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AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE RULES OF PROCEDURES IN THE FILING,
HEARING, SETTLEMENT AND RESOLUTION OF BOUNDARY DISPUTES
INVOLVING BARANGAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF MANILA

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It has been an indisputable fact that a boundary dispute involving certain component barangays in the City of Manila will negatively impact on the territorial integrity, administrative operations, delivery of basic services, and other related local governance issues and concerns, thus leading to unnecessary confusion and dismay among the local officials and residents of those affected communities.

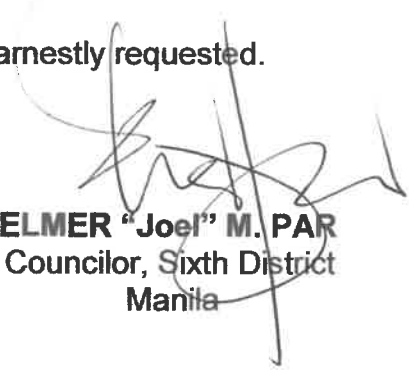
As clearly elaborated by Justice Reynato Puno in the Supreme Court decision under *Mariano Jr. vs COMELEC* (G.R. No. 118577, March 7, 1995), he pointed out that:

“The importance of drawing with precise strokes the territorial boundaries of a local unit of government cannot be overemphasized. The boundaries must be clear for they define the limits of the territorial jurisdiction of a local government unit. It can legitimately exercise powers of government only within the limits, its acts are *ultra vires*. Needless to state, any uncertainty in the boundaries of local government units will sow costly conflicts in the exercise of governmental powers which ultimately will prejudice the people's welfare x-x-x”

The legal basis is clearly spelled out in Section 118 (a) of the Local Government Code, wherein the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Manila acquires exclusive jurisdiction over cases involving two or more contending barangays.

Therefore, it cannot be overemphasized that the compelling purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure that a standard process must be put in place and that the certainty of deciding expeditiously these kinds of disputes, whether through settlement or resolution, will be guaranteed to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this Ordinance is earnestly requested.



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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the “Rules of Procedures in Settling Barangay Boundary Disputes in Manila Ordinance.”

SEC. 2. Scope and Definition. – This Ordinance shall cover all the territorial boundary dispute cases or conflicts involving two (2) or more barangays within the City of Manila referred to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for amicable settlement or resolution. There is a boundary dispute when a portion of the territorial area of a barangay is claimed in whole or in part by two (2) or more barangays.

SEC. 3. Legal Basis. – Under Title IX (Other Provisions Applicable to Local Government Units), Chapter I (Settlement of Boundary Disputes), Section 118 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”, jurisdictional responsibility for settlement of boundary disputes involving two or more barangays in the same city shall be referred for settlement to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SEC. 4. Procedures for Settling Boundary Disputes. – The following procedures shall govern the settlement of boundary disputes:

- 4.1. **Filing of Petition.** – The Sangguniang Barangay concerned may initiate an action by filing a petition, in the form of a resolution, with the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Maynila having jurisdiction over the dispute.
- 4.2. **Contents of Petition.** – The petition shall state the grounds, reasons, or justifications thereof.
- 4.3. **Documents Attached to the Petition.** – This petition shall be accompanied by the following documents:
 - a. Duly authenticated copy of the law or statute creating the barangay or any other document showing proof of creation of the barangay;
 - b. NCR, city or barangay map, as the case maybe, duly certified by the Land Management Bureau (LMB) or any relevant government agency concerned;
 - c. Technical descriptions of the boundaries of the barangays concerned;
 - d. Written certification of the City Assessor as to the territorial jurisdiction over the disputed area according to records in custody;
 - e. Written declarations or sworn statements of the people residing in the disputed area; and
 - f. Such other documents or information as may be required by the Sangguniang Panlungsod;
- 4.4. **Number of Copies.** – Petitioner shall furnish six (6) sets/folders of the documentary requirements to the Sangguniang Panlungsod to be marked as “Documents for Boundary Conflict Between Barangays ____ and ____”.
- 4.5. **Inclusion in the Order of Business.** – The Secretariat of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall verify the completeness of the documentary requirements

and if found complete, the same shall be included in the Order of Business for the next Regular Session.

- 4.6. **Indorsement to the Joint Committee on Boundary Disputes.** – After the Petition is calendared and taken up on First Reading, the same shall be referred to the Joint Committee on Boundary Disputes consisting of the Committees on Laws and on Barangay Affairs.
- 4.7. **Answer of Adverse Party.** – Upon receipt of the Petition and its attached documents, the Adverse Party-Barangay shall be given a non-extendible period of fifteen (15) working days from receipt within which to file its Answer.
- 4.8. **Hearing and Amicable Settlement.** – Within five (5) working days after receipt of the answer of the adverse party, the Joint Committee on Boundary Disputes shall conduct a committee hearing to be attended by the contending parties to try to amicably settle the case. The Parties shall be encouraged to adduce and file all evidence required in support of their respective claims for consideration of the Committee in the preparation of the Committee Report.
- 4.9. **Failure to Settle.** – In the event the Sangguniang Panlungsod, through the Joint Committee on Boundary Disputes, fails to amicably settle the dispute within sixty (60) days from receipt of the dispute; the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall issue a Certification to that effect and furnish copies to the respective parties. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall then direct the Joint Committee to proceed and formally try the case and allow the parties concerned to present their respective supporting evidence. No motion for extension shall be given due course, however, the Parties shall not be precluded from filing supplemental pleadings and adducing supporting evidence until such time as the committee hearings are formally terminated.
- 4.10. **Committee Report.** – The Joint Committee on Boundary Disputes shall render its report within forty-five (45) days from date of issuance of Certification of failure to amicable settlement of the dispute and on the basis of all the pleadings filed and supporting evidence submitted for consideration.
- 4.11. **Final Deliberation.** – Upon adoption of the Committee Report by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, together with the findings and recommendations, the Sanggunian shall calendar the matter on the next regular session for final deliberation.
- 4.12. **Order of Ruling.** – The Sangguniang Panlungsod, in deciding the case shall be guided by the following precedents, to wit:
 - a. When there is an approved boundary survey certified by the Land Management Bureau (LMB) between or among barangays subject for settlement, the dispute shall be resolved according to the approved survey;
 - b. In case of the absence of an approved survey, the dispute shall be resolved according to the tax mapping as certified by the Department of Assessment of Manila;
 - c. When paragraphs (a) and (b) are not available or feasible after thorough study, the Sangguniang Panlungsod may direct the parties to adopt "Self-Delineation". The natural boundaries shall be given

