The Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas is an organization of 42,000 barangays comprising the Republic of the Philippines. Organically, its mandate is rooted in the Local Government Code of 1991, which provides for the formation of Leagues in all levels of the local bureaucratic hierarchy.

As an organization, the Liga serves as a venue for the barangays to articulate, ventilate and crystallize issues affecting barangay government administration and securing solutions to these issues through proper and legal means.

Organizationally, the liga ng mga Barangay has chapters at the provincial, city and municipal levels, making it the only non-government institution that has presence nationwide.
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FOREWORD

The New Constitution and By-Laws of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas replaces the one released in March 20, 2000. The amendments in this new constitution and By-Laws are necessary to cope up with the demands, needs and resources of the Barangay Officials and their constituents.

The foregoing amendments, therefore, render obsolete the provisions that were amended. Those provisions in the previous constitution and By-Laws are, however, retained in the appendix for the benefit of the newly elected Barangay Officials and other persons who might need to differentiate the old from the new.

This new constitution and by-laws are rules of law, which, every member and officers of the Liga ng mga Barangay should follow, in, in order to achieve the objectives and goals of the Barangay Government, thus making us effective instruments in the attainment of the natural goal.

RICOJUDGE JANVIER M. ECHIVERRI
National Liga President
My warmest greetings and congratulations to the Liga ng mga Barangay for the recent success of your 3rd National Convention.

I commend the officers and members of the Liga ng mga Barangay for coming up with an amended Constitution and By-Laws which will serve as their guide in the delivery of quality basic services to the people.

As barangay officials, you play vital roles in helping the government address the needs of the public through the implementation of worthwhile projects. This Constitution and By-Law will definitely come a long way as you carry out your duty of efficiently delivering developmental programs of the national government to the local levels.

Hence, you must continue to exhibit professionalism, integrity, and transparency in doing your mandated tasks with the ultimate goal of achieving a society that is peaceful, progressive, and stable.

Benigno S. Aquino III
MANILA 28 October 2010
I congratulate the officers and members of the Liga ng mga Barangay for having successfully undertaken the introduction of necessary, relevant and useful amendments to the association's constitution and by-laws.

This wise and judicious updating of the League's charter indicates that our barangay officials, who man the most basic units of institutions, are fully dedicated to their duties and are constantly aware and mindful of our volatile political requirements.

Hence, our people have continued to place their trust and confidence in the effective and unselfish grassroots leadership of our barangay officials.

I express herewith my wholehearted support and best wishes for the continued success of the Liga ng mga Barangay as they continue to be the backbone of good and effective governance in our country.

Juan Ponce Enrile
Senate President

My warmest greetings to the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas on the occasion of successfully amending your Constitution and By- Laws.

I salute your organization, the largest grassroots organization in the country, for serving as a link between the higher levels of government and the people at the community level. I trust that you will never lose the zeal in giving premium to the interest and welfare of every barangay in the country, especially since barangay officials are at the forefront of rendering public service and building consensus on matters of public concern.

The barangay may be the smallest unit of government but it plays a major role in ensuring the country's progress and development. As the basic unit in charge of the maintenance of public order, protection and security of life and property in the community, our 42,025 barangays are not just a perfect venue where the citizenry can involve themselves in formulating government policies, but also an effective training and preparation ground for greater responsibilities for our country's emerging leaders.

Rest assured that the House of Representatives will continue to be your partner in promoting dynamic and robust local governance in the country and in ensuring order, prosperity and opportunity at the village level. We shall continue to craft legislation aimed towards the fullest development of every barangay in the country, to make them self-reliant communities that ably contribute to national advancement.

Mabuhay ang mga barangay!

FELICIANO BELMONTE, JR.
Speaker
First of all, I would like to compliment and express my profound gratitude to the people who crafted the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas and the Barangay Election Code; for without their untiring effort and intellectual minds, these would not have become possible.

After a thorough reading of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas and the Barangay Election Code, I believe that these will serve the best interest of the Barangay officials; regardless of the status in life, have only the authority as given by law, and as defined by law; and that such authority continues only with the consent of the people.

To all the Barangay officers and members, I ask you only one thing: your full support and cooperation for the attainment of the objectives and goals of the Barangay government.

Mabuhay ang Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas!

HON. ENRICO "RECOM" ECHIVERRI
City Mayor
Caloocan City

The amendment of the previous Constitution and By-Laws of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas has been given much thought and work to further establish better representation and delineation of powers to the Chapter Presidents of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas.

Among these considerations is the creation of Regional Chapter Presidents to address and resolve cases within their respective regions. Not only will this optimize the functions of Chapter Presidents, but this will also provide a more sensible approach in resolving disputes and issues in their respective chapters' levels.

With these amendments, I would like to strongly encourage you, my fellow Barangay Captains, to stay true to our Constitution and By-Laws, and work for better Local Governance; not only for the benefit of our constituents, but also for the continuous development of our beloved country.

MABUHAY ANG BARANGAY!
MABUHAY ANG NATIONAL LIGA!

RICOJUDGE JANVIER ECHIVERRI
National President
Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas
Part I

THE 2010
CONSTITUTION
& BY-LAWS

OF THE LIGA NG MGA
BARANGAY SA PILIPINAS
THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY SA PILIPINAS

PREAMBLE

We, the Barangay officials of the Philippines, imploring the aid of Almighty God, in order to achieve the objectives and goals of the Barangay government pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 and to provide maximum interest, protection, security and, to enhance the general welfare of the Barangay officials, and constituents, do hereby associate ourselves into a "Liga ng mga Barangay," and adopt this Constitution and by-laws for that purpose.

ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Section 1. The "Liga ng mga Barangay" adheres to the principle that genuine and meaningful local autonomy can be best achieved through the process of decentralization and devolution of powers and authority from the national government and to the local government units, particularly the Barangay government, in order to make the barangays self-reliant and thus, it would become an effective partner in the attainment of national goals.

Section 2. To that end, Liga ng mga Barangay shall:

a. Strive to ensure that all barangay benefits under Section 393 of the Local Government Code, shall be fully implemented and given to all barangay members and officers.

b. Strive to attain the aspirations of all the barangays nationwide, that is to be treated as decent, albeit small, unit of government, and to this end all delegates or representatives should act with decency, dignity, honesty and sincerity;

c. Serve as a forum for which the member-barangay / Liga chapter may ventilate their sentiments, grievances and address issues and concerns;
d. show solidarity with, and among, the individual member / chapter; and

e. endeavor to assist the member / chapter towards their development and progress.

ARTICLE II
SCOPE AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Scope. This Constitution and by-laws shall be binding on all levels of the Liga, namely Liga ng mga Barangay at the municipal, city, provincial, metropolitan, REGIONAL and national levels.

Section 2. Purpose. The primary purpose of this Liga ng mga Barangay is to determine the representation of the Liga ng mga Barangay in the local sanggunian and to ventilate, articulate, and crystallize issues affecting Barangay government administration and, through proper and legal means, secure the solutions thereto.

ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATION OF THE LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY

Section 1. Liga ng mga Barangay. There shall be an organization of all barangays throughout the country to be known as the "LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY" which shall hereinafter be called as the "LIGA."

Section 2. Composition and General Membership of the Local Chapters and National Liga. The Liga shall have chapters in municipalities, cities, provinces, metropolitan and REGIONAL political subdivisions, which shall be composed as follows:

a. Municipal Chapter. A municipal chapter of the Liga shall be composed of all barangays in the municipality concerned as represented by their respective Punong Barangays.

b. City Chapter. A city chapter of the Liga shall be composed of all barangays in the city concerned as represented by their respective Punong Barangay.

c. Provincial Chapter. A provincial chapter shall be composed of the duly elected Presidents of the municipal and component city chapters.

d. Metropolitan chapter. A metropolitan chapter shall be composed of the duly elected Presidents of the municipal and component city chapters.

e. REGIONAL CHAPTER. A REGIONAL CHAPTER SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENTS OF THE PROVINCE AND HIGHLY URBANIZED AND INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITY CHAPTERS IN A PARTICULAR REGION.

f. National Liga. The National Liga shall be composed of the duly elected Presidents of highly urbanized and independent component city (HUC/ICC) chapters, provincial chapters, REGIONAL CHAPTERS, the Metropolitan Manila chapter and metropolitan political subdivision chapters. (Sec. 428, R.A. 7160)

Section 3. The National Liga General Assembly. All duly elected Presidents representing all local REGIONAL, provincial, city, municipal chapters of the Liga shall be called the "National Liga General Assembly."

