

Republic of the Philippines CITY COUNCIL City of Manila

REGULAR SESSION NO. 137

10TH CITY COUNCIL

Begun and held in the City Council on Monday, the twenty-second day of October, Two Thousand Eighteen

ORDINANCE NO. 8553

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8531, BY PROVIDING FOR THE ENTITLEMENT OF ALL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC) JUDGES TO THE MONTHLY ALLOWANCE GIVEN BY THE CITY OF MANILA AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE INCREASE OF SAID MONTHLY ALLOWANCE AND ALLOCATING THE FUNDS NECESSARY THEREFOR

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Regional Trial Court (RTC) Judges of Manila play an indispensable role in the administration of justice, the preservation of the rule of law and the maintenance of peace and order in the City of Manila deserving full support of the City Government of Manila;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 8531 dated January 22, 2018, only fifty-six (56) RTC Judges Manila are entitled to the monthly allowance of Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (PhP. 25,000.00);

WHEREAS, since then, seven (7) additional RTC Branches have been added, and eight (8) additional RTC Branches are currently being organized by the Supreme Court, thus, there is a need to amend Ordinance No. 8531 to include in the said entitlement all incumbent RTC Judges and those RTC Judges who will be subsequently appointed, for a total of seventy-one (71) RTC Judges;

WHEREAS, due the unceasing number of cases they are handling and rising cost of living brought about by inflation, there is also a need to increase the monthly allowance of the RTC Judges to Thirty-Five Thousand Pesos (PhP. 35,000.00) to preserve the dignity of their judicial offices and to attain a reasonable standard of living: NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 8531, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The monthly allowance of all judges of the regional trial courts in the City of Manila shall become Thirty-Five Thousand Pesos (PhP. 35,000.00) upon approval of this Ordinance".

SEC. 2. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 8531, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "SEC. 2. The amount of Twenty-Nine Million Eight Hundred Twenty Thousand Pesos (PhP. 29,820,000.00), exclusive of training expense, is hereby authorized to be appropriated from funds available and not otherwise appropriated for the implementation of Section 1 of this Ordinance".
- SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. All ordinances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
 - SEC. 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on January 17, 2019.

PRESIDED BY:

MA. ASUNCION G. FUGOSO

President Pro-Tempore and Acting Presiding Officer City Council, Manila

ATTESTED:

LUCH-R. GEMPIS, JR.

City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON 30TH JANUARY 2019

JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

Mayor / City of Manila

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ATTESTED:

City Government Department Head III (Secretary to the Mayor)

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