



CITY COUNCIL OF MANILA

INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

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RULE I

COMPOSITION

The Sanggunian shall be composed of the Vice-Mayor as Presiding Officer, the Thirty Six (36) Regular Members elected at large from each of the six (6) legislative districts of the City of Manila, the President of the City Chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay and the President of the Panlungsod ng Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan as ex-officio members.

RULE II

POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

The powers, duties and functions of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Manila are those expressly provided under the Revised City Charter of Manila (R.A. 409) as amended, the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160), and those that may be hereafter provided by law and ordinances.

RULE III

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

SECTION 1. PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS - Once elected and qualified into office, it is the primary duty and responsibility of the Sanggunian members to:

1. Identify, aggregate and articulate the needs, problems and aspirations of his constituents in the Sanggunian and in other public decision – making fora. This implies productive sustained interaction with that part of the community which he represents in the Sanggunian;
 2. Ensure that what is finally decided by the Sanggunian matches the needs and expectations of his constituency;
 3. Communicate to the constituency local decisions and actions that ultimately affect their lives and destinies;
 4. Monitor the performance of every legislative measure enacted, and ensure that legislative intent is given full meaning;
 5. Initiate amendments to a local policy, when necessary, towards the promotion of effective local governance and general welfare;
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6. Provide a pro-active role in bringing about a more enlightened citizenry within the community he represents to encourage more active citizen participation in local governance; and
7. Mobilize support systems within the Sanggunian, the local administrative bureaucracy and the community for purposes beneficial to his constituency.

RULE IV

THE PRESIDING OFFICER

SECTION 2. THE PRESIDING OFFICER – The Vice-Mayor shall be the Presiding Officer of the Sanggunian. He shall exercise such powers and duties provided under the Revised City Charter of Manila (R.A. 409) as amended and the Local Government Code of 1991 (Section 456, Article II).

In the event of the temporary inability of the Vice-Mayor for any reason to act as Presiding Officer, the President Pro-Tempore shall automatically assume all the duties and powers of the Presiding Officer for the duration of such temporary inability.

In the absence of both the Vice-Mayor and the President Pro-Tempore, the Majority Floor Leader, the official next in rank of the subsequent official next in rank shall act as Temporary Presiding Officer with all the powers and duties of a regular Presiding Officer, unless the Sanggunian decides otherwise.

SECTION 3. POWERS AND DUTIES – The Presiding Officer shall:

1. Preside over the sessions of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.
 2. Enforce the internal rules and procedures of the Sanggunian.
 3. Maintain order during sessions and render a ruling on questions of order, subject to appeal by the member concerned, to the body for final decision.
 4. Recognize any Member who is entitled to the floor.
 5. Declare a recess during sessions anytime he deems it necessary provided that the duration of the recess is not more than fifteen (15) minutes.
 6. Declare the session adjourned to some other dates, time and place either upon motion of the Majority Floor Leader or “motu-proprio” pursuant to Section 40 under
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Rule XII adjourn the session in cases of extreme emergencies, serious and uncontrollable disorder, public disturbances and other unavoidable circumstances.

7. Maintain order during sessions and rule on all pending questions, subject to appeal by the member concerned, which appeal shall not be debatable. The member concerned who appeals may explain his reason therefor for not more than five (5) minutes. Said appeal shall be submitted to the Sanggunian for its approval or disapproval by a majority vote of the members present their being a quorum.
8. Make brief remarks, comments or clarificatory questions on any measure pending deliberation by the body provided that he cannot at any time debate on any issue before the council.
9. Assist in the expediting of business in every way compatible with the rights of the members.
10. Vote only in case of a tie.
11. Shall sign all ordinances and all resolutions and motions directing the payment of money or creating liability, enacted or adopted by the Council.
12. Prepare and submit the annual budget of the Sanggunian.
13. Appoint all officials and the personnel of the Sanggunian, except those whose manner of appointment is specifically provided by law.
14. Shall announce the business in the order in which it is to be acted upon by the Council.
15. Exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be provided by law.

RULE V

THE SECRETARY

SECTION 4. SECRETARY – There shall be a Secretary to the Sanggunian who shall be a career official, with the rank and salary equal to the head of a department or office, whose appointment is mandatory (Article I, Sec. 469 of R.A. 7160).

SECTION 5. POWERS AND DUTIES – In addition to the duties prescribed by law, the Secretary shall:

1. Attend all sessions of the council.
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2. Carry out or enforce orders and decisions of the Sanggunian.
3. Keep the minutes of the proceedings of each session which shall comprise a clear and succinct account of the business transacted and actions taken by the Sanggunian. The Minutes shall be prepared and certified by the Secretary and submitted to the Sanggunian for its approval at the latest, on the fourth session day following such session wherein the Minutes were taken, provided that Minutes of Executive Session shall be kept separately and maintained confidential.
4. Record in a book kept for the purpose, all ordinances and resolutions enacted or adopted by the Sanggunian with the dates of their enactment and publication, indicated therein.
5. Call the roll of the Members and, in case of session through electronic platforms, shall verify and authenticate the registration of the Sanggunian members, attendance by joining the virtual conference. The Secretary shall likewise read ordinances, resolutions, messages, communications, memoranda, petitions and other documents which should be reported by him/her to the Sanggunian or the reading of which are required by the Sanggunian or ordered by the Presiding Officer.*

*As amended by Resolution No. 166 dated 7/30/2020

6. Forward to the City Mayor for appropriate action, ordinances enacted by the Sanggunian which have been authenticated as such by the Presiding Officer within ten (10) days after their enactment.
 7. Keep and affix the Sanggunian seal on all ordinances and resolutions enacted and approved by the Sanggunian.
 8. Send copies of approved ordinances and adopted resolutions to every member, and to all the offices concerned within ten (10) days from their approval or adoption.
 9. Attest to all the ordinances and resolutions enacted and approved by the Sanggunian.
 10. Transmit to the proper committee or committees such proposed ordinances, resolutions and other documents as may be presented or endorsed by the Sanggunian within seventy two (72) hours from the date the first reading was made therein.
 11. Keep his office and all records which are not of a confidential character open to public inspection during the usual business hours.
 12. Ensure that the agenda as prepared by the Majority Floor Leader is distributed to the members on time, in accordance with Section 49 Rule XIV of this rules.¹
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13. Send out proper written notices of all sessions called and other meetings and public hearings, either in print or through electronics means.²
14. Be the custodian of the property and records of the Sanggunian and all other government property within its premises. At the beginning and end of the term of office of the Sanggunian Members, make an inventory of all the furnitures, books, and other government property assigned to the Sanggunian.
15. Post the approved Ordinances or Resolutions in a bulletin board at the entrance of the City Hall, and in at least two (2) conspicuous places thereof, not later than five (5) days after such approval in accordance with these Rules.
16. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or by the Sanggunian.

SECTION 6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY – There shall be an Assistant Secretary, who shall be nominated by the regular Presiding Officer with the salary and rank of an assistant department head whose appointment shall be subject to civil service laws, rules and regulations who shall act and perform the functions of the secretary in case of his absence.

1. As amended by Resolution No. 8 dated 1/10/12

2. As amended by Resolution No. 10 dated 1/12/12

RULE VI

THE PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE

SECTION 7. ELECTION – The President Pro-Tempore shall be elected from among the Members of the Sanggunian by a majority vote of all the Members thereof at the first session day of the Sanggunian next following the local elections.