Section 4. Representation. Every Barangay shall be represented by the Punong Barangay, or by the Liga Chapter President, as the case may be, with the right to vote and be voted upon, or in his / her temporary absence or temporary incapacity, by any member of the Sangguniang Barangay or by any other officer of the Liga Chapter concerned, duly elected for the purpose, who shall attend all meetings or deliberations called for by the different chapters of the Liga; provided that, such representation by substitution ceasing automatically upon the appearance or cessation of the incapacity of the Punong Barangay or Chapter President, shall only have the right to vote but not the right to be voted upon.

Section 5. Ex-Officio Membership in the Sanggunian.

a. The duly elected President of the Liga at the municipal, city and provincial chapters shall serve as Ex-Officio members of the Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod, and the Sangguniang Panalawigan, respectively.

b. No Liga chapter President shall simultaneously be Ex-Officio member of two (2) sanggunians. When a
Component City or Municipal Liga Chapter President is elected as Provincial Liga President and assumes the position of Ex-Officio member of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the Vice President of the Component City or Municipal Liga Chapter shall automatically be the Ex-Officio member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or Sangguniang Bayan, as the case may be, representing the Liga in the concerned Sanggunian. However, the Provincial Chapter President shall retain his Presidency in the same Component City or Municipal Liga Chapter, as the case may be, AND SHALL PRESIDE IN ITS MEETINGS.

Section 6. Newly Created Chapters of the Liga. In the event that new chapters are created by virtue of existing laws, the new Liga Chapter concerned shall hold new elections under the supervision of the National Liga and in accordance with the prescribed rules of the Liga National Executive Board for such vacuum or vacancy.

ARTICLE IV
NAME, EMBLEM AND OTHER INSIGNIA OF THE LIGA

Section 1. Emblem and other Insignia. There shall be an emblem adopted for the organization in accordance with the following:

a. Description of Emblem. A circle with the map of the Philippines as its centerpiece superimposed by the drawing of a “Balanghay” (a seacraft or boat of early day community and from which the word “Barangay” is derived) at the center point and having seven “salakots” distributed on both sides in vertical arrangement with each “salakot” representing each of the seven components of the Barangay: Punong Barangay, Kagawads, SK Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Lupong Tagapamayapa and Barangay Volunteer Workers. A space above is provided for the purpose of identification of the national organization or the local chapter. Inscribed around the edge at the top portion are the words LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY SA PILIPINAS while around the edge at the lower portion is the year “1991.”

b. Ownership and Exclusive Use. The emblem and other insignia shall remain the sole property of the National Liga ng mga Barangay and shall henceforth be for the exclusive use of the National Liga and its local chapters. The National Liga Executive Board reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate action against the improper use of the emblem and insignia by any party concerned so as to protect the interest and prestige of the organization. Any unauthorized use of the said emblem and insignia is prohibited and shall be dealt with in accordance with existing laws.

ARTICLE V
PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE LIGA

Section 1. The principal office of the National Liga shall be located in the Metropolitan Manila area, with the chapter offices in their respective localities throughout the country.

ARTICLE VI
POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE LIGA

Section 1. Powers of the Liga. The Liga shall have the following powers:

a. To create sources of funds for its own use and disposition;

b. To acquire, develop, lease, encumber, alienate or otherwise dispose of real and personal property and apply the same for productive, development, or welfare purposes;

c. To sue and be sued;

d. To have and use a seal;

e. To enter into contracts; and

f. To exercise such other powers as are granted to corporations, subject to any limitation provided under the Local Government Code of 1991 and other related laws.

Section 2. Duties and Functions of the Liga. The duties and functions of the Liga are as follows:
a. Give priority to programs designed for the total development of the barangays and in consonance with the policies, programs, and projects of the national government;
b. Assist in the education of Barangay residents for peoples participation in local government administration in order to promote united and concerned action to achieve countrywide development goals;
c. Supplement the efforts of government in creating gainful employment within the barangays;
d. Adopt measures to promote the welfare of Barangay officials;
e. Serve as a forum of the barangays in order to forge linkages with national government agencies and non-government organizations and thereby promote the social, economic and political well-being of the Barangay; and,
f. Exercise and perform such other duties and functions which will bring about stronger ties among barangays and promote the welfare of the Barangay constituents.

ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1. National Executive Board. ALL REGIONAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD. The National Liga shall elect the officers of the organization to be known as the “National Executive Board” which shall be composed of the following: the National President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President for Luzon, Vice-President for Visayas, Vice-President for Mindanao, Secretary-General, Auditor and 16 Regional Chairmen/Board of Directors. The Board may create such other positions it may deem necessary for the effective management of the National Liga.


Section 2. Board of Directors of Local Liga Chapters/ The members of the local Liga chapter shall elect its Board of Directors from among themselves which shall be known as the “Municipal, City, Provincial or Liga Board,” as the case may be. The Board of Directors of the Liga chapter shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Auditor and six (6) or eight (8) Board Members, depending on the number of barangays / municipalities / cities / PROVINCES as may be specified by the Liga Election Code. Thereafter, the Board shall appoint a Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer from among the Board Members. The Board may create such other positions it may deem necessary for the effective management of the Chapter.

In cases where the number of members in a given Liga Chapter is insufficient to fill up the mandatory positions, officers with the exception of the President, may function in a dual capacity. Provided, that the Auditor shall not be Treasurer at the same time, and vice-versa.

Section 3. Past Presidents of the Liga as Honorary Members. The immediate past presidents in each level of the Liga may serve as Consultant to the respective Board, and may be allowed to sit as an “honorary member” of that particular Board, but without power to vote or be voted upon.

ARTICLE VIII
POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD AND ITS OFFICERS

Section 1. Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors of Local Chapters. The Board of Directors at each level of the Liga, aside from exercising the powers, functions and duties stipulated in Article VI of this Constitution and By-Laws shall have supervision over all officers and members of their respective chapters; and shall undertake necessary and proper steps in pursuing the objectives stated in the Preamble and Article I of this Constitution. Further, the corporate powers of this organization, expressed and implied, shall be vested in the Board of Directors of each level of the Liga, which shall, among others:

a. Have jurisdiction over all officers and committees of the said Board;
b. Have general management of the business, property and funds of said Liga chapter;
c. Prepare and approve a budget showing anticipated
receipts and expenditures for the year, including the plans or schemes for funding purposes;

d. Hold regular meetings at least once a month, and for this purpose, enforce regular attendance.

e. Remit the prescribed dues and/or fees; and

f. Submit an annual report to the office of the National Liga, through proper channels, on the activities and financial condition of the local chapter.

Section 2. Powers and Duties of Liga Chapter Offices. The Officers at all levels of the Liga shall have the following powers and duties:

a) The President

1. To execute and administer the policies, measures, orders and resolutions approved by the Board of Directors of the Liga Chapters;

2. To preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors and the general membership of the Liga Chapters;

3. To formulate and recommend plans and programs to the Liga Board for implementation;

4. To negotiate, sign and enter into contracts for and in behalf of the Liga, upon authorization by the Board of Directors of the Liga chapter concerned;

5. To represent the Liga chapter in cases where such representation is needed;

6. To exercise the power of general supervision over the officers of the Liga chapter concerned;

7. To enforce the Liga's Constitution and By-Laws, existing laws, decrees and other rules and policies relating to and effecting said Liga chapter;

8. To look after the general welfare of the Liga Chapter;

9. To cooperate and coordinate with the officers of the other Liga chapters in all levels;

10. To approve vouchers covering disbursement of funds of the Liga Chapter with the Treasurer as his co-signatory to said account;

11. To create committees and make appointments thereto, upon authorization by the Board of the Liga chapter concerned, for the undertaking of particular projects and/or activities;

12. To represent the budget for the operations, functions and activities of the chapter in consultation with the Treasurer and the Committee on Finance for the approval of the Board; and

13. To conduct regular meetings of the Liga chapter concerned.

b) The Vice-President.

