 58W
127 - 128	N35 - 43W
128 - 129	N20 - 00W
129 - 130	N33 - 03W
130 - 131	N21 - 04W
131 - 132	N24 - 28W
132 - 133	N26 - 16W
133 - 134	N23 - 50W
134 - 135	N19 - 42W
135 - 136	N23 - 55W
136 - 137	N43 - 37W
137 - 138	N57 - 51W
138 - 139	N73 - 42W
139 - 140	N67 - 03W
140 - 141	N61 - 18W
141 - 142	N50 - 00W
142 - 143	N24 - 32W
143 - 144	N09 - 54W
144 - 145	N42 - 11W
145 - 146	N14 - 53W
146 - 147	N22 - 48E
147 - 148	N07 - 42E
148 - 149	N00 - 02E
149 - 150	N12 - 44W
150 - 151	N26 - 31W
151 - 152	N18 - 05W
152 - 153	N32 - 49W
153 - 154	N26 - 59W
154 - 155	N05 - 29W
155 - 156	N29 - 19W
156 - 157	N38 - 28W
157 - 158	N07 - 52W
158 - 159	N19-41W
159 - 160	N30 - 25W
160 - 161	N42 - 03W
161 - 162	N46 - 26W
162 - 163	N61-48W
163 - 164	N89 - 58W
164 - 165	N33 - 50W
165 - 166	N16 - 56W
166 - 167	DUEN
167 - 168	N31-53E
168 - 169	S86-49E

The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by the appropriate agency or forum of existing boundary disputes or cases involving questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City of Ligao and the adjoining local government units.

SEC. 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 provision of this Charter. The City shall have the following corporate powers:

- a. To have a continuous succession in its corporate name;
- b. To sue and be sued;
- c. To have and use a corporate seal;
- d. To acquire, hold and convey real or personal property;
- e. To enter into any contracts and/or agreements; and
- f. To exercise such other powers, prerogatives or authority subject to the limitations provided in this Act or laws.

SEC. 4. *General Powers.* - The City shall have a common seal and may alter the same at pleasure. It shall exercise the powers to levy taxes; to close and open roads, streets, alleys, parks or squares; to take, purchase, receive, hold, lease, convey and dispose of real and personal property for the general interests of the City; to expropriate or condemn private property for public use; to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued; to prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution suits wherein the City is involved or interested in and to exercise all the powers as are granted to corporations or as hereinafter granted.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 6. *Jurisdiction of the City.* - The jurisdiction of the City of Ligao, for police purposes only, shall be coextensive with its territorial jurisdiction and for the purpose of protecting and ensuring the purity of the water supply of the City, such police jurisdiction shall also extend over all the 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 regional trial courts and the city courts of the City of Ligao shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the regional trial courts and the metropolitan trial courts or city or municipal trial courts of the adjoining municipalities to try crimes and misdemeanor committed within the said drainage area, or within said space of one hundred meters (100 m.). The court first taking jurisdiction of such offense shall thereafter retain exclusive jurisdiction thereof. But any license that may be issued within said zone, area or spaces shall be granted by the proper authorities of the city or municipality concerned, and the fees arising therefrom shall accrue to the treasury of the said city or municipality.