SECTION 8. POWERS AND DUTIES – The President Pro-Tempore shall:

1. Assume all the duties and powers of the Presiding Officer, including his prerogative under Section 5 hereof, when he is absent or incapacitated for any reason. In the event of the Presiding Officer's death or resignation, he shall likewise assume the duties and powers of the Presiding Officer until a new Presiding Officer is appointed and qualified in accordance with law.
 2. Be a Chairman of one (1) Standing Committee and an ex-officio member in all the other committees without the power to vote. He shall have the authority to designate temporarily in writing any member of the Sanggunian to take his membership in any standing committee as his proxy without the power to vote.
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RULE VII

THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

SECTION 9. ELECTION – The Majority Floor Leader shall be elected from among the Members of the Sanggunian by the Majority Group which has been organized for that purpose, they, having the most number of members among other groups in the Sanggunian and having been bound by common cause, belief and principle to act as the Majority.

SECTION 10. POWERS AND DUTIES – The Majority Floor Leader shall:

1. Cause the inclusion of matters in the agenda and to submit the same to the Secretary for distribution to the members at least twenty four (24) hours before the next session. Provided however, that any proposed matter not included in the agenda shall be calendared, soonest upon written petition of the Majority of all the Members of the council.
2. Determine the referral of any proposed measure to the corresponding committee/s. should the proposed measure involve more than one (1) committee, he shall designate the appropriate committee to be the principal or lead committee.
3. Supervise and direct the floor deliberations on any proposed measure being debated upon or discussed.
4. Be a Chairman of one (1) Standing Committee and an ex-officio member in all the other committees with the power to vote. He shall have the authority to designate temporarily in writing any member of the Sanggunian to take his membership in any standing committee as his proxy with the power to vote.

SECTION 11. ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADERS – There shall be a First and Second Assistant Majority Floor Leader. In the absence of the Majority Floor Leader, the Assistant Majority Floor Leader in the order of their rank, shall assume the position of the Majority Floor Leader for the duration of such absence with all the duties and powers of the said office.

The Assistant Majority Floor Leaders shall be entitled to a Chairmanship of one standing committee each.

SECTION 12. MAJORITY WHIP – A Majority Whip may be designated by the members of the Majority Group from among themselves whose duty is to insure the attendance of their members during sessions, committee meetings/hearings, and other official legislative activities of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

RULE VIII

THE MINORITY FLOOR LEADER

SECTION 13. ELECTION – The Minority Floor Leader shall be chosen from among and by the dominant Minority Group which is such group with the most number of members belonging therein.

The Minority Floor Leader shall be tasked with consolidating and presenting the position of the Minority Group in the floor deliberations during sessions.

The Minority Floor Leader shall be a Member of all the standing committees with the power to vote. He shall have the authority to designate temporarily in writing any member of the Sanggunian to take his membership in any standing committee as his proxy with power to vote.

SECTION 14. ASSISTANT MINORITY FLOOR LEADERS – There shall be a First and Second Assistant Minority Floor Leader who shall be chosen in the manner provided herein above.

SECTION 15. MINORITY WHIP – The Minority Whip may be designated by the members of the Minority Group from among themselves whose duty is to insure the attendance of their members during sessions, committee meetings/hearings, and other official legislative activities of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

RULE IX

THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

SECTION 16. ELECTION – The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be designated by the Presiding Officer and concurred to by a Majority vote of all the Members after the adoption of these internal rules of procedure.

SECTION 17. POWERS AND DUTIES – The Sergeant-at-Arms shall:

- a. Personally be present in all sessions of the Sanggunian;
 - b. Strictly enforce the rules relating to admission to the Session Hall, the galleries, corridors, and premises thereof;
 - c. Execute orders of the Sanggunian and all processes issued by the Presiding Officer, the Sanggunian, or the Committees;
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- d. Maintain order during the session of the Sanggunian under the direction of the Presiding Officer and during the meeting of any of the committees under the direction of the Chairman thereof;
- e. Be responsible for the personal safety of the Members while in the Session Hall premises or as the Presiding Officer may direct, in any other place;
- f. Act as the custodian and keeper of the mace; and
- g. Execute and enforce strictly the proper attire among the Sanggunian Members during sessions, and the no smoking and drinking of liquor prohibitions at the Session Hall, including the galleries.

RULE X

THE COMMITTEES

SECTION 18. STANDING COMMITTEES – The Sanggunian shall have the following standing committees organized on the basis of representation from the Majority and the Minority, the membership and jurisdiction of which shall be herein after stated:

1. **ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON)** – All matters relating to, including investigation of malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance in office by the City officers and employees; and those matters that involve public interest or welfare.
2. **AMUSEMENT, GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT** – All matters relating to cinema theaters, video exhibitions, parlors, nightclubs, disco, bars, boxing, horse racing, wrestling, casinos, lotteries, sweepstakes, cockpits, jai-alai and other forms and places of recreation, games and amusement.
3. **APPROPRIATIONS** – All matters relating to funds for the expenditures of the City Government and for the payment of public indebtedness; claims against the government; appropriations and adjustment of funds; and classification of position for determination of compensation of City Government personnel; and all matters relating to disbursement and adjustment of all accounts chargeable against the funds for the expenses and activities of the Sanggunian.

The Chairman of this committee shall be a member of the City’s Local Development Council.

4. **BARANGAY AFFAIRS** – All matters relating to the review of barangay ordinances and administrative complaints filed against elected barangay officials. All matters pertaining to the creation, improvement and general welfare of the Barangays and Sanggunian Kabataan.*
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*As amended by Resolution No. 206 dated 12/14/10

The President of the Liga ng mga Barangay, Manila Chapter shall automatically chair this committee under Article 103-b-1 of the Rules and Regulations implementing the Local Government Code of 1991.

In the absence of the Liga President, the Council may nominate one from among its members.

5. CIVIL SERVICE, APPOINTMENTS AND REORGANIZATION – All matters relating to the operation and rules of the Civil Service; the status of officers and employees of the City Government, including their retirement, pension and gratuity; and the regulation of professions and professionals. In addition, it shall determine and recommend to the Sanggunian the confirmation of the appointments by the City Mayor of all Department Heads, Heads of Bureaus or Offices and those government agencies whose appointing or selection power is with the City Mayor.
6. CONSUMERS AFFAIRS AND PRICE CONTROL – All matters relating to consumers' needs and the regulation of goods or products sold; standards, weights and measures; designs and quality control; consumer protection; patents, trademarks and trade names; and stabilization and control of prices of commodities sold within the City and such other matters that would protect the consumer from manipulation from other illegal practices of sellers and business establishments.
7. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SPORTS – All matters relating to Universities, Colleges and Public Schools in the City of Manila; Libraries, Non-Formal and Community Adult Education; Implementation of the Provisions of the Constitution regarding free public elementary and secondary education and sports development.*

The Chairman of this committee shall be a Member of the Local School Board.

8. COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS – All matters relating to the planning, construction, maintenance, improvement, repairs and safety of public buildings, streets, roads, bridges, parks, playgrounds and monuments; and drainage, flood control and protection.
9. COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, ECOLOGICAL PRESERVATION AND SANITATION – All matters relating to the protection of the environment and maintenance of ecological stability; abatement of pollution; effective garbage collection and disposal; and the cleaning of canals and esteros.

The Chairman of this Committee shall be a member of the Solid Waste Management Board of the City of Manila (R.A. 9003).

*As amended by Resolution No. 206 dated 12/14/10

10. COMMITTEE ON HEALTH – All matters relating to public health, hygiene and sanitation; and hospitals, clinics, medical centers, crematoria, memorial, and cemetery facilities and services.

The Chairman of this Committee shall be a member of the Local Health Board.

11. COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, LAND, URBAN PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND RESETTLEMENT – All matters relating to housing and all other forms of human shelter or habitation; urban land reform, planning and development; squatters and resettlement; urban community development; expropriation of private lands; subdivisions and zoning; the upliftment of the condition of the urban poor; and utilization of patrimonial properties.

