

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2668, June 18, 1960]

AN ACT CREATING THE CITY OF GINGOOG

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Charter of the City of Gingoog.

ARTICLE I.—General Provisions

SEC. 2. *Territory of the City of Gingoog.*—The City of Gingoog, which is hereby created, shall comprise the present territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Gingoog in the Province of Misamis Oriental.

SEC. 3. *Corporate character of the city.*—The City of Gingoog constitutes a political body corporate and is endowed with the attribute 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.

SEC. 4. *Seal and general powers of the city.*—The city shall have a common seal, and may alter the same at pleasure. It may take, purchase, receive, hold, lease, convey, and dispose of real and personal property for the general interests 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 executive wherein said city is a party, and exercise all the powers hereinafter conferred.

SEC. 5. *The city not liable for damages.*—The city shall not be liable or held for damages or injuries to persons or property arising from the failure of the Municipal Board, the Mayor, or any other city officer or employee, to enforce the provisions of this Charter, or any other law or ordinance, or from negligence of said Municipal Board, Mayor or other city officers or employees while enforcing or attempting to enforce the provisions: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall prevent any aggrieved party from filing a personal action in the proper court against any official or employee of the city government for any act or omission in the performance of his duties.

SEC. 6. *Jurisdiction of the city.*—The jurisdiction of the City of Gingoog for police purposes shall be coextensive, with its territorial jurisdiction and shall extend to three miles from the shore into Gingoog Bay; and for the purpose of protecting and insuring the purity 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 of any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct or pumping station used in connection with the city water service. The municipal court of the city shall have

concurrent jurisdiction with the justice of the peace court of the respective municipalities, to try crimes and misdemeanors committed within said drainage area, or within said spaces of one hundred meters. The court first taking jurisdiction of such an offense shall thereafter retain exclusive jurisdiction thereof. The police force of the several municipalities 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. But any license that may be issued within said zone, area or space shall be granted by the proper authorities of the municipality concerned, and the fees arising therefrom shall accrue to the treasury of the said municipality concerned and not to that of the city.

ARTICLE II.—*The Mayor*

SEC. 7. *The Mayor—His election, qualifications and compensation.*—The Mayor shall be the chief executive of the city. He shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city during every election for provincial and municipal officials in conformity with the provisions of the Election Code. No person shall be elected mayor unless at the time of the election he is at least twenty-five years of age, a resident of the city for at least two years prior to his election, and a qualified voter therein.

He shall receive compensation as provided in Republic Act Numbered Eight hundred forty.

SEC. 8. *The Vice-Mayor—His election, qualifications, duties and compensation.*—There shall be a vice-mayor who shall be elected in the same manner as the mayor and shall at the time of his election possess the same qualifications as the mayor. He shall perform the duties of the mayor, in the event of the sickness, absence or other temporary incapacity of the mayor, or in the event of a definitive vacancy in the position of mayor. If, for any reason, the vice-mayor is temporarily incapacitated for the performance of the duties of the office of the mayor, or said office of the vice-mayor is vacant, the duties of the mayor shall be performed by the councilor who obtained the highest number of votes. The acting mayor shall have the same powers and duties as the mayor.

The vice-mayor shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the mayor or prescribed by law and ordinance. He shall receive a salary of not exceeding three thousand pesos *per annum*.

SEC. 9. *General powers and duties of the Mayor.*—Unless otherwise provided by law, the Mayor shall have immediate control over the executive and administrative functions of the different departments of the city, subject to the authority and supervision of the Office of the President. He shall have the following general powers and duties:

- a. To comply with and enforce and give the necessary orders for the faithful enforcement and execution of the laws and ordinances in effect within the jurisdiction of the city.
- b. To safeguard all the lands, buildings, records, moneys, credits, and other properties and rights of the city, and, subject to the provisions of this Charter,

have control over all its property.

- c. To see that all taxes and other revenues of the city are collected, and applied in accordance with appropriations to the payment of the municipal expenses.
- d. To cause to be instituted judicial proceedings to recover property and funds of the city wherever found, to cause to be defended all suits against the city, and otherwise to protect the interests of the city.
- e. To see that the executive officers and employees of the city properly discharge their respective duties. The Mayor may, in the interest of the service and with the approval of the Department Head of the National Government first had, transfer officers and employees not appointed by the President of the Philippines from one section, division, or service to another section, division, or service within the same department without changing the compensation they receive.
- f. To examine and inspect the books, records, and papers of all officers, agents, and employees of the city over whom he has executive supervision and control at least once a year, and whenever occasion arises. For this purpose he shall be provided by the Municipal Board with such clerical or other assistance as may be necessary.
- g. To give such information and recommend such measures to the Board as he shall deem advantageous to the city.
- h. To represent the city in all its business matters and sign in its behalf all its bonds, contracts, and obligations made in accordance with law or ordinance.
- i. To submit to the Municipal Board at least two months before the beginning of each fiscal year a budget of receipts and expenditures of the city.
- j. To receive, hear, and decide as he may deem proper the petitions, complaints, and claims of the residents concerning all classes of municipal matters of an administrative or executive character.
- k. To grant or refuse municipal licenses or permits of all classes and to revoke the same for violation of the conditions upon which they were granted, or if acts prohibited by law or municipal ordinance are being committed under the protection of such licenses or in the premises in which the business for which the same have been granted is carried on, or for any other good reason of general interest.
- l. To exempt, with the concurrence of the division superintendent of schools, deserving poor pupils from the payment of school fees or of any part thereof.
- m. To take such emergency measures as may be necessary to avoid fires and floods and mitigate the effects of storms and other public calamities.
- n. To submit an annual report to the Office of the President.
- o. To perform such other duties and exercise such other executive powers as may be prescribed by law or ordinances.