1. If for any reason, the President is unable to perform his duties, the [Executive] Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President subject to the rules of succession provided in Sec. 2 Art. XII herein;

2. To assist the President in his duties and functions, if and when necessary; and

3. To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

c) The Secretary

1. To take charge of the maintenance of the Liga Chapter in the absence of the duly elected officials or upon dissolution of the organization;

2. To be custodian of all records and seal of the Liga chapter and to keep accurate membership records;

3. To keep the minutes of all meetings of the Liga Chapter and all general membership assembly, and to record all proceedings of the same and to render report to the Board during monthly meetings or whenever called upon by the Board to do so;

4. To keep a record of all pertinent laws, decrees, circulars, and other documents relating to the Liga;

5. To prepare the agenda for each meeting in consultation with the President;
6. To give due notices of all meetings;
7. To submit a quarterly report of meetings held, the attendance thereof, and number of resolutions adopted, to the Secretary of the next higher level who will collate the same for submission to the National Liga Secretariat; and
8. To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors.

d) The Treasurer

1. To be the custodian of all Liga Chapter's assets, properties, funds and securities, and to submit to the Board of Directors, through the President, an annual inventory thereof at the end of the year and for the above purpose, to maintain a bank account, if necessary, with the President as cosignatory, in the name of the Liga Chapter;
2. To collect and receive fees, contributions, donations, money, materials and all other resources accorded to the Liga Treasury, for which he / she shall issue the corresponding official receipts;
3. To disburse funds, under the authority of the President, in accordance with standard accounting and auditing procedures;
4. To render monthly report to the Board of Directors during monthly meetings or whenever called upon by the Board to do so;
5. To submit to the President an audited annual financial statement duly certified by him / her;
6. To certify the availability of funds whenever necessary;
7. To post bond for the faithful performance of duties; and
8. To perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President and/ Liga Board.

e) The Auditor

1. To examine and audit periodically the books of the Liga chapter; and
2. To do such acts or perform such measures to protect the interest of the Liga chapter.

f) The Public Relations Officer

1. To establish relations and interactions with mass media for purposes of disseminating information as to membership, objectives, activities, and so forth, of the Liga Chapter;
2. To promote the goodwill of the organization in the community and to enhance the good image of the organization whenever possible; and
3. To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or the Liga Board.

Section 3. Powers and Duties of the National Executive Board.
The National Executive Board shall exercise the powers and duties as enumerated in Article VI and Section 1 of Article VIII. In addition thereto, the National Executive Board shall exercise the following powers and duties:

a. Promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Constitution and By-laws such as but not limited to the rules on conduct and discipline, elections, etc.; [and]
b. In the exercise of its powers of control and supervision over all Liga officers and members, decide on matters concerning complaints and/or petitions against Liga Members and officers as provided in Article XII of this Constitution; AND
c. DECIDE ON APPEAL THE DECISION RENDERED BY THE REGIONAL CHAPTERS IN THE CONDUCT OF REGULAR OR SPECIAL ELECTION.

Section 4. Powers and Duties of the Officers of the National Liga.
The Officers of the National Executive Board shall have the following powers and duties:
A. The National Liga President

1. To execute and administer the policies, measures, orders and resolutions approved by the National Liga Executive Board;
2. To preside over the meetings of the National Liga Executive Board or the National Liga;
3. To formulate and recommend plans and programs for the advancement of the Liga organization as a whole and for the betterment of the members therein;
4. To negotiate, sign and enter into contracts for and in behalf of the National Liga, upon authorization by the National Executive Board;
5. To represent the National Liga in cases where such representation is needed;
6. To exercise general supervision and control over the officers of the National Executive Board and the authority to assign when necessary, certain duties to any officer and/or Director concerned;
7. To enforce the Constitution and By-laws of the National Liga, existing laws, decrees and other rules and policies of the organization;
8. To look after the general welfare of the Liga organization as a whole;
9. To supervise and coordinate with the officers of all Liga Chapters, whenever necessary;
10. To approve vouchers covering disbursement for funds of the National Liga, and to maintain a bank account in the name of the organization with the Treasurer as cosignatory to said account;
11. To present the budget for operations, functions, programs and activities of the organization for the approval of the National Executive Board; and
12. To create committees and make appointments thereto, when authorized by the National Executive Board, for the undertaking of particular projects and/or activities.

B. The Executive Vice-President

1. If for any reason the President is unable to perform his duties, to perform the duties of, and exercise the same authority as the President subject to the rule of succession provided in Sec. 2 Art. XII herein;
2. To assist the President in his duties and functions, if and when necessary; and
3. To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the National President and/or the National Executive Board.

C. The Vice-Presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao

1. To assist the National President in the implementation and monitoring of all programs and projects in their respective area of jurisdiction and to render report on the same;
2. To assist the President in his duties and functions, if and when necessary; and
3. To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the National Liga President and/or the National Liga Executive Board.

D. The Secretary-General

1. To take charge of the maintenance of the National Liga pending the election of the first set of officers and directors of the National Liga;
2. To take charge of the day-to-day operations of the National Liga Secretariat;
3. To coordinate closely with all National Government Agencies;
4. To prepare a budget for the operations, functions and activities of the organization in consultation with the Treasurer and duly assisted by the Committee on Finance, for consideration and approval of the President;
5. To assist the National Liga President in the administration of the Liga affairs whenever and wherever appropriate;
6. To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the National President and/or the National Executive Board; and
7. To be custodian of all records and the seal of the National Liga, and to keep accurate membership records of the National Liga and all Liga Chapters.

E. The Secretary

1. To give due notice and prepare the agenda for all meetings of the National Liga and the National Executive Board;
2. To prepare and keep all records of proceedings and meetings of the National Liga and the National Executive Board, and general membership meetings; and
3. To assist and coordinate with the National President and/or Secretary General in the administration of Liga affairs.

F. The Treasurer

1. To be the custodian of all National Liga's assets, properties, funds and securities, and to submit to the Board of Directors through the President, an annual inventory thereof at the end of the year, for the above purpose, to maintain a bank account if necessary, with the President as his co-signatory in the name of the Liga;
2. To collect and receive fees, contributions, donations, money, materials and all other resources accorded to the Liga Treasury, for which he shall issue corresponding official receipts;
3. To disburse funds under authority of the President, in accordance with standard accounting and auditing procedures;
4. to render monthly reports to the Board of Directors during monthly meeting and/or whenever called upon by the Board to do so;
5. To submit to the President an audited annual financial statement duly certified by him/her;
6. To certify the availability of funds whenever necessary;
7. To post bond for the faithful performance of the duties; and
8. To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or by the national Liga Board.

G. The Auditor

1. To examine and audit periodically the books of the National Liga;
2. To do such acts or propose such measures to protect the interest of the National Liga; and
3. To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or by the National Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX
COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. There shall be created Standing Committees in every Liga Chapter to assist the Chapter President or the National Liga President, as the case may be, in the formulation and preparation of plans and programs and in the implementation of the same. The committees shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following, namely: Finance, Laws, Rules and Ethics; Youth Sports and Culture; Education and Information; Public Order and Safety, Health and Public Services; [and] Agriculture, Trade, Industry and Cooperatives; JUSTICE.

Section 2. Duties and Functions of the Committees. The Standing Committees shall undertake studies, formulate measures, and make recommendations to their respective Board pertaining to the specific area covered by the different committees as specified below:

a. Finance. All matters relating to finances including fund raising activities, budget and appropriations, disbursements and expenditures;
b. [Laws.] Rules and Ethics. All matters relating to ethical standards, circulars, laws and statutes relevant to Barangay governance, [constitution and by-laws, complaints and legal matters,] and drafting of proposed bills/ordinances;

c. Youth, Sports and Culture. All matters relating to youth and sports development, including the organizing of youth associations, anti-drug and anti-vice drive, theater and arts, and the promotion for the youth's moral, physical, intellectual and social well-being;

d. Education and Information. All matters relating to education, seminars, skills training, reading centers and community libraries, information dissemination, conventions/consultations, and membership;

e. Public Order and Safety. All matters relating to the maintenance of peace and order, including the training of the members of Barangay Tanod Brigades to improve their capabilities to effectively assist the authorities, improve their compensation package, and disaster preparedness;

f. Health and Public Service. All matters relating to health and sanitation, medical services, social welfare, environmental protection, and recreation;

g. Agriculture, Trade, Industry and Cooperatives. All matters relating to livelihood, agri-business, agricultural education and extension services, fisheries and aquatic resources, animal raising, cottage industry, and consumer protection[.]; AND

h. JUSTICE. ALL MATTERS RELATING TO ELECTION DISPUTES, CASES FILED UNDER SECTIONS 3 AND 4, ARTICLE XII OF THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, COMPLAINTS AND LEGAL MATTERS.