The Chairman of this committee shall be a member of the City Housing and Urban Development and Settlement Committee.

12. COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS – All matters relating to the enhancement or protection of human rights; assistance to victims and their families of human rights violations; the prevention, punishment or violation thereof; the implementation of the provisions of the Constitution on human rights; and free legal assistance to the urban poor.

13. COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES – All matters relating to labor, employment, livelihood, manpower and human resources development; maintenance of industrial peace and promotion of employee-employer relations; labor education; standards and statistics; organization of the labor market, including promotion development, recruitment, training and placement of manpower.

14. COMMITTEE ON LAWS – All matters relating to implementation of the Philippine Constitution, laws, orders, decrees, ordinances and resolutions; of legality and validity of proposed resolutions or ordinances; of lease, loan, donation or any contracts in whatever form entered into by the City; of any acts or deeds of the City Officials; general revisions and/or codification of ordinances; and all matters relating to the prosecutor's offices and civil courts.

15. COMMITTEE ON MARKETS, HAWKERS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES- All matters relating to the construction, repair, renovation, improvement, management and operation of public markets and slaughterhouses; and protection, regulation and supervision of market vendors or stallholders and cooperatives.

16. COMMITTEE ON POLICE, PEACE AND ORDER, FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY – All matters relating to civil defense; police forces and agencies; private operation

and maintenance of fire stations and facilities, as well as the City jails; and drug prevention and control.

The Chairman of the Committee shall be a member of the Local Peace and Order Council of the City of Manila.

17. COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ETHICS – All matters relating to and affecting the rules of the Sanggunian, the calendar, as well as parliamentary rules and the order or manner of transacting business; and the duties, conduct, rights, privileges, dignity, integrity and reputation of the Sanggunian and its members, individually or collectively.
18. COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – All matters relating to science and technology, including scientific and technological research, development and advancement.
19. COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WELFARE – All matters relating to social problems which affect the stability and adjustment of the individual and of the community to the environment; appropriate social services which uplift, strengthen and develop individual and community life; establishment and maintenance of orphanages, day care centers, reformation and rehabilitation centers; food, clothing, shelter and education programs for the City's underprivileged; and aid and assistance to victims of calamities and disasters.

The Chairman of this committee shall be a member of the City's Disaster Coordinating Council.

20. COMMITTEE ON TOURISM – All matters relating to tourism and the promotion of the tourism industry, including the development and regulation of tourist spots and establishments and of twinning and domestic relations.

The Chairman of this Committee shall be a member of the City of Manila's Local Tourism Board.

21. COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION – All matters relating to the operation and regulation of all kinds of land, sea and air transportation; all ports, public utilities and facilities connected thereof; use of parking lots and areas; and the promulgation and enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.
 22. COMMITTEE ON UTILITY AND FRANCHISE – All matters relating to the establishment, maintenance, operation and regulation of water, electricity, motorized and non-motorized tricycles and communication services which include postal, telegraph, radio, cable and telephone; and the grant and amendment of franchise thereof.
 23. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS – All matters relating to fiscal, monetary and financial affairs of the City Government, including taxation, revenues, fees,
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borrowing, credit and bonded indebtedness; and assessment and valuation of real properties.

24. COMMITTEE ON WOMEN – All matters relating to womens’ protection, rights and responsibilities.
25. OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – All matters that gather information and oversee the operations and activities of all the city departments to ensure proper and more efficient use of city resources.¹
26. COMMITTEE ON URBAN POOR – It shall have the power to determine all matters involving assistance to impoverished citizens, the cleaning of city streets of mendicants and street urchins, to determine housing and feeding programs. On this matter, it shall also have the power to enlist the assistance of the City Government agencies with the objective of clearing the city of mendicants and street urchins. All matters relating to the enhancement of the welfare of the less privileged and indigent residents. All matters relating to the upliftment of the living conditions and empowerment of the urban poor within the territorial jurisdiction of the City.
27. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – All matters directly and principally relating to economic development planning and programs inclusive of economic and socio-economic studies and development policies and strategies.
28. COMMITTEE ON FAMILY RELATIONS, MORAL RECOVERY & YOUTH VALUES FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT – All matters directly and principally relating to population growth and family planning, census and statistics, rights and responsibilities relating to family relations, enhancing the quality of family life; and youth development and promotion of their moral physical, intellectual and social well-being.²
29. COMMITTEE ON ARTS AND CULTURE – All matters relating or pertaining to the promotion of culture and the arts. Development and preservation of the City’s artistic and cultural heritage, the national language and resources including museums and theaters administered by the City.
30. COMMITTEE ON LIVELIHOOD – All matters relating to organized livelihood programs, promotion of handicrafts and the cottage industry, to improve the livelihood of the citizens of Manila.
31. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN’S AFFAIRS – All matters involving the rights, protection, development, welfare and affairs of children including abandoned, dependent or neglected children.

1 - As amended by Resolution No. 206 dated 12/14/10

2- As amended by Resolution No. 206 dated 12/14/10

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32. COMMITTEE ON PATRIMONIAL PROPERTIES – It shall have the power to conduct an inventory of all city patrimonial properties and in-depth studies for the maximum utilization of said properties; to assess/determine the present market value of said properties. It shall likewise determine the reasonableness of lease rental being charged by the City taking into consideration the assessed value and location of property and thereafter, submit a recommendation relative thereto. It shall study the advisability of disposing certain properties of the City and recommend the terms and conditions thereto.

The Chairman of this Committee shall be a member of the Committee on Patrimonial Properties of the City of Manila,

33. COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY – All matters relating to the promotion, development and regulation of a dynamic business climate in the City, promotion of commerce, trade, industry and manpower training and other economic activities which will improve the economic condition of the people of the City, the proper supervision and enforcement of regulatory measures, rules and regulations pertinent to the conduct and operation of trade, commerce and industry.
34. COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY – All matters or questions pertaining to or connected with public and/or government information, all means of mass communications including but not limited to, print and broadcast media, movies and television, video and advertising, cable and internet content, rights, privileges and responsibilities of those engaged in mass communication and information technology.
35. COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS – All matters pertaining to the welfare, employment, and recruitment of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW).
36. COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – All matters relating to social, cultural, economic, health, labor, and tourism relations with Foreign Cities including the establishments of Sister Cities relationships.
37. COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES, NGOs, AND POs – All matters directly and principally relating to cooperatives, inclusive of cooperative movements and organizations; urban and rural based credit, consumers, producers, marketing, service and multi-purpose cooperatives; electric cooperatives registered with the Cooperative Development Authority; and the implementation or amendments of the Cooperative Code of the Philippines.
38. COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS AND DIFFERENTLY-ABLED PERSONS – Exercise general jurisdiction over matters relating to programs, activities, benefits, protection, welfare, rights, care, and support for the City’s senior citizens, the elderly and disabled persons.

The Chairman of this Committee shall head the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) as provided for by Sec. 7, Republic Act 7432.

SECTION 19. REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES – Whenever a measure covers a subject matter falling within the jurisdiction of more than one Committee, the measure shall be referred to the Committee within whose jurisdiction the principal subject matter falls as determined by the Majority Floor Leader; Provided, however, that the Principal Committee shall be mainly responsible for submitting a report to the Sanggunian when a measure is referred to two or more Committees, by submitting a consolidated report thereon.

When a measure is referred to two (2) or more committees, the committees may choose to hold a joint committee meeting. In case the proposal requires a public hearing, the Committees concern shall hold a joint public hearing. In case of joint committee hearing or public hearing, the Chairman of the principal committee shall preside and direct the conduct of the deliberation during said joint committee meeting or public hearing.