SEC. 10. *Secretary to the Mayor.*—The Mayor shall appoint one secretary who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Mayor and who shall receive a compensation, to be fixed by ordinance approved by the Office of the President, at not exceeding two thousand seven hundred pesos *per annum*.

The secretary shall have charge and custody of all records and documents of the city and of any office or department thereof for which provision is not otherwise made; shall keep the corporate seal and affix the same with his Signature to all ordinances and resolutions signed by the Mayor and to all other official documents and papers of the government of the city as may be required by law or ordinance; shall attest

all executive orders, proclamations, ordinances, and resolutions signed by the Mayor; shall, upon request, furnish certified copies of all city records and documents in his charge which are not of a confidential character and shall charge twenty centavos for each one hundred words including the certificate, such to be paid directly to the city treasurer; and shall perform such other duties as the Mayor may require of him.

ARTICLE III.—*The Municipal Board*

SEC. 11. *Constitution and organization of the Municipal Board—Compensation of members thereof.*—The Municipal Board shall be the legislative body of the city and shall be composed of the vice-mayor, who shall be its presiding officer, and six councilors who shall be elected at large by popular vote during every election for provincial and municipal officials in conformity with the provisions of the Revised Election Code. In case of sickness, absence, suspension or other temporary disability of any member of the Board, or if necessary to maintain a *quorum*, the President of the Philippines may appoint a temporary substitute who shall possess all the rights and perform all the duties of a member of the Board until the return to duty of the regular incumbent.

If any member of the Municipal Board should be a candidate for office in any election, he shall be disqualified to act with the Board in the discharge of the duties conferred upon it relative to election matters, and in such case the other members of the Board shall discharge said duties without his assistance, or they may choose some disinterested elector of the city to act with the Board in such matters in his stead.

The members of the Municipal Board shall receive compensation as provided in Republic Act Numbered Eight hundred forty.

SEC. 12. *Qualifications, suspension and removal of Members of the Board.*—The members of the Municipal shall at the time of their election be qualified electors of the city, residents therein for at least one year, and not less than twenty-three years of age. Upon qualifying the members-elect shall assume office on the date fixed in the Revised Election Code until their successors are elected and qualified.

The members of the Municipal Board may be suspended or removed from office under the same circumstances, in the same manner, and with the same effect, as elective provincial officers, and the provisions of law providing for the suspension or removal of elective provincial officers are hereby made effective for the suspension or removal of said members of the Board.

Vacancies in the Municipal Board shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Election Code.

SEC. 13. *Appointment, salary and duties of Secretary of the Board.*—The Board shall have a secretary who shall be appointed by it to serve during the term of office of the members thereof. The compensation of the secretary shall be fixed by ordinance, approved by the Office of the President, at not exceeding two thousand seven hundred pesos *per annum*. A vacancy in the office of the secretary shall be

filled temporarily for the unexpired term in like manner.

The secretary shall be in charge of the records of the Municipal Board. He shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Board, and file all documents relating thereto; shall record, in a book kept for that purpose, all ordinances, and all resolutions and motions directing the payment of money or creating liability, enacted or adopted by the Board, with the dates of passage of the same and of the publication of ordinances; shall keep a seal, circular in form, with the inscription "Municipal Board—City of Gingoog," and in the center of which shall be placed the arms of the city, and affix the same, with his signature, to all ordinances and other official acts of the Board, and shall present the same for signature to the presiding officer of the Board; shall cause each ordinance to be published as herein provided; shall, upon request, furnish copies of all records of public character in his charge under the seal of his office and charge twenty centavos for each one hundred words including the certificate, the fees to keep paid directly to the city treasurer; and shall keep his office and all records therein which are not of a confidential character open to public inspection during usual business hours.

SEC. 14. *Method of transacting business by the Board—Veto, authentication and publication of ordinances.*—Unless the Office of the President orders otherwise, the Board shall hold one ordinary session for the transaction of business during each week on a day which it shall fix by resolution, and such extraordinary sessions, not exceeding thirty during any one year, as may be called by the Mayor. It shall sit with open doors, unless otherwise ordered by an affirmative vote of four members. It shall keep a record of its proceedings and determine its rules of procedure not herein set forth. Four members of the Board shall constitute a *quorum* for the transaction of business. But a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and may compel the immediate attendance of any member absent without good cause by issuing to the police of the city an order for his arrest and production at the session under such penalties as shall have been previously prescribed by ordinance. Four affirmative votes shall be necessary for the passage of any ordinance, or of any resolution or motion directing the payment of money or creating liability, but any other measure shall prevail upon the majority votes of the members present at any meeting duly called and held. The *ayes* and *nays* shall be taken and recorded upon the passage of all ordinances, upon all resolutions or motions directing the payment of money or creating liability, and, at the request of any member, upon any other resolution or motion. Each, approved ordinance, resolution or motion shall be sealed with the seal of the Board, signed by the presiding officer and the secretary of the Board and recorded in a book kept for the purpose, and shall, on the day following its passage, be posted by the secretary at the main entrance of the City Hall and at least two other public places, and shall take effect and be in force on and after the tenth day following its passage unless otherwise stated in said ordinance, resolution or motion or vetoed by the Mayor as hereinafter provided. A vetoed ordinance, if repassed, shall take effect ten days after the veto is overridden by the required votes unless otherwise stated in the ordinance or again disapproved by the Mayor within said time.

Each ordinance and each resolution or motion directing the payment of money or creating liability enacted or adopted by the Board shall be forwarded to the Mayor for his approval. Within ten days after the receipt of the ordinance, resolution, or motion, the Mayor shall return it with his approval or veto. If he does not return it within that time, it shall be deemed to be approved. If he returns it with his veto,