Section 3. Membership. The Chapter President or the National President, as the case may be, shall appoint the Chairman and members of the standing committees from among the members of their respective Boards. The Chapter President or the National President shall not be a Chairman or member of any standing committee although he/she may be a chairman of a Special or Ad-Hoc Committee.

Section 4. Chairmanship. The Treasurer shall be the Chairman of the Committee on Finance; the Secretary-General shall chair the Committee on Law, Rules and Ethics. The Chairmanship of the other Committees shall be appointed upon the discretion of the President.

Section 5. Other Committees. The Board of Directors of local chapters of the Liga or the National Executive Board may create other committees as circumstances may warrant for the effective management of the Liga's affairs.

ARTICLE X
MEETING, ORDER OF BUSINESS, NOTICE AND QUORUM

Section 1. Meeting. The Liga in each level shall have the following meetings, which shall be held in a place accessible to the public and equipped with the facilities for the proper conduct of meetings:

a. Regular Board Meetings. The Board of Directors of the Liga chapter in each level shall have regular meetings once a month in its principal office or in any other place as may be agreed upon by the members thereof. In the case of the National Executive Board, meetings shall be set in accordance with their internal rules.

b. Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the Liga Board at any level may be called by its President or by a written request of a majority of the members thereof whenever necessary; Provided That, the purpose of the special meeting shall have been specified and no other business shall be acted upon at such meeting except by the consent of the majority of the members present, there being a quorum.

c. National Liga or Local General Membership Meetings. A General Membership meeting of the National Liga called the "National Assembly" or any Liga chapter may be called for by its President, or by a written request of a majority of members thereof, whenever necessary.

d. Barangay Congress. All chapter members of the National Liga may hold their respective Barangay Congress shall inform the National Liga of the duration, date, time and place together with the activity design of the Barangay Congress. For such purposes, the chapter concerned may assess their respective members a reasonable amount by way of registration fee.
Section 2. Order of Business in Regular Meetings. Unless otherwise modified by the Liga concerned the “Order of Business” for a regular meeting shall be as follows:

a. Call to Order  
b. Invocation  
c. National Anthem  
d. Roll Call (Optional)  
e. Consideration of, and action on, previous minutes  
f. Reports of Standing Committees  
g. Reports of Special or Ad-hoc Committees  
h. Agenda  
   - Unfinished business  
   - Business for the Day  
   - New Business  
i. Announcement  
j. Adjournment  

Section 3. Order of Business for a Special Meeting. There shall be no standard “Order of Business” for a special meeting. The order of business may depend on the urgency of the meeting itself. As such, the President or the majority of the members of the Liga who called for such, may prescribe the necessary “Order of Business” which shall be included in the “Notice of Special Meeting” to be sent to the members concerned.  

Section 4. Notice of Special Meeting. Notice of the time and place of special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Liga, or the Liga chapter itself, shall be sent either by person, by mail or telegram and received at least seven (7) days before the scheduled date of such meeting.  

Section 5. Call for Barangay Congress. The President of the REGIONAL, Provincial or City (HUC/ICC) chapter concerned shall issue a memorandum relative to such congress, a copy of which shall be furnished to the National Liga and the local DILG office.  

Section 6. Quorum. A quorum is the number of the members present that may legally transact the business of the organization. The presence of a majority of all the members of the Board of Directors of a LIGA chapter shall constitute a quorum in case of board meetings. In case of Liga chapter meetings, forty percent (40%) of the members of the National Liga and fifty percent (50%) of the members of the local Liga chapters. A majority vote is such quorum constitutes a vote sufficient to move the body in a resolution or elect a candidate to a position declared vacant.  

IN CASE OF REGULAR OR SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING, THE QUORUM SHALL BE A MAJORITY OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER.  

Section 7. Presiding Officer. The President of the Liga at all levels shall by its regular Presiding Officer with the following powers and duties:

a. Presiding over all meetings of the Board, the General memberships, the National Liga or the National Liga Executive Board, as the case may be;  
b. Preserve order and decorum during meetings;  
c. Decide all questions of order, subject to appeal; and  
d. Approve all resolutions, and other deeds adopted by the Board.  

Section 8. Temporary Presiding Officer. In absence of the regular presiding officer, the Vice-President, in the case of the local chapters, or the Executive Vice-President in the case of the National Liga shall act as “Temporary Presiding Officer.” In case the Vice-President or the Executive Vice-President, as the case may be, is unable to preside over the meeting, the members of the local chapter or National Liga present in such meeting shall elect from among themselves a Temporary Presiding Officer. The Temporary Presiding Officer shall have no right to vote, even in case of a tie.  

Section 9. Approval of Resolution. All resolutions adopted by the Liga Board or the Liga chapters in all levels shall be subject to the approval of the President concerned.  

ARTICLE XI  
ELECTIONS, PRE-REQUISITES AND QUALIFICATIONS  

Section 1. Elections. The election of the officers and directors of the Municipal and City chapters shall be held within sixty (60) days after the general Barangay elections. Provincial chapters, together with the
Section 4. Rights of Delegates. At the meeting called for election purposes, delegates shall be permitted to attend or participate in any session or proceeding, only after registering and paying such registration fee as may be fixed by the particular chapter or National Liga, as the case may be. Each certified and registered delegate shall be entitled to cast one vote only on each question submitted for decision in said convention.

Section 5. Secret Balloting. The elections shall be by secret printed ballot or such other method of secret balloting as may be determined by the National Liga Executive Board or Liga chapter concerned, as the case may be. A plurality vote shall be necessary to elect a candidate to the position. In case of a tie vote for any office, the respective elections committee shall prepare the candidates who received the same to draw lots or toss coin. The winner thereof shall be declared and proclaimed as the one elected. The type of lot to be cast shall be determined by the respective election committees.

ARTICLE XII
TERM AND TENURE OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES

Section 1. Term and Tenure of Office. The term of all officers and members of the Board of Directors of the LIGA at all levels including the National Liga shall be from the date of their elections until their successor have been elected and qualified, unless sooner removed from office for a cause. The term of the Liga Officers shall be understood strictly to be concurrent with the term and tenure of office of the Sangguniang Barangay. No stipulation in any form shall prejudice such term and tenure of office of the Sangguniang Barangay. No stipulation in any form shall prejudice such term and tenure of office of such Liga officers.

In cases where the elected successor fails to qualify due to certain legal impediments such as the issuance of a restraining order by a competent court, fails or refuses to assume his office for whatever reason and other kinds of legal impediments, the incumbent Liga chapter President shall continue to represent the Liga in the Sangguniang concerned in hold-over capacity, until his successor is finally confirmed and legally assume his/her position. However, if the incumbent Liga Chapter President does not get re-elected as Punong Barangay, the incumbent Vice-President shall represent the Liga in the Sangguniang concerned.

In the event the incumbent Vice-President also fails to get re-elected, the remaining incumbent officers and members of the board of
the chapter concerned shall elect from among themselves their representative to the local sanggunian. In case of failure to elect among themselves, the National Liga shall appoint a caretaker of the chapter concerned with the designation of acting President.

In case of multiple vacancies in the National Executive Board which results in 'no quorum,' the Board shall be filled up, only to constitute the needed quorum, by the remaining incumbent who is the most senior through appointment. This Board with the new appointees shall merely be interim and function until the election of the regular officers and members of the Board. **THE INTERIM APPOINTEES TO THE BOARD SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RUN IN ANY POSITION IN THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

**Section 2. Vacancies and Succession.** In case of a permanent vacancy in the Office of the President due to refusal to assume office, failure to qualify, death or removal from office, voluntary resignation or incapacity to discharge functions of his/her office, **OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH HIS/HER UNDERTAKING EXECUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VI SECTION 1.5 OF THE LIGA ELECTION CODE,** the Executive Vice-President in the case of the National Liga or the Vice-President, in the case of the local Liga at all levels, shall assume the office for the unexpired term of the former. Succession shall take effect only after confirmation of the National Liga Executive Board. The Vice-President who assumed the vacant position shall represent the Liga chapter in the Sanggunian concerned.