In relation to this, the secondary committee/s to which the measure was referred to shall be required to submit its report to the Principal Committee for purposes of consolidation.

SECTION 20. MEMBERS, OFFICERS, ELECTIONS – Each standing Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members, six (6) members from the Majority group and three (3) members from the minority group. Each committee shall have a Chairman and one Vice-Chairman to be designated by the Majority Group.

Every Member is entitled to be a member of as many Standing Committees to be elected by the Majority Group, provided that, as far as practicable, all Members shall have an equitable distribution of membership in the Standing Committees.

SECTION 21. REPRESENTATIVE AND PROXIES – Any Councilor-Member of the Committee except the author of the measure under consideration may send their representatives if they cannot attend the committee meeting/hearing. In no case shall the representative be allowed to vote for the approval or disapproval of the ordinance or resolution EXCEPT when the Majority Floor Leader or the Minority Floor Leader send their proxy who is a member of the Sanggunian. Such proxy, is entitled to participate in the committee deliberations with the power to vote, as provided for by Rules VII and VIII hereof.

If the author or proponent of an ordinance or resolution fails to attend, the Chairman shall “motu-proprio” defer the matter to some other date.

The representative of any councilor-member during the committee meeting/hearing shall not be counted or considered for purposes of constituting a quorum, except the duly authorized proxy of the Majority Floor Leader and of the Minority Floor Leader.

SECTION 22. SPECIAL COMMITTEE – The Sanggunian may organize or create Special Committees as maybe deemed necessary for special purposes. Such Special Committees shall cease to exist as soon as the Sanggunian shall have accepted their reports.

SECTION 23. PLACE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – Committee meetings, conference or hearings shall be held at the Session Hall or, whenever necessary, in any of the offices within the City Hall. They may, however, be held in any other place when so agreed upon by the Majority of all its members. Provided, however, that in cases when the attendance of Committee Members and resource persons become extremely difficult or impossible – such as on occasion of natural calamities, pandemics, strikes, riots, or civil disturbances, whether fortuitous or not – and there is urgent necessity to act on any measure, the Presiding Officer may authorize the conduct of the committee hearing through electronic platforms like video conference, telecommunications and other computer online technologies.¹

SECTION 24. NOTICE AND MEETINGS – Committee shall meet from time to time, as is necessary, to act on any matter referred to it for appropriate action upon the call of the Chairman or by majority of all the members thereof, with due notice, including the agenda of the meeting, being served upon member as well as the principal proponent/author seventy two (72) hours before such meetings, either in print or through electronic means.²

1- As amended by Resolution No. 166 dated 7/30/2020

2 As amended by Resolution No. 10 dated 1/12/12

SECTION 25. QUORUM – A majority of all the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact its business.

In the case when the Presiding Officer may authorize the conduct of committee hearing through electronic platforms, committee members shall, as far as practicable, register their attendance by joining the virtual conference. This shall be verified and authenticated by the Secretary of the Committee.

Committee Members who are unable to join the virtual conference due to technical reasons or those who are performing official tasks as authorized by the Presiding Officer, may register their attendance through mobile phones or other electronic accounts previously registered with and verified by the Secretary of the Committee.*

SECTION 26. PROCEDURE – The Committee shall, as far as practicable, adopt its own procedures in Committee deliberations in accordance with the internal rules of procedure of the Sanggunian.

SECTION 27. SUBCOMMITTEES – The Committee shall have the power to create subcommittees for a specific purpose and delegate to the latter such functions as may be necessary. Each subcommittee shall be deemed terminated upon the acceptance of the Committee of its report.

SECTION 28. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Within fifteen (15) working days from receipt by the Committee on any matter referred to them for action, and after final deliberation and voting, the Committee shall prepare for submission to the Sanggunian a report together with the proposed amended text to be signed by the Chairman and majority of all the members thereof. Any member dissenting from the report may submit in writing his reason therefor.

In case of failure of a Committee concerned to submit such report within the said period of fifteen (15) days, a majority of all the Members of the Sanggunian, upon proper motion made and duly seconded, discharge the concerned Committee, and the proposed matter shall be re-submitted to the whole body for disposition.

The following Committees are authorized to submit not later than forty five (45) days their report on any matter within their jurisdiction: The Committee on Rules and Ethics, Committee on Accountability of Public Offices and Investigations, Committee on Laws, Committee on Appropriations and Committee on Ways and Means.

All proceedings at the committee level shall be duly recorded.

* As amended by Resolution No. 166 dated 7/30/2020

SECTION 29. UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES – Unexplained absences in four (4) successive committee meetings without justifiable reason is a ground for the Sanggunian to remove him as a member of the committee, except the President Pro-Tempore, the Majority Floor Leader and the Minority Floor Leader.

RULE XI

SESSION HALL

SECTION 30. USE OF SESSION HALL – The Session Hall shall be used only for sessions, caucuses, Committee hearings and investigations, and meetings of Members, except when the Sanggunian directs otherwise.

SECTION 31. SPACE RESERVED FOR MEMBERS – The Space set aside in the Session Hall for Members and the Sanggunian Personnel needed therein while the Sanggunian is in session hall be reserved exclusively for them. This shall also apply to the Session Hall lounge area.

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall not permit any other person to enter or stay within the said space at any time during sessions. Fifteen minutes before the session, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall clear said space of all other persons, and it shall be so kept until adjournment.

RULE XII

THE SESSION

SECTION 32. REGULAR SESSIONS – The regular session of the Sanggunian shall be held every **Tuesdays**¹ at 2 o'clock (2 p.m.) in the afternoon and **Thursdays** at ten o'clock (10 a.m.) in the morning of each week² at³ its session hall located at the Manila City Hall or at such time and place as may be determined by the majority of all the Members of the Sanggunian in the immediately preceding session. Provided, however, that in cases when the attendance of

Members in session becomes extremely difficult or impossible – such as on occasion of natural calamities, pandemics, strikes, riots, or civil disturbances, whether fortuitous or not – and there is urgent necessity to act on any measure, the Presiding Officer, in consultation with the Majority and Minority Leaders, may authorize the conduct of sessions through electronic platforms like video conference, telecommunications and other computer online technologies.⁴

Regular Sessions shall be suspended on the following periods:

- a. For one (1) week, during the observance of the Lenten Holy Week;
- b. From October 30 up to November 5 of every year;
- c. From December 20 up to January 9 of every year;
- d. Every Tuesdays and Thursdays which fall on a Regular/Special non-working holiday, or when the national or the city government had declared work suspension.⁵

1. Amended by Resolution No. 166 dated 7/30/2020
2. Amended by Resolution No. 51 dated 2/8/2024
3. Amended by Resolution No. 313 dated 10/24/17
4. Amended by Resolution No. 206 dated 12/14/10
5. Amended by Resolution No. 238 dated 10/27/2022

SECTION 33. SPECIAL SESSIONS – As often as necessary, when public interest so demands, special sessions may be called by the Mayor or by the majority of all the Members of the Sanggunian through a written petition.

In special sessions, a written notice to the Sanggunian Members stating the date, time, place and purpose of the session shall be served personally or left with any employee at the Office of the Councilor at the Manila City hall at least twenty four (24) hours before the special session is held. Unless otherwise agreed upon by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, there being a quorum, no other matter may be considered at a special session except those stated in the notice.¹

Additionally, the rule with respect to the attendance of members during extremely difficult or impossible events such as on occasion of natural calamities, pandemics, strikes, riots, or civil disturbances, whether fortuitous or not, as mentioned in the next preceding section shall be applicable in special sessions.¹

SECTION 34. CALL TO ORDER – The Presiding Officer shall open the session by calling the Sanggunian to order.

