

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1269, June 14, 1955**]

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF PASAY CITY, AS AMENDED.

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

SECTION 1. Sections seven and eight of Republic Act Numbered One hundred eighty-three are amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. *The Mayor—His election 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 Revised Election Code. No person shall be elected mayor unless 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 a salary of not exceeding seven thousand two hundred pesos a year. With the approval of the Municipal Board, the Mayor may be provided, in addition to his salary, a non-commutable allowance of not exceeding two thousand pesos per annum."

"SEC. 8. *The Vice-Mayor.*—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 receive a salary of not exceeding four thousand eight hundred pesos a year. He shall act as Mayor and perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Mayor, in the event of sickness, absence, or other permanent or temporary incapacity of the Mayor and he shall, when occupying the position of the Mayor, be entitled to the salary and allowances of the Mayor."

SEC. 2. The last paragraph of section twelve of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"The members of the Municipal Board shall receive a fixed salary of not exceeding three thousand six hundred pesos each *per annum.*"

SEC. 3. Section twenty-five of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 25. *The City Attorney—His powers and duties.*—There shall be a City Attorney who shall be the chief of the Law Department of the city, a first assistant attorney who shall be the assistant chief, a second assistant city

attorney, and two third assistant city attorneys, who shall discharge their duties under the general supervision of the Secretary of Justice. The City Attorney shall be the chief legal adviser of the city and all offices and departments thereof. He shall have the following powers and duties:

"(a) He shall represent the city in all civil cases wherein the city or any officer thereof, in his official capacity, is a party.

"(b) He shall, when directed by the Mayor, institute and prosecute in the city's interest a suit on any bond, lease, or other contract and upon any breach or violation thereof.

"(c) He shall, when requested, attend meetings of the Board, draw ordinances, contracts, bonds, leases, and other instruments involving any interest of the city, and inspect and pass upon any such instrument already drawn.

"(d) He shall give his opinion in writing, when requested by the Mayor or the Board or any of the heads of the city departments, upon any question relating to the city departments, upon any question relating to the city or the rights or duties of any city officer thereof.

"(e) He shall, whenever, it is brought to his knowledge that any person, firm, or corporation holding or exercising any franchise or public privilege from the city, has failed to comply with any condition, or to pay any consideration mentioned in the grant of such franchise or privilege, investigate or cause to be investigated the same and report to the Mayor.

"(f) He shall investigate all charges of crimes, misdemeanors, and violations of laws and city ordinances and prepare the necessary informations or make the necessary complaints against the person accused. He may conduct such investigations by taking oral evidence of reputed witnesses and for this purpose may, by sub-poena, summon witnesses to appear and testify under oath before him, and the attendance or evidence of an absent or recalcitrant witness may be enforced by application to the municipal court or the Court of First Instance.

"(g) He shall have charge of the prosecution of all crimes, misdemeanors and violations of laws and city ordinances triable in the Court of First Instance of Rizal and the municipal court of the city, and shall discharge all the duties in respect to criminal prosecutions enjoined by law upon provincial fiscals.

"(h) He shall cause to be investigated the causes of sudden deaths which have not been satisfactorily explained and when there is suspicion that the cause arose from unlawful acts or omissions of other persons or from foul play. For that purpose he may cause autopsies to be made in case it is deemed necessary and shall be entitled to demand and receive for the purpose of such investigations or autopsies the aid of the city health officer.