preferential consideration such as rivers, streams, esteros and creeks in establishing the boundary between barangays. Artificial boundaries such as property lines, walls, roads and fences may serve as secondary references that will also help delineate the territorial limits. Actual survey must be done immediately after the decision to be attended by all parties affected. A concrete boundary monument shall be erected pursuant to the approved survey.

- d. Failure to amicably settle the dispute between/among the barangays pursuant to the preceding paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), the boundary dispute shall then be declared as "Status Quo".

4.13. **Decision.** – Copies of the Decision shall, within fifteen (15) days from the promulgation thereof, be furnished the parties concerned, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the City Assessor's Office, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC)-Manila Office, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), and other National Government Agencies (NGAs) concerned.

4.14. **Appeal.** – Within the time and manner prescribed by the rules of court or as may be specified in the decision of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, any party may elevate the decision of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to the proper Regional Trial Court having jurisdiction over the dispute by filing therewith the appropriate pleading, stating among others, the nature of the dispute, the decision of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and the reasons for appealing therefrom.

SEC. 5. Effects of Final Decision. – When the boundary dispute has been settled with finality, the following rules and regulations shall govern:

5.1. **Constituents.** – All affected parties and residents are deemed transferred to the prevailing barangay pursuant to the decision.

5.2. **Prohibition of Issuances.** – All barangay officials are prohibited from issuing certifications of residency, barangay clearance, and other issuances to the said affected residents who no longer belong to said barangay pursuant to the final decision.

5.3. **Prohibition on Crediting of Collection of Real Property Taxes.** – The City Assessor's Office and City Treasurer's Office of Manila are likewise prohibited from crediting real property taxes collected on properties other than that adjudged in favor of the prevailing barangay.

5.4. **Along Boundary Lines.** – In case the property is located along the boundary lines, the affected residents are given the option or prerogative to choose to what barangay he wants to be a resident of. The phrase "along boundary lines" shall mean not more than ten (10) meters from the established boundary of the two or more barangays. Said boundary may usually refer to a road, street, creek and other natural boundaries acceptable to all parties or based on the approved survey.

5.5. **Adjustment and Revision of City Records.** – The necessary adjustment and revision in the respective records of the contending parties shall be duly reflected in the files of the City Assessor, City Treasurer and City Planning Offices. Likewise, the COMELEC, PSA, and other government and non-governmental agencies concerned are enjoined to update their respective records.

SEC. 6. Penalties. – Violations of this Ordinance shall be penalized under existing laws:

6.1. **Falsification of Public Documents.** – In the case of a barangay official violating this Ordinance by way of continually issuing certificates of residency, clearances and other issuances despite the final decision, appropriate charges shall be filed against said individual.

6.2. **Illegal Recognition and Distribution of Assistance.** – If a barangay official continually recognizes and distributes assistance to the affected residents despite the final decision of the boundary dispute, he shall be administratively sanctioned under existing laws.

6.3. **Unjust Collection of Fees.** – If a barangay official continues to collect taxes, fees and charges on properties and on residents no longer within the territorial jurisdiction of the barangay pursuant to the decision, he shall accordingly face appropriate criminal charges.

SEC. 7. Maintenance of Status Quo. – Pending final resolution of the dispute, the status of the affected area prior to the dispute shall be maintained and respected for all purposes.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Ordinance is held or declared invalid then the other provisions not affected thereto shall remain in full force and effect.

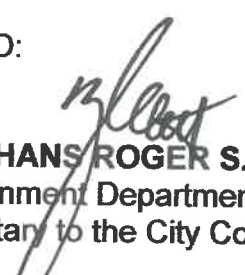
SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

This Ordinance was enacted by the City Council of Manila on June 15, 2026.

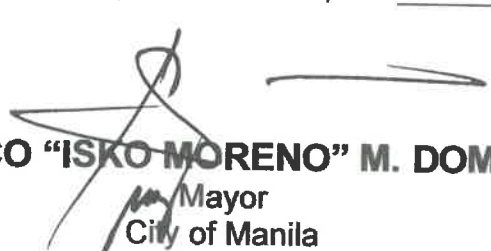
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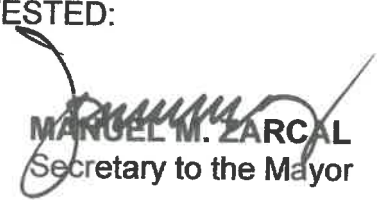

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