When the President of the Provincial Liga Chapter is removed or suspended from such office, has resigned or otherwise given up his position as the Liga representative in the Sanggunian bayan or Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the case may be; Provided that, he has not been removed or suspended as president of that municipal or city chapter.

In case of a vacancy in the office of the Vice-President, in the local chapter, or the Office of the Executive Vice-President and/or Vice-Presidents, in the National Liga, the same shall be filled through an election among the bona-fide and incumbent chapter members. The positions of Vice President for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao shall be filled-up by members of chapters originating from these geographical areas.

Vacancy in any other office need not be filled unless the remaining members of the Board cannot constitute a quorum. In this instance the respective general memberships shall convene for elections, as the case may be.

**Section 3. Grounds for Disciplinary Action** SUSPENSION. The following shall constitute the ground/s for [removal or] suspension of a Liga officer or member:

a. Dishonesty, Oppression, **SIMPLE** Misconduct in Office or **SIMPLE** Neglect of Duty;

b. Abuse of authority;

c. Unauthorized, unexplained and/or unreasonable absence for at least three (3) consecutive regular meetings;

d. Unauthorized or unlawful use of the name of the Liga for personal gains or otherwise;

e. Failure to submit the necessary reports and/or documents within the period prescribed;

f. Dereliction of duty as Liga officer and/or member[.]

**SECTION 4. GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.** THE FOLLOWING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE GROUND/S FOR REMOVAL OF A LIGA OFFICER OR MEMBER:

A. **DISLOYALTY TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND/OR THE LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY;**

B. **CULPABLE VIOLATION OF THE PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION AND/OR LIGA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS;**

C. **GROSS NEGLECT OF DUTY;**

D. COMMISSION OF, AND/OR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMISSION OF ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING MENTAL TURPITUDE OR AN OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY AN IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN PRISION MAYOR;

E. **GRAVE ABUSE OF AUTHORITY;**

F. **APPLICATION FOR OR ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN CITIZENSHIP OR RESIDENCE OR A STATUS OF AN IMMIGRANT OF ANOTHER COUNTRY;**

G. **WILFUL OR MALICIOUS WITHHOLDING, NON-PAYMENT OR NON-REMITTANCE OF LIGA DUES;**

H. **ANY OTHER CONDUCT PREJUDICIAL TO THE INTEREST OF THE NATIONAL LIGA OR THE LOCAL LIGA CHAPTER CONCERNED;**

I. **CONVICTION BY FINAL JUDGMENT OF ANY CRIMINAL AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENSE;**
J. INSUBORDINATION AS MANIFESTED BY REFUSAL TO OBEY AND/OR DEFIAENCE OF ANY LAWFUL ORDER, DIRECTIVE, MEMORANDUM AND THE LIKE;

K. REPETITION OF ANY GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION ENUMERATED IN THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH; AND


NO OTHER GROUNDS SHALL BE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR REMOVAL OF ANY OFFICER OF THE CHAPTER.

Section [4] 5. Removal and Suspension. Any Liga officer or member may be suspended or removed from office as follows:

a. Municipal and Component City Chapters.

1. By written petition based on grounds enumerated in [Sec.] SECTIONS 3 AND 4 of this Article submitted to the Provincial Liga Board for review and verification, duly signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the general membership of the municipal or component city chapter concerned, excluding the respondent/s, in a general membership meeting called for the purpose.

Within sixty (60) days from receipt of the written petition, the Provincial Liga Board shall review and verify said petition for compliance with the formal and substantial requirements.

Thereafter, it shall order the respondent to file his comment thereto within 10 days from the latter’s receipt of copies of the order and the petition. After the expiration of the said period with proof or respondent’s receipt of the order and the petition, with or without the comment, the Provincial Liga Board shall render judgment accordingly. In the event of a judgment of suspension, it shall be final and executory.

On the other hand, if the judgment of the local Liga finds for the removal of the respondent, said judgment [shall] MAY BE APPEALED [be forwarded immediately to the National Liga Board for automatic review] TO THE REGIONAL CHAPTER WHICH SHALL DECIDE WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF THE COMPLETE CASE FILE. IF the Board’s] CHAPTER’S judgment IS FOR SUSPENSION OF RESPONDENT, THE SAME shall be final and executory. IF THE JUDGMENT FINDS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE RESPONDENT, THE JUDGMENT AND CASE FILE SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE FORWARDED TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR AUTOMATIC REVIEW.

2. By a verified complaint filed with the Provincial Liga Board based on the ground/s enumerated on Section 3 of this Article.

In case of a verified complaint initiated by any Liga member or officer, within seven (7) days from actual receipt of the same, the Provincial Liga Board, through a notice for the purpose, shall require the respondent to file a verified answer within ten (10) days from receipt thereof. After the expiration of said period with proof of respondent’s receipt of the order and a copy of the complaint, with or without the answer, the Provincial Liga Board shall render judgment accordingly. In the event of a judgment of suspension it shall be final and executory.

If the judgment finds for the removal of the respondent, [it] THE JUDGMENT MAY BE APPEALED [shall immediately be forwarded to the National Executive Board] REGIONAL CHAPTER [for automatic review] WHICH SHALL DECIDE WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF THE COMPLETE CASE FILE. IF the Board’s] CHAPTER’S judgment IS FOR SUSPENSION OF RESPONDENT, THE SAME shall be final and executory. IF THE JUDGMENT FINDS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE RESPONDENT, THE JUDGMENT AND CASE FILE SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE FORWARDING TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR AUTOMATIC REVIEW.
b. City (HUC/ICC), Metropolitan and Provincial Chapters

1. By written petition based on grounds enumerated under [Sec.] SECTIONS 3 AND 4 of this Article submitted to the [National Executive Board] REGIONAL CHAPTER duly signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the city (HUC/ICC), metropolitan or provincial chapter concerned in a general membership meeting called for the purpose.

Within sixty (60) days from the receipt of the written petition, the [National Executive Board] REGIONAL CHAPTER shall review and verify said petition for compliance with the formal and substantial requisites. Thereafter, it shall require the respondent to file his comment thereto within ten (10) days from his receipt of the order and a copy of the petition. After the lapse of the ten (10) day period with proof of respondent's receipt of the aforesaid order and the petition, with or without the comment, the [National Executive Board] REGIONAL CHAPTER shall render judgment. [which shall be final and executory.] The [Board's] CHAPTER'S judgment IS FOR SUSPENSION OF RESPONDENT, THE SAME shall be final and executory. IF THE JUDGMENT FINDS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE RESPONDENT, THE JUDGMENT AND CASE FILE SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE FORWARD TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR AUTOMATIC REVIEW.

2. By a verified complaint filed with the [National Executive Board] REGIONAL CHAPTER based on the grounds enumerated in Sections 3 AND 4 of this Article.

In case of a verified complaint initiated by any member of the chapter concerned, the [National Executive Board] REGIONAL CHAPTER, within seven (7) days from receipt of the same, shall order the respondent to file a verified answer within ten (10) days from receipt thereof. After the lapse of the ten (10) day period with proof of respondent's receipt of the order and the complaint, with or without the answer, the Board shall render judgment. [which shall be final and executory.] IF the [Board's]
the National Liga Executive Board within a period of [eight (8) months] ONE (1) YEAR immediately after the National Liga election, and within a period of one (1) year immediately preceding and prior to the next Barangay Elections.

D. PROVISION APPLICABLE TO COMPLAINT FILED AT ANY LIGA BOARD

In cases involving the filing of a verified complaint, the Provincial Liga Board, REGIONAL LIGA BOARD or the National Executive Board, as the case may be, may conduct a formal hearing during the investigation. In all stages of the investigation, the respondent shall have the right to due process.

The suspension shall not be less that 30 days nor more than 60 days in a given year. And the respondent cannot be suspended twice in one year.