SECTION 35. ATTENDANCE IN SESSIONS – Every Member shall attend all the sessions of the Sanggunian unless unable to do so by reason of sickness or other unavoidable circumstances with the Sanggunian properly advised through the Secretary.

In the case when the Presiding Officer, in consultation with the Majority and Minority Leaders, may authorize the conduct of sessions through electronic platforms, members shall, as

far as practicable, register their attendance by joining the virtual conference. This shall be verified and authenticated by the Secretary of the City Council.

Members who are unable to join the virtual conference due to technical reasons or those who are performing official tasks as authorized by the Presiding Officer, may register their attendance through mobile phones or other electronic accounts previously registered with and verified by the Secretary to the City Council.²

SECTION 36. SESSIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – The sessions shall be open to the public unless an executive or closed door session is ordered by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, there being quorum, except in the interest of the public for reasons of security, decency, or morality.

In such sessions open to the public, the use of placards, banners, streamers, posters, t-shirts, and the likes expressing sentiment or opinion for or against any issue shall be strictly prohibited. Moreover, singing clapping, shouting or any other form of noise-making shall likewise be strictly prohibited.

¹ As Amended by Resolution No. 166 dated 7/30/2020

² As Amended by Resolution No.166 dated 7/30/2020

SECTION 37. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED DOOR SESSIONS – When the Sanggunian decides to hold an executive/closed door session, the Presiding Officer shall direct the galleries and hallways to be cleared by the public and the doors closed.

SECTION 38. PERSONS ALLOWED IN EXECUTIVE/CLOSED DOOR SESSIONS – Only the Secretary or in his absence, the Assistant Secretary and other persons specifically authorized by the Presiding Officer or the Sanggunian shall be admitted to the executive/closed door sessions.

They shall preserve the secrecy of whatever may be read or said at the session.

SECTION 39. CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS – When, by request of the Sanggunian, confidential documents or papers marked as such are transmitted to it by the City Mayor or a Head of Department and require consideration in an executive session, their existence and contents shall not be revealed without leave of the Sanggunian.

SECTION 40. ADJOURNMENT AND SUSPENSION OF SESSIONS – Sessions shall be adjourned by the Presiding Officer upon motion of the Majority Floor Leader when all the business in the agenda has been taken-up or when the question of quorum is raised and no quorum was re-established thereafter.

In case of lack of quorum at the start of the session, extreme emergencies, serious and uncontrollable disorder, public disturbances and other unavoidable circumstances, such declaration of adjournment maybe made “motu proprio” by the Presiding Officer

The Presiding Officer may also, during the session, declare at any time a suspension or recess of short intervals of not more than fifteen (15) minutes except on recess sine die.

SECTION 41. OPENING AND ADJOURNMENT ENTERED IN MINUTES – The exact hour of opening and adjournment of a session shall be entered in the minutes.

SECTION 42. PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS – At the adjournment of the last session of the Sanggunian, all papers still in the possession of any committee shall be delivered to the secretary who shall preserve them in the files of the Sanggunian.

SECTION 43. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AT THE END OF THE SESSION – Businesses left unacted upon at the termination of one Sanggunian may be considered by the succeeding Sanggunian as matters of unfinished business.

RULE XIII

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

SECTION 44. ROLL CALL – Upon every roll call, the names of the Members shall be called alphabetically by their surnames, except when two or more members have the same surname, in which case, the full name shall be called. If there are two Members with the same name and surname, their district shall be added.

SECTION 45. QUORUM – A majority of all Members of the Sanggunian who have been elected and qualified shall constitute a quorum to transact official business. Members who are attending via electronic platforms such as virtual conference shall be included in the determination of quorum.*

SECTION 46. ABSENCE OF QUORUM – When there is no quorum either during the start of the session or any time thereafter when the quorum is questioned, the Presiding Officer may declare a recess until such time as a quorum is constituted. Majority of the members present may compel the immediate attendance of any member absent without justifiable cause by designating a member of the Sanggunian, to be assisted by the Sergeant-at-Arms and a member or members of the police force assigned in the territorial jurisdiction of Manila, to arrest the absent member and present him at the session.

After the presence of the members arrested is secured at the Session Hall, the Presiding Officer shall determine the condition for their discharge. Members who voluntarily appear shall be admitted immediately to the Session Hall. They shall report to the Secretary to have their presence recorded.

If there is still no quorum within one (1) hour from the time the quorum is questioned or despite the enforcement of the immediately preceding paragraphs, no business shall be transacted. The Presiding Officer, upon proper motion duly approved by the majority of the members present, shall then declare the session adjourned for lack of quorum.

*As Amended by Resolution No, 166 dated 7/30/2020

RULE XIV

ORDER OF BUSINESS: AGENDA

SECTION 47. ORDER OF BUSINESS – The order of business shall be:

1. Invocation;
 2. Call to Order;
 3. Playing of the Philippine National Anthem;
 4. Panunumpa sa Watawat;
 5. Playing of Awit ng Maynila;
 6. Roll Call;
 7. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous session;
 8. Business of the day (Agenda)
 - a. First Reading
 - b. Second Reading
 - c. Third Reading
 9. Other matters;
 - a. Unfinished Business
 - b. Unassigned Business
 1. Urgent Matters
 2. Communications, Petitions, Memorials
 3. Privilege Hour
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10. Adjournment.

SECTION 48. OTHER MATTERS – The other matters shall consist of:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Business being considered and acted upon by the Sanggunian at the time of its adjournment which are not terminated during the immediate preceding session. Its consideration shall be presumed until it is disposed of.
2. UNASSIGNED BUSINESS –
 - a. Urgent Matters – With the concurrence of the majority of those members present, there being a quorum, urgent matters involving public interest, welfare or security, shall be included in the unassigned business portion of the agenda by the Majority Floor Leader.
 - b. Communications, Petitions, Memorials – Messages, petitions, memorials, memoranda, simple resolutions of support, commendations, endorsements, congratulations or greetings may be tackled on the floor or referred to the appropriate committee upon motion of the Majority Floor Leader.

SECTION 49. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA – The agenda shall be distributed to the Members at least twenty-four (24) hours preceding the next session, either in print or electronic means.*

RULE XV

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

SECTION 50. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- Proposed Ordinances and Resolutions shall be signed by the author or authors and filed with the Secretary who shall assign to each a number in the order of their filing and transmit the same to the Majority Floor Leader for inclusion in the Agenda.

A proposed Ordinance or Resolution shall embrace only one subject which shall be expressed in the title thereof.

No Member shall become a joint author or co-author in any proposed ordinance or resolution without the principal author's manifestation before the council that he/she is accepting the request of another member/s to be a co-author/s or co-sponsor/s.

*As amended by Resolution No. 8 dated 1/10/12.

SECTION 51. FIRST READING – The Majority Floor Leader may include proposed Ordinances and Resolutions and other communications transmitted to him by the secretary of the Sanggunian for first reading within seven (7) days from receipt thereof.

The First Reading shall consist of reading of the proposal, by the Secretary by number and title, followed by referral without debate to the appropriate Committee/s upon motion of the Majority Floor Leader.

SECTION 52. CONSOLIDATION OR SUBSTITUTION – When two or more proposed Ordinances or Resolutions similar in nature are filed and which are referred for First Reading, the Committee concerned shall have the discretion to consolidate the same or substitute them with its own. In which case, such consolidated or substituted Ordinance or Resolution shall have as authors all those of the original Ordinances or Resolutions in the order in which their names appear in the latter and according to their date of filing.

SECTION 53. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FAVORABLY REPORTED – If the Committee Report on an Ordinance or Resolution is favorable, it shall immediately be forwarded to the Secretary for recording and thereafter, to the Majority Floor Leader for inclusion in the agenda for Second Reading.

