



**Republic of the Philippines
CITY COUNCIL
City of Manila**

REGULAR SESSION NO. 54

12TH CITY COUNCIL

**Begun and held in the City Council on Tuesday,
the thirtieth day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Three**

ORDINANCE NO. 8967

**AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 8513,
AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 8540, ESSENTIALLY TO AUTHORIZE NEWLY
ASSIGNED LAWYERS AT THE PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PROVIDING FREE
LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS OF MANILA TO BE GRANTED MONTHLY
INCENTIVE ALLOWANCES**

PRINCIPAL AUTHORS:

HON. ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.,
Majority Floor Leader

HON. SALVADOR PHILIP H. LACUNA

and

HON. TIMOTHY OLIVER I. ZARCAL



EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 39, Rule XII of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9406, otherwise known as "An Act Reorganizing and Strengthening the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), amending for the purpose pertinent provisions of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987", as amended, granting special allowance to Public Attorney's Office and Lawyers and providing funds therefor" provides that under Rule XII, Section 39, the Local Government Units, subject to their capabilities, may extend financial and other support in the form of honoraria, free office space, equipment, furniture, stationery and manpower to the PAO.

By virtue of said mandate, Ordinance No. 8513, s. 2016 entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Grant of Monthly Incentive Allowance to All Lawyers of the Public Attorney's Office Assigned/Based in the City Providing Free Legal Assistance to the Residents Thereat, Appropriating Annually the Amount of Seven Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php. 7, 200, 000.00) for the Purpose", was enacted by the City Council of Manila on December 15, 2016 and was amended through Ordinance No. 8540 on February 15, 2018.

The Public Attorney's Office-Manila District Office currently has 102 lawyers, as opposed to the then 54 lawyers in 2016 when Ordinance No. 8513 was enacted. It also intends to assign additional Public Attorneys to supplement their manpower to cover the 101 trial courts in the City of Manila.

The city recognizes the invaluable contribution of the Public Attorneys stationed or assigned in the City of Manila in the moral, social and economic development of the city through their effective representation of indigents and efficient legal assistance to Manileños.


HON. ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.
Councilor/3rd District
Manila

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 8513, as amended by Ordinance No. 8540, is hereby further amended to include as second paragraph, to be read as follows:

“SEC. 3. Pursuant to the stated policy, the following remunerations shall be provided:

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The monthly incentive allowance for Public Attorneys shall be also granted to incoming/newly assigned lawyers in the Public Attorney’s Office – Manila District Office. Provided, that the Public Attorneys concerned shall receive the subject allowance as long as they remain to be stationed or assigned in the City of Manila, and shall automatically be discontinued upon their retirement, death, termination or transfer to another district or city. Provided, further, that the Regional Public Attorney shall annually provide the Office of the Mayor with a report on the number of lawyers stationed or assigned in the Public Attorney’s Office – Manila District Office.”

SEC. 2. SOURCE OF FUND. - The funds for this purpose shall be sourced from the Special Purpose Appropriation – Statutory and Contractual Obligations of the FY 2023 Appropriations Ordinance (FY 2023 Annual Budget).

SEC. 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - Should any provision herein be declared void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

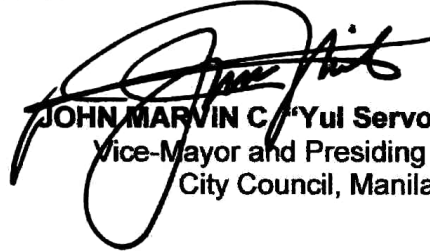
SEC. 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All local ordinances, rules and regulations or part thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on May 30, 2023.



PRESIDED BY:


JOHN MARVIN C. "Yul Servo" NIETO
Vice-Mayor and 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 _____.

/ **MARIA SHEILAH "Honey" H. LACUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS**
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:

ATTY. MARLON M. LACSON
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Mayor)

RRB: jhb/rmd/kjm/avv/avs



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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that Ordinance No. 8967, entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 8513, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 8540, ESSENTIALLY TO AUTHORIZE NEWLY ASSIGNED LAWYERS AT THE PUBLIC ATTORNEY’S OFFICE PROVIDING FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS OF MANILA TO BE GRANTED MONTHLY INCENTIVE ALLOWANCES”** was enacted by the City Council of Manila during its regular session on May 30, 2023. The same was forwarded to the Office of the Honorable Mayor on June 14, 2023.

Considering that more than ten (10) days lapsed, without any communication that the ordinance was approved or vetoed by Local Chief Executive, Ordinance No. 8967 shall be **DEEMED APPROVED** as if she had signed it, pursuant to Section 54, par. (b) of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as Local Government Code of 1991.

Issued this 6th day of July 2023, in the City of Manila.


LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR
City Gov't. Dept. Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)