The National Executive Board may, as an aid to the expeditious resolution of cases before it, create an ad hoc committee which may be tasked to review and make the necessary recommendations in any particular case. The recommendations shall then be forwarded to the National Executive Board, and the latter shall render judgment.

The Ad Hoc committee shall be composed of three (3) members, namely: (1) The National Liga President, (2) Vice-President of the geographical area where the respondent belongs (i.e., Luzon, Visayas or Mindanao), and (3) one designated Board member.

Decisions rendered by the National Executive Board shall be final and executory. Copies of the decision or judgment shall likewise be served on the Sanggunians concerned, the local Commission on Audit Officer, the City or Municipal Treasurer, and the Local Chief Executives.

Section [5] 6. Preventive Suspension. Preventive suspension may be imposed:

a. By the Provincial Chapter President, upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of the Board of Directors of the Provincial Liga Chapter concerned, if the respondent is an officer or Board member of a component city or municipal chapter; and

b. By the National President, upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of the National Executive Board, if the respondent is an officer or Board member of the provincial, metropolitan or city (HUC/ICC) chapter.

Preventive suspension may be imposed only in cases where a verified complaint is filed, after all the issues had been joined, when the evidence of guilt is strong and given the gravity of the offense, for a period of not less than thirty (30) days and not exceeding sixty (60) days for a single instance. The sixty (60) days period shall be the maximum period of suspension allowable per year. The respondent suspended, if previously representing the Local Liga in the Sanggunian, shall not be entitled to compensation as representative in that sanggunian, during the period of preventive suspension. The Executive Vice-President or the Vice-President as the case may be, shall immediately represent the Liga Chapter concerned. Preventive Suspensions shall not be subject to appeal.

The preventive suspension served by the respondent shall be credited in the case where the order (of preventive suspension) originated, if and when the final judgment imposes the penalty of suspension.

Section [6] 7. Resignation. A resignation by an officer or member of the Liga becomes effective upon acceptance by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Liga concerned. IN CASE THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD DO NOT CONSTITUTE A QUORUM, THE RESIGNATION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE BY A MAJORITY OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD. Likewise, a resignation from office of the Punong Barangay carries with it his/her resignation from the Liga concerned.

Irrevocable resignation by any member of the Liga Board at all levels shall be deemed accepted if presented during an open meeting of
the board concerned and duly entered in the record of proceedings or submitted and/or accepted by the National Liga through the National President.

Section [7] 8. Complaint by a Local Chief Executive. In case of a complaint by a local chief executive against an officer or member of a chapter based on the grounds provided in Section 3 OR 4 of this Article, the same shall be investigated by the next higher chapter in accordance with the procedure provided for in Section 4 of this Article.

Section [8] 9. Decisions of the National Executive Board. Any dispute arising within and among the members of the National Executive Board shall be resolved by a decision of the majority of all its members in a meeting called for the purpose. In case of an impasse, the National President may endorse the same to the Department of Interior and Local Government for resolution.

Section [9] 10. Venue of Actions. All actions, petitions, complaints, etc., arising from or questioning the judgments or decisions rendered by the National Liga Board shall be filed EXCLUSIVELY in the courts of Metro Manila.

ARTICLE XIII
FUNDING

Section 1. Sources of Funds. The Liga in all levels may derive its funds through the following means:

a. Regular fees and dues from its members;
b. Fund raising campaigns or activities;
c. Contributions, donations, grants and other forms of aid from local government units; and
d. Proceeds realized from their corporate activities.

Section 2. Fees and dues. Annual membership dues in the amount of TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P 2,000.00) or such amount as may be determined by the National Executive Board shall be collected from each Sangguniang Barangay throughout the country every first (1st) quarter of the year, and the proceeds shall be distributed as follows:

a. In case of Component City or Municipal Chapter:
   - Municipal/City Chapters - 50%
   - Provincial or Metropolitan Chapters - 25%
   - REGIONAL CHAPTER - 12.5%
   - National Liga ng mga Barangay - [25] 12.5%

b. In case of City (HUC/ICC) Chapters:
   - City Chapters - 75%
   - REGIONAL CHAPTER - 12.5%
   - National Liga ng mga Barangay - [25] 12.5%

The National Liga Executive Board shall promulgate such rules and regulations for the efficient collection of the annual membership dues and/or fees, and allocation of the same to the Liga chapters including penalties and sanctions in case of non-payment.

ARTICLE XIV
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Section 1. Official Organ. The Liga through the national Executive Board shall publish an official organ and shall determine the annual subscription rates thereof. The National Executive Board shall promulgate the necessary rules and guidelines for the effective implementation of this Section.

ARTICLE XV
DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. Duties and Obligations of Member Barangays. Member barangays, through their respective Punong Barangays, shall perform the following obligations:

a. Remit all dues and fees so levied by the Liga in accordance with the rule set forth and to pay any other dues, such as convention fee, to the Liga Chapter concerned;
b. Comply with the rules and regulations, guidelines and policies promulgated by the National Executive Board or the local Liga Board concerned;
c. Religiously attend all the activities, such as meetings, and/or fellowships, organized by the Liga chapters; and
d. Exercise vigilance in monitoring the conduct of all elected officials of the Liga.

Failure to comply with the duties and obligations set herein by a Liga Barangay member would result in the imposition of penalties and sanctions as provided in the rules and regulations set forth by the National Executive Board.

ARTICLE XVI
FOUNDATION

Section 1. In order to promote the interest and general welfare of the Barangay including the members and officers of Liga Chapters throughout the country, the National Liga Executive Board shall establish a foundation and/or organization of similar nature and purpose with membership extending to all officials and volunteers of the barangays in the country, and shall provide therein the scheme for funding and benefits granted, the scope of coverage, and other related matters for the effective implementation and the efficient administration of the Foundation.

ARTICLE XVII
SEAL OF THE NATIONAL LIGA

Section 1. The National Liga and the local Liga Chapters, through the former’s Secretary-General and the latter’s Secretary, shall keep its official seal. Such Official Seal shall be affixed on all papers or documents requiring official action by the said body.

ARTICLE XVIII
SECRETARIAT OF THE LIGA

Section 1. National Liga Secretariat. The Liga shall have a National Secretariat that shall provide administrative and technical services on a regular basis to the national Liga and its local chapters nationwide. It shall be headed by an Executive Director and shall be under the direct supervision of the Secretary-General.

Section 2. Personnel of the Liga Secretariat. The personnel of the

Liga Secretariat, including the Executive Director, shall be appointed by the National President subject to the concurrence of the majority of all the members of the National Executive Board.

Section 3. Compensation. The compensation and other benefits of the personnel of the Liga Secretariat shall automatically be included in the Annual Budget of the National Liga to be taken from any available funds of the Liga.

ARTICLE XIX
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. This Constitution and by-laws may be amended only at a National Liga Convention called for that purpose and adopted/ratified by at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of the registered delegates voting at such convention, there being a quorum present. No proposed amendment shall be submitted to a convention for adoption unless the same shall:

a) Have been recommended by the National Liga Executive Board; or
b) Have been published in the official organ of the National Liga or a copy thereof shall have been furnished to all the members of the National Liga at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the convention called for the purpose.

ARTICLE XX
TRANSITORY PROVISION

Section 1. Considering that the new organizational structures in this Constitution and By-Laws take effect after the next Liga general elections pursuant to section 2 of the FINAL PROVISIONS, vacancies in the office of 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd Vice Presidents shall be filled in the following manner:

a) Vacancy in the office of the 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents shall be filled by way of succession;
b) Vacancy in the office of the 3rd Vice-Presidents shall be filled by way of election from among the bona-fide members of the Liga chapter or level concerned.
ARTICLE XXI
FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Repealing Clause. All other Liga Constitutions and By-Laws, resolutions and implementing rules and regulations inconsistent with this Constitution and By-Laws are hereby repealed.

Section 2. Effectivity. Except those affecting the organizational structure of the Liga, which shall take effect after the next Liga general Election, all amendments shall take effect after thirty (30) days from its adoption/ratification [by the National Liga].

Adopted and ratified unanimously by the Barangay National Assembly at the _______________ on _______________.