SECTION 54. ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS UNFAVORABLY REPORTED – If the Committee Report on an Ordinance or Resolution is unfavorable, the Ordinance or Resolution shall be referred back to the author or authors with note to the latter stating the reason or reasons therefor.

SECTION 55. SECOND READING AND DEBATE – No proposed Ordinance or Resolution shall be considered on Second Reading unless it has been reported out by the lead Committee to which it was referred, or certified to as urgent by the Mayor as included in the Agenda by the Majority Floor Leader. On Second Reading of an Ordinance/Resolution, copies thereof shall be distributed to the Members together with the text of the Ordinance/Resolution as recommended by the Committee; the same shall be read in full by the Secretary, unless such reading is dispensed with by the Sanggunian. Thereafter, the committee report which embodies the amended text of the Ordinance or Resolution shall be subject to debate and pertinent motions.

SECTION 56. MOTION TO CLOSE DEBATE – In the discussion of any Ordinance or Resolution, a motion to close debate shall be in order after two speeches for and one against, or after only one speech for and none entered against. Speeches for or against the measure shall be limited to ten (10) minutes each. When several members have registered or signified their intention to speak on the matter under consideration and when said matter has been sufficiently and thoroughly discussed by the member speaking, the Presiding Officer, “motu-propio”, or upon motion by the Majority Floor Leader, shall order that a Member having the floor shall desist from speaking further so that other Members may not be deprived of their opportunity to speak.

SECTION 57. AMENDMENTS – After the closure of debate, the Sanggunian shall proceed to the consideration of the committee or floor amendments. A member who desires to speak for or against an amendment shall only have five (5) minutes to do so. Only one member shall be allowed to speak for or against the amendments, unless otherwise allowed by the Majority Floor Leader. The five-minute rule shall apply, likewise, in the consideration of an amendment to an amendment, or of an amendment by substitution.

SECTION 58. AMENDMENTS OF TITLE – Amendments to the title of an ordinance or resolution shall be in order only after the text thereof has been perfected. Amendment to the title shall be decided without debate.

It shall also be in order to move for amendment by substitution.

Any of said amendments may be withdrawn before a vote is had thereon.

SECTION 59. APPROVAL ON SECOND READING – After the amendments are acted upon, the Ordinance shall be acted upon on Second Reading.

In case of a Resolution, it should immediately proceed to final voting with ayes and nays entered in minutes, without need of a separate third reading.

* As amended by Resolution No. 112 dated 07/04/2022.

SECTION 60. URGENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – Any legislative matter duly certified by the Mayor as urgent, or those which are considered urgent by the Majority of the Members present constituting a quorum and upon motion by the Majority Floor Leader, may be presented and considered by the Sanggunian in the same session whether or not it is included in the Agenda.

If the motion is approved, the Majority Floor Leader, in case of an urgent ordinance, shall cause the reading of the proposed ordinance. Upon motion of the Majority Floor Leader, the council will be constituted as a committee of the whole to debate and amend the urgent ordinance.

* As amended by Resolution No. 112 dated 07/04/2022.

In case a resolution is certified or considered as urgent, it shall immediately proceed to debates, amendments and final voting.

SECTION 61. THIRD READING – An ordinance approved on Second Reading shall be included in the calendar of business for third reading, unless approved on second reading, the Sanggunian shall proceed for third and final reading, as well as the final voting, with the ayes and nays entered in the minutes.

No Ordinance shall be approved unless it has passed three (3) readings and copies thereof in its final form have been distributed to the members before its passage, except when the Mayor or the Sanggunian certifies to the necessity of its immediate enactment to meet a public calamity or emergency.

* As amended by Resolution No. 112 dated 07/04/2022.

Upon the third reading of an ordinance, no debate and amendment thereto shall be allowed, and the votes thereon shall be taken immediately, after the reading of the title of the proposed measure and the ayes and nays entered in the Minutes.

SECTION 62. VOTE REQUIREMENT – Unless otherwise provided herein or by law, Ordinances or Resolutions passed by the Sanggunian shall require only a majority vote of the Members present there being a quorum.

SECTION 63. ACTION ON APPROVED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinances approved on Third Reading and Resolutions adopted shall be prepared in proper form by the Secretary and transmitted to the Presiding Officer with his attestation and the seal of the Sanggunian within seven (7) days from such enactment or adoption. The Presiding Officer shall authenticate and sign such approved ordinances and adopted resolutions, and cause the transmittal by the Secretary of the same within three (3) days from receipt thereof to the Mayor for his consideration.

SECTION 64. APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR –

1. Every Ordinance enacted by the Sanggunian shall be presented to the Mayor and having approved the same, shall affix his signature on each and every page thereof, otherwise, he shall veto it and return the same together with the reason for his objection within ten (10) days from receipt thereof, to the Sanggunian, which may proceed to reconsider the same.
2. The Presiding Officer shall within five (5) days from receipt of the vetoed Ordinance return the same to the Sanggunian which may override the veto of the Mayor by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its Members, thereby making the Ordinance or Resolution effective for all legal intents and purposes.
3. The veto shall be communicated by the Mayor to the Sanggunian within ten (10) days, otherwise, after the lapse of the said period, the Ordinance shall be deemed approved as if he had signed it.
4. The Mayor may veto an Ordinance only once.

SECTION 65. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVITY OF ORDINANCES –

1. Unless otherwise stated in the Ordinance, the same shall take effect after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof is posted; once by the Secretary in a bulletin board at the entrance of the City Hall, and in at least (2) conspicuous places thereof not later than five (5) days after approval thereof.

The text of the Ordinance shall be disseminated and posted in English unless otherwise provided by the Sanggunian. The Secretary shall record such fact in a book kept for the purpose, stating the dates of approval and posting, therein.

2. The full text of the Ordinance or Resolution duly enacted or adopted shall, in addition to being posted, be published once in a newspaper of general circulation.
3. For tax ordinances or revenue measures, certified copies thereof shall be published in full for three (3) consecutive days on a newspaper of local circulation.

SECTION 66. ENFORCEMENT OF DISAPPROVED ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS – Any attempts to enforce any Ordinance or any Resolution after the disapproval thereof, shall be sufficient ground for the suspension or dismissal of the official or employee concerned.

RULE XVI

THE BARANGAY

SECTION 67.

1. **REVIEW OF BARANGAY ORDINANCES** – Action by the Sanggunian:
 - a. Within thirty (30) days from the receipt by the Sanggunian of enacted Barangay Ordinances, it shall cause the review thereof as to whether the said Ordinance is consistent with law and City Ordinance;
 - b. If the Sanggunian finds the Barangay Ordinance inconsistent with law or City Ordinance, the Sanggunian shall within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, return the same with its comments and recommendations to the Sangguniang Barangay concerned for adjustment, amendment, or modification; in which case, the effectivity of the Barangay Ordinance is suspended until such time as the revision called for its effect; and
 - c. Failure of the Sanggunian to act on the Barangay Ordinance within the above-stated period shall make such Ordinance effective for all legal intents and purposes.
 2. **ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST ANY ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIAL** – Committee reports concerning administrative complaints before the Sanggunian against any elective Barangay Official shall be acted upon by it only after constituting itself into a Quasi-Judicial body upon motion of the Majority Floor Leader.
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RULE XVII

DECORUM AND DEBATE

SECTION 68. MANNER OF ADDRESSING THE CHAIR – When a Member desires to speak he shall rise and respectfully address the Chair, “Mr. Presiding Officer” or “Mr. President”.

SECTION 69. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS – When two or more Members rise at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall recognize the Member who is to speak first.

SECTION 70. MANNER OF ADDRESSING MEMBERS – In referring to Members, they shall always be referred to by their official title or as “the Member who spoke last”.

SECTION 71. TIME LIMIT – No Member shall speak for more than ten (10) minutes in debate on any question, nor more than once on any question without leave of the Sanggunian, except as herein provided. The period of interpellation shall not be counted against the time of the Member speaking.

SECTION 72. DECORUM – The Member who has the floor shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding personalities in all cases. He shall refrain from uttering words or performing acts which are inconsistent with decorum.

SECTION 73. CONDUCT DURING SESSIONS –

1. During the sessions, the Members shall be in proper formal attire, which is either coat or Barong Tagalog for male members and business attire for female members. The wearing of jeans/maong is strictly prohibited;

Provided, when the Presiding Officer, upon consultation with the Minority Leaders, has authorized the conduct of session through electronic platform like video conferencing, telecommunications and other computer online technologies, members shall be in proper formal attire. EXCEPT those who will be required to attend the session physically in the Session Hall.

For the protection of the Members, the Presiding Officer, Secretariat and other persons in the Session Hall.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) clothing such as, but not limited to, jackets, coats, pants, or other garments designed to protect the wearer’s body from injuries or infections, may be allowed.*

RULE XVIII

DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

SECTION 74. DISORDERLY BEHAVIOR AND ABSENCES – The Sanggunian may punish its Members for committing disorderly behavior and absences without justifiable cause for four (4) consecutive sessions. Such member may be censured, reprimanded, excluded from the session, suspended for not more than sixty (60) days or expelled; Provided, That the penalty of suspension or expulsion shall require the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the Sanggunian Members; Provided Further, That a Member convicted by a final judgment to imprisonment of at least one (1) year for any crime involving moral turpitude shall be automatically expelled from the Sanggunian.

SECTION 75. VIOLATION OF PROPER ATTIRE, SMOKING AND DRINKING REGULATIONS – The above mentioned disciplinary measure may likewise be applicable to Members who shall fail to wear the proper attire during the sessions, and for violations of the no smoking and drinking liquor regulations at the Session Hall. Without prejudice to the above provisions, and in addition, the Presiding Officer, upon the motion of a Member, shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the violating Member out of the Session Hall until his compliance of the subject regulations.

RULE XIX

VOTES AND VOTING

SECTION 76. METHOD OF VOTING – Voting in the Sanggunian shall be done by voice, raising of hands, rising, or by roll call, unless a different method is prescribed by the Sanggunian for a particular question. Members shall register their votes through virtual conference or through their respective mobile phone numbers or other electronic accounts previously submitted to and verified by the Secretary to the City Council. In taking the vote, the affirmative shall be taken first and then the negative.*

SECTION 77. VOTING RESTRICTION – No member can vote, or be allowed to vote on any measure in which he or any of his relatives within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity, has a direct or personal pecuniary interest. This rule, however, does not apply in voting for elective positions in the Sanggunian where a member, as a matter of right, can vote for himself.

An abstention shall not be counted as a vote and shall not be considered as constituting the majority vote. Since abstention is not a vote, it does not count either way. Mere silence and abstention are not equivalent of affirmative votes nor of negative votes. (Quien vs. Serina SCRA 567,1996; Ortiz vs. Posadas, 55 Phil 741;cjs p761)

SECTION 78. NOMINAL VOTING – At the request of the majority of all Members present, the Presiding Officer shall call on the Members to explain his vote in not more than two minutes each. The ayes and nays with the explanation shall be entered in the Minutes.

SECTION 79. SECOND CALL OF NOMINAL VOTING. After the members have voted ayes and nays in nominal voting, the Secretary shall call in alphabetical order the names of those who did not vote so that they may vote. After the second call, no member shall be allowed to vote.

SECTION 80. NO INTERRUPTION DURING VOTING (EXCEPTION) - The voting shall not be interrupted except on a question of quorum.

SECTION 81. TIE VOTE – In case of a tie, the Presiding Officer shall vote. A tie on an appeal from the ruling of the Chair sustains the decision of the Chair.

SECTION 82. RECONSIDERATION UNDER RULE XIX ON VOTES AND VOTING – When a report, motion, resolution or proposed legislative measure has been adopted or lost, a member who voted with the prevailing side shall be entitled to present a motion for reconsideration. In case of the former, the motion may be made when the matter is still within the control of the Sanggunian. In case of the latter, only one motion for reconsideration may be allowed within two consecutive session days thereafter. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that a member who voted with the minority may present a motion for reconsideration, if duly seconded by a member from the prevailing side. PROVIDED, FINALLY, that any member who abstains from voting shall have absolutely no right to ask for reconsideration.

SECTION 83. MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL THE MEMBERS – As provided for under R.A. 7160 and its implementing rules and regulations, a majority vote of all the members of the Sanggunian is required in the following circumstances:

1. Enact ordinances levying taxes, fees, charges, prescribing the rates thereof for general and specific purposes, and granting tax exemptions, incentives or reliefs. (Sec. 458, R.A. 7160)
2. Authorize the City Mayor to negotiate and contract loans and other forms of indebtedness for the purpose of raising funds to finance development projects. (Sec. 458, R.A. 7160)
3. Appropriate funds for the construction and maintenance or rental of building for the use of the City; and upon the majority vote of all the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, authorize the City Mayor to lease to private parties such public building held in proprietary capacity, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations. (Sec. 458, R. A. 7160)
4. Grant a franchise to any person, partnership, corporation or cooperative to do business within the City; establish, construct, operate and maintain ferries, wharves, markets or slaughterhouses; or undertake such other activities within the

City as may be allowed by existing laws: Provided, That cooperatives shall be given preference in the grant of such a franchise. (Sec. 458, R. A. 7160)

5. With the concurrence of all the members, act on the appointment issued by the Mayor to heads of departments and offices. (Sec. 454, R.A. 7160)

SECTION 84. MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT – Except as provided in Section 84 hereof, all other legislative matters or measures shall require only a majority vote of all the members present there being a quorum for its passage, adoption or enactment as the case may be.

SECTION 85. PLURALITY VOTE – A decision of the Sanggunian through a plurality vote shall be valid and enforceable if it is the result of an election of officers of the Sanggunian or members of committees. No legislative proposal or measures of whatever nature shall be passed, adopted or enacted by this Sanggunian through a mere plurality vote.

SECTION 86. PERCENTAGE VOTE – For purposes of this Section, a percentage vote shall be construed to mean as a proportion of a certain whole. Percentage vote shall be applied in the following:

1. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of this Sanggunian shall be required in overriding the veto of the Local Chief Executive (LCE) for any ordinance or resolution, thereby making the particular ordinance or resolution effective for all intents and purposes (Sec. 54, R.A. 7160);
 2. Unless otherwise concurred in by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sanggunian members present, there being a quorum, no other matters may be considered at a special session except those stated in the notice (Sec. 52, R.A. 7160);
 3. The penalty of suspension or expulsion that may be imposed or meted out by the Sanggunian to an erring member shall require the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the Sanggunian members (Sec. 50, b-5, R.A. 7160);
 4. At least two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present, there being a quorum, shall be required for the adoption of the following motions :
 - a. Motion to suspend the rules
 - b. Motion to strike out
 - c. Motion to extend or limit debate
 - d. Motion to call for the previous question; and
 5. At least two-thirds (2/3) negative vote of the members present, there being a quorum, shall be required in order to sustain the motion to object to the consideration of a question.
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SECTION 87. SIMPLE MAJORITY – Except as otherwise provided in the Internal Rules of Procedure and existing laws, rules and regulations, a vote by a mere simple majority shall prevail on other measures, motions or propositions provided there is a quorum. In parliamentary parlance, the term simple majority means one-half plus one ($1/2 + 1$) of the total votes cast by the members present there being a quorum. It might be less than the majority of the entire membership.

RULE XX

MOTIONS AND THEIR PRECEDENCE

SECTION 88. RECORDING OF MOTION – Every motion shall be entered in the minutes with the name of the member making it, unless it is withdrawn on the same day.

SECTION 89. READING AND WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS – The Presiding Officer shall state the motion or, it in writing, shall cause it to be read by the Secretary before being debated. A motion may be withdrawn anytime before its approval.

SECTION 90. PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS – When any matter is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except to adjourn, raise a point of order, raise a question of privilege, declare a recess, lay on the table or postpone to a day certain (which motions shall be decided subject to the five-minute rule). Said motions shall have the precedence in the foregoing order. After a motion to postpone to any day certain, defer, or postpone indefinitely is lost, it shall not again be allowed on the same day.

SECTION 91. MOTION TO AMEND – When any matter is under consideration, a motion to amend is in order only up to the second degree.

SECTION 92. RIDER PROHIBITED – No motion or proposition on a subject matter different from that under consideration shall be allowed under the guise of amendment.

SECTION 93. ONE MOTION FOR ONE SUBJECT MATTER – No motion shall cover more than one subject matter.

SECTION 94. POINT OF ORDER / PRECEDENCE – A motion to read any part of the rules is equivalent to a point of order and takes precedence over any motion other than to adjourn.

RULE XXI

QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

SECTION 95. DEFINITION – Questions of Privilege are those affecting the organization, duties, conduct, rights, privileges, dignity, integrity or reputation of the Sanggunian or of its Members, collectively or individually.

SECTION 96. PRECEDENCE – Subject to the ten-minute rule, questions of privilege shall have precedence over all other questions, except a motion to adjourn and a point of order.

RULE XXII

PRIVILEGE HOUR

SECTION 97. PRIVILEGE HOUR – Upon registration with the Majority Floor Leader and with the permission of the Presiding Officer and after the reading of the Order of Business, any member may speak on any matter of general interest for not more than ten (10) minutes. If more than one member so desires to make use of this privilege, the first to apply either in writing in the Office of the Majority Floor Leader, or verbally in open session, shall be given precedence, and so on, successively but they shall only be allowed to speak for not more than ten (10) minutes each. Any member exceeding the time allotted for the privilege speech may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer “*motu proprio*” or upon a motion made by any member. No motion shall be presented or entertained in connection with the subject matter of the privilege. The member who delivered the speech shall not be subjected to interpellation, unless consented to.

RULE XXIII

QUESTION HOUR

SECTION 98. DAYS FIXED FOR QUESTION HOUR – On the 1st and last Thursday of every month or as often as may be determined by the Majority Floor Leader or a majority of the members of the City Council, there shall be a Question Hour at 2:00 o’clock in the afternoon or earlier if the Order of Business permits, during which the department heads, their assistants, chiefs and assistant chiefs of bureaus or offices in the City Government of Manila including those in an acting capacity or government officials, as well as those national government officials doing, performing or rendering service to the City of Manila, may be required to appear and answer questions and interpellations by members of the City Council on matters falling under his jurisdiction.

Whenever for any reason the public official concerned is unable to appear or answer questions, he shall communicate to the City Council in writing the reason or reasons for his inability to appear, a copy whereof shall be furnished the proponent of the question.

The Order of Business shall specify the subjects of the questions and the names of the Councilors who submitted such questions, as well as, the official required to answer them.

SECTION 99. WRITTEN QUESTION – shall be submitted to the Majority Floor Leader in triplicate at least three (3) days before a scheduled Question Hour. If the Majority Floor Leader accepts a question, he shall schedule it within five (5) days from his receipt thereof, and direct the secretary of the Council to immediately indorse the same to the public officials concerned, indicating in such indorsement the date and the time the questions shall have to be answered before the City Council. Questions shall be scheduled in accordance with the following priority:

1. Question of urgent nature;
2. Question according to timeliness, and
3. Others

SECTION 100. SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS – shall not be limited to questions previously submitted, but may cover matters related thereto. They may be made by the proponent or other Members.

Such supplementary questions shall intend to elicit facts and shall not therefor be argumentative or opinionated, aside from being in conformity with the standards for question in general.

SECTION 101. STANDARD SET FOR QUESTIONS – Questions shall be based on facts, asked to obtain information or press for action.

No question shall:

1. Contain arguments;
2. Include offensive or unparliamentary language or expressions;
3. Pertain to sub-judice matters;
4. Include names or statements other than what is strictly necessary to make the question intelligible;
5. Refer to an item of the agenda of the current months session or to proceedings of a committee not yet reported, or suggest amendments to measure before the City Council; or
6. Repeat a question previously asked and answered.

SECTION 102. RECORDING OF ANSWERS – Oral and written answers must be recorded in the journal of the proceedings with a reference to the Journal where the answer was recorded.

SECTION 103. INTERPELLATION AND COMMENTS OF PROPONENTS OF ORIGINAL QUESTIONS – At the end of each Question Hour, it shall be in order for any proponent of the original question to interpellate the public official concerned and make

comments, observations and statements relative to the answers given or/and to be interpellated by the public official concerned. Immediately thereafter, the public official concerned may make a reply. The interpellation and comments of the proponent and the reply of the public official concerned shall be subject to the ten- minute rule.

RULE XXIV

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

SECTION 104. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES – Any part of this Internal Rules of Procedure of the City Council, not prescribed by or based on statutory law or any higher act, may be suspended upon motion by the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded and the number of votes required is attained.

SECTION 105. WHO CAN MOVE – Only the Majority Floor Leader can move for the suspension of the Rules.

SECTION 106. EFFECT OF SUSPENSION – If the rule is suspended, it shall forthwith proceed to consider the measure. It shall be understood that once a particular rule is suspended for specific purpose, only such particular rule is suspended. But the other rules of the City Council shall remain in force. Once the business for which a rule is suspended is disposed, the suspended rule automatically becomes effective again, without the Majority Floor Leader moving for the lifting of the order of suspension by the Sanggunian.

RULE XXV

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

SECTION 107. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES – The following shall be Suppletory to these Rules:

1. The Rules, Procedures and the Parliamentary Practices of the Philippine Congress;
 2. The Robert Rules of Order; and
 3. The Sanggunian Rules of Procedure and Parliamentary Rules by Dr. Antonio Orendain.
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RULE XXVI

REVIEW OF THE RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

SECTION 108. REVIEW OF THE RULES – The Committee on Rules assisted by the Secretary to the Sanggunian shall conduct a continuing study, review and evaluation of the existing Rules of the City Council and prepare an updated set of rules which shall be attuned to the needs of the City Council

RULE XXVII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 109. AMENDMENTS – Any portion of this Internal Rules of Procedure of this Council except those which are prescribed by, or based on, statutory law or any other higher authority, may be amended or revised by two-thirds (2/3) votes of all the members of the Sanggunian duly elected and qualified, but only after the lapse of six (6) months from the date of its adoption.

RULE XXVIII

THE MACE

SECTION 110. THE MACE – Shall be the symbol of authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and shall be displayed at the Presiding Officer's rostrum when the Sangguniang Panlungsod is in session. It shall serve as the warrant of the Presiding Officer in enforcing order in the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

RULE XXIX

OFFICIAL SEAL

SECTION 111. OFFICIAL SEAL – The Official seal of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Manila shall conform with the provisions of Ordinance No. 7800.

RULE XXX

REPEALING CLAUSE

SECTION 112. REPEALING CLAUSE – The provisions of any ordinance, resolution or portions thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed rescinded, modified or amended accordingly.

RULE XXXI**EFFECTIVITY**

SECTION 113. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – These Rules shall take effect on the date of their adoption, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended, modified or repealed.

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