ATTESTED:

National Executive Board

PROVINCIAL/CITY (HUC/ICC) Presidents

NOTE:
The proposed amendments are those in capital and bold letters. Words between the parenthesis ([ ]) are the proposed to be deleted.
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Part II

THE 2002
ELECTION CODE

OF THE LIGA NG MGA
BARANGAY S A PILIPINAS
LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY ELECTION CODE
(Pursuant to Article XI Sections 1 & 2 of the Liga ng mga Barangay Constitution and By-Laws)

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISION

Section 1. Schedule of Elections. The elections for the officers and members of the board of directors of the Liga ng mga Barangay at all levels nationwide shall be held in accordance with the following schedule:

1.1 Liga ng mga Barangay Component City and municipal Chapters. There shall be synchronized elections for the component city and municipal chapters to be held on the third Monday of the month immediately after the month when the general barangay elections have been scheduled. The incumbent Liga chapter president duly assisted by the proper government agency, office or department, e.g. City/Municipal DILS-LGOO shall convene all the current elected Punong Barangays of the respective chapter in any public place within said city or municipality for the purpose of reorganizing and electing the officers and directors of the Liga chapter. Said president duly assisted by the government officer aforementioned shall notify in writing, all the above concerned at least twenty-FIVE (25) days before the scheduled election meeting on the exact date, time, place and requirements of the said meeting.

1.2 Liga ng mga Barangay Provincial Metropolitan, HUC/ICC Chapters. There shall be nationwide synchronized elections for the provincial, metropolitan, and HUC/ICC chapters to be held on the third Monday of the month immediately after the month when the synchronized elections in par. 1.1 above was held. The incumbent Liga chapter president concerned duly assisted by the proper government agency, office or department, e.g. Provincial/City/NCR/Regional Director, shall convene all the duly elected Component City/Municipal Chapter Presidents and all the current elected Punong Barangays (for HUC/ICC) Chapters in any public place within its area
of jurisdiction for the purpose of reorganizing and electing the officers and directors of the provincial, metropolitan or HUC/ICC Liga chapters. Said president duly assisted by the government officer aforementioned, shall notify, in writing all the above concerned at least [fifteen (15)] TWENTY (20) days before the scheduled election meeting on the exact date, time, place and requirements of the said meeting.

1.3 National Liga AND REGIONAL CHAPTERS. On the second Monday of the month immediately following the month when the elections in par. 1.2 above was held, the incumbent national Liga President duly assisted by the DILG central office, shall convene all the duly elected Provincial, Metropolitan, Highly Urbanized and Independent Component City Chapter Presidents in any public place for the purpose of reorganizing and electing the officers and directors of the National Liga AND OFFICERS OF THE REGIONAL CHAPTERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS. He shall notify, in writing all the above concerned at least [ten (10)] FIFTEEN (15) days before the scheduled election meeting on the exact date, time, place and requirements of the said meeting, the venue of which shall be in Metro Manila.

1.4 When the circumstances so warrant the incumbent National President may order the rescheduling of any of the aforementioned Liga elections.

Section 2. Supervision and Control. The incumbent Liga chapter presidents together with the incumbent Liga chapter Boards concerned, duly assisted by the proper government agency, bureau, office of the department e.g. DILG-LGGOO, shall be responsible for the for the enforcement of this 'Election Code' and shall have supervision over the conduct of each election meeting. The National Liga President, duly assisted by the DILG, shall be responsible for the same with respect to National Liga elections. To ensure proper performance of these responsibilities, the following committees shall be created:

2.1 Nominations Committee. The incumbent Liga Chapter president with the concurrence of the incumbent board members, shall create a Nominations Committee and shall appoint a chairman and at least two (2) but not more than four (4) members from the general membership. The chairman and members of the Nominations Committee shall not be eligible to run for office in their respective chapters while serving in such capacities. The composition of the Nominations Committee, including the addresses of the members therein, shall be circularized throughout the general membership together with the notice of meeting. Said committee shall receive, in writing certificates of candidacies before the deadline which is 5:00 PM of the [tenth] FIFTEENTH day prior to election day except for the National Liga which shall be [seven (7)] TEN (10) days prior to election day. Such candidacy forms shall be made available to the prospective candidates by this committee or the Liga chapter secretary. The committee shall determine and certify at least [seven (7)] TWELVE (12) days prior to the election [(five (5)] SEVEN (7) days in the case of the National Liga) as to the qualifications of these candidates in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Liga and this Code; it shall also post in the chapter office at least [seven (7)] TWELVE (12) days prior to the elections [(five (5)] SEVEN (7) days in the case of the National Liga), a list as to those candidates who have duly qualified for election to their respective offices. FAILURE TO POST THE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE COMMITTEE. The Liga chapter president and/or the secretary concerned may receive certificates of candidacy provided the same are submitted to the Nominations Committee on or before the deadline provided herein.

NO PROTEST ON THE QUALIFICATION OF THE CANDIDATES POSTED SHALL BE ENTERTAINED IF NOT FILED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FROM THE TIME OF POSTING WITH PROOF OF PERSONAL SERVICE TO THE CANDIDATE/S BEING QUESTIONED OR HIS/HER STAFF AT HIS/HER BARANGAY OFFICE. THE CANDIDATE/S MAY FILE WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FROM RECEIPT OF
2.2 Registration/Credentials Committee. The incumbent Liga chapter president shall chair the Registration/Credentials Committee with the chapter secretary and treasurer or in whose absence, those appointed in their stead, serving as member therein. This committee shall take charge of the accreditation and registration of delegates to the election meeting. It shall prepare the necessary proof of presence of a quorum for the said meeting, shall prepare and issue the voter's credentials for election purposes and shall also render, during the election meeting, a report as to the number of voting delegates duly registered, certified and accredited. The voter's credentials shall be signed by the Liga secretary and treasurer and duly attested by the Liga chapter president.

2.3 Election Committee. The Election Committee shall be composed of a chairman and at least two (2) but not more than four (4) members to be appointed from the general membership by the Liga chapter president, with the concurrence of majority of the board. The Committee shall exercise supervision and control over the conduct of the election proper, and shall, on the basis of the election results certified by the Board of Canvassers, proclaim the winning candidate as the duly elected officers and board members of the respective Liga chapter. No chairman of member of the Election Committee shall be eligible to run for any office in the chapter wherein he/she is performing such duties.

2.4 Composition of the Canvassers. The Board of Canvassers shall be composed of a chairman and two (2) members to be appointed from the general membership by the Liga chapter president, with the concurrence of the board. Such body shall be responsible for the public canvassing and counting of the ballots cast and certifying the results as to number of votes garnered by each candidate for each of the elective positions, and thereafter submitting the same to the committee for proclamation. The chairman and the members of the Board of Canvassers shall not be eligible for any office in his/her Liga Chapter.

2.5 Incumbent Liga Chapter Secretary. The incumbent Liga chapter secretary, at any and all levels or, in his/her stead, shall, aside from assisting in the sending of notices of meeting, be responsible for the recoding of the minutes of proceedings of the election meeting; and shall also assist his/her respective Liga Board in the preparation of forms for Notices, Official Receipts, Official Ballots, Certificate of Candidacy, List of Qualified Candidates, Credentials, Registration, Certificate of Canvass and Proclamations and other related documents. All the above prescribed in the attached annexes.

ARTICLE II
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Coverage. In City, Municipal and Provincial Liga Chapters having less than twenty — five (25) members and where certain provisions of Article I section 2 of this Code are impractical and cannot be enforced as certified to in writing by the incumbent Liga Chapter President, the said Liga Chapter President together with his/her board members and duly assisted by the proper government officer aforementioned, e.g. LGGO, shall instead implement and enforce the provisions under this Article to apply and govern their respective election meetings. In all instances, there shall be a Nominations Committee, which shall likewise perform the tasks of the Registration/Credentials Committee as stated in par. 2.1 above. The members of both committees shall not lose his/her eligibility to seek for an elective position.

Section 2. Election Committee. The composition, functions and responsibilities of the Election Committee shall be in the manner contemplated under Article I Section 2.3 of this Code. However, in the event that all the members present in the election meeting are nominees themselves or the number of the non-nominees are insufficient to fill the election committee, the Liga Chapter President shall then cause the body (general membership) to select from among those present three (3)
members, whether a nominee or not, the first one to act as Elections Chairman while the two others as members of the Election Committee. The Election Chairman shall preside over the Election proper, provided said Election Chairman, as well as the two (2) other members, shall not lose his/her eligibility to seek for an elective position.

Section 3. Board of Canvassers. If for any reason/s rendering impractical and improbable the formation of the Board of Canvassers as contemplated under Article I, Section 2.4 of this Code, the Election Committee shall then act in concurrent capacity as the Board of Canvassers i.e. The Election Chairman shall concurrently be Chairman of the Board of Canvassers. Likewise, they shall not lose their eligibility to seek elective office.

ARTICLE III
ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1. Local Liga Chapters. The Municipal, City, Metropolitan, Provincial Chapters shall directly elect the following officers and directors to constitute their respective Board of Directors, namely:

1.1 President
1.2 Vice President
1.3 Auditor
1.4 Six (6) to eight (8) Board Members

Section 2. National Liga AND REGIONAL CHAPTER. The National Liga shall directly elect the following officers [and directors] to constitute the National Executive Board, namely:

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD:

2.1 National President
2.2 Executive Vice President
2.3 Vice President for Luzon
2.4 Vice President for Visayas
2.5 Vice President for Mindanao
2.6 Secretary – General
2.7 Auditor
2.5 16 Regional Chairmen/ Board of Directors

REGIONAL CHAPTER BOARD:

2.5 REGIONAL PRESIDENT
2.6 REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
2.7 REGIONAL SECRETARY
2.8 REGIONAL AUDITOR
2.9 REGIONAL TREASURER

ALL REGIONAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD. THE REGIONAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS SHALL SELECT THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR LUZON, VISAYAS AND MINDANAO FROM AMONG THEMSELVES.

ARTICLE IV
PRE-REQUISITES

Section 1. Requirements for Accreditation and Registration. A delegate to duly registered with and accredited by the Registration/Credentials Committee shall:

1.1 Present the necessary proof of the eligibility which shall be:

1.1.1 For the City/Municipal Chapters – a certified true copy of the COMELEC Certificate of Canvass and Proclamation of the winning candidate as Punong Barangay or, in his/her absence or temporary incapacity, a certified true copy of the Sangguniang Barangay Resolution authorizing and electing him/her to represent by substitution said Barangay in the City/municipal Liga chapter general election meeting provided such representation by substitution shall not be entitled to be voted upon as officer or director of the Liga.
1.1.2 For the Provincial/Metropolitan Chapter – a certificate of confirmation from the National Liga as to his/her election as City/municipal Chapter President or, if not yet made available, a certified true copy of the Certificate of Canvass and Proclamation of the City/Municipal Chapter elections duly attested by the Board of Election Supervisors (BES) in support of his/her election.

1.1.3 For the National Liga AND REGIONAL CHAPTER – a certified true copy of the Certificate of Canvass and Proclamation of the Provincial, Metropolitan, Highly Urbanized and Independent Component City Chapter elections duly attested by the Board of Election Supervisors (BES) in support of his/her election as Chapter President together with the certificate of confirmation from the National Liga to this effect.

1.2 Pay the necessary registration fees as may be fixed by the particular Liga Chapter or National Liga as the case may be to defray the expenses to be incurred for the holding of said election meeting.

1.3 Be issued a voter's credentials for election purposes.

1.3.1 A condition precedent for the issuance of the voter's credential shall be the proof of payment of the Liga dues for the current and previous year, and for all levels, e.g. documents, clearance, and/or official receipts from the National Liga or the chapter concerned.

ARTICLE V
VOTING AND BALLOTS

Section 1. Voting

1.1 Each of the registered, certified and accredited delegates present in person shall be entitled to cast one vote for the candidate of his/her choice for each elective position.

1.2 A delegate who is likewise a qualified candidate and is present during the elections, should get at least one (1) vote. If he a zero (0) vote, he shall be considered a nuisance candidate, and summarily disqualified to run for any office during the said elections.

1.3 Prohibitions. No candidate shall be voted upon in absentia to any office.

Section 2. Ballots

2.1 The election shall be by secret printed ballot and a plurality vote shall be sufficient to elect.

2.1.1 In case of tie for any elective office, the breaking of the tie shall be by tossing of the coin by and between the candidates concerned under the supervision of the Election Committee. The tossing of coin shall be done immediately after determining the existence of the tie. Refusal to the toss-coin and/or a walk-out by the candidate concerned shall be deemed a waiver, and the remaining candidate shall win by default. NO PROTEST ON THE RESULTS OF THE TOSS-COIN SHALL BE ALLOWED.

2.2 Invalidity of Ballots. The Board of Canvassers, in its appreciation of ballots cast, shall declare invalid any ballot found to have been:

2.2.1 Unduly marked and/or inscribed other than those properly made for the selections or the filling up of
names of candidates, as the case may be;

2.2.2 Mutilated or defaced, rendering said ballot incomplete not legible;

2.2.3 Said Board shall also declare invalid any vote cast for any elective position. However, the same shall not affect the appreciation of those votes cast for other offices if cast in the same ballot.

THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THIS MATTER SHALL BE FINAL UNLESS REVERSE BY THE BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS (BES).

ARTICLE VI
QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

Section 1. A candidate for any elective position in all levels of the Liga shall:

1.1 Be a duly elected Punong Barangay;
1.2 Be a duly registered and accredited delegate to the election meeting;
1.3 Be of good moral character (not convicted) by final judgment of crimes involving moral turpitude;
1.4 Have not been removed from office in any level of the Liga on grounds provided under Section 3, Article XII of the Liga Constitution and By-Laws. Or, in the event of suspension, shall have been reinstated prior to said election;
1.5 Be a bona fide member of the Liga. Bona fide membership means that the Barangay being represented has been regularly remitting the required dues to all levels of the Liga, in accordance with the Liga Constitution. IN ORDER TO AVOID DISENFRANCHISEMENT OF A VOTER OR CANDIDATE, THE CANDIDATE/VOTER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO EXECUTE AN UNDERTAKING PROMISING TO PAY THE LIGA DUES WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS FROM ITS EXECUTION. FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE CANDIDATE/VOTER TO PAY THE AMOUNT DUE IN

ACCORDANCE WITH HIS/HER UNDERTAKING SHALL RESULT IN THE NULLIFICATION OF HIS/HER ELECTION IF ELECTED AND/OR SHALL BE CONSIDERED SIMPLE MISCONDUCT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XII SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ON SUSPENSION. IF THE CANDIDATE WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WAS THE ELECTED PRESIDENT, THE ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT SHALL_ASSUME THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XII SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE VII
ORDER OF BUSINESS AND PROCEDURES

Section 1. Order of Business. The order of business for the general election meeting of each chapter shall be:

1.1 Call to Order (By the incumbent Liga Chapter President);
1.2 Proof of the required Notice of the Meeting;
1.3 Proof of the presence of a Quorum;
1.4 Report of the Liga Secretary (as to total number of registered and certified delegate, and the governance of this Code, as supplement to the Liga Constitution and By-Laws, on the elections);
1.5 Appointment of members for the election Committee or Board of Canvassers (if not yet made);
1.6 Reports of the Committee;
1.7 Election Proper (Turn over to Election Committee);

1.7.1 Posting of Names of Nominees/Candidates on writing board
1.7.2 Balloting
1.7.3 Canvassing
1.7.4 Proclamation

1.8 Adjournment (Turn over back to Liga Chapter President)

Section 2. Order of Procedures

2.1 Preparatory Procedures

2.1.1 Preparing notices of meeting, official receipts,
candidacy forms, official ballots, credential forms, registration form, certificates of canvass and proclamation, etc.;

2.1.2 Creating and appointing the committees when necessary and appropriate;

2.1.3 Sending of notices of meeting stating the exact date, time place and purpose of said meeting and the composition of the Nominations Committee and the addresses together with the listing of elective offices, prerequisites for delegates, qualifications of candidates, the order of business for said meeting, of the members therein;

2.1.4 Filing of candidacies with the Nominations Committee within the prescribed period; and preparing the list of qualified candidates;

2.1.5 Securing the ballot boxes, tally boards and other election paraphernalia.

2.2 Pre-Election Procedures.

2.2.1 Registering, certifying and accrediting the delegates by the Registration/Credentials Committee, while issuing also the voter's credentials to voting delegates;

2.2.2 Calling to order of the Election Meeting by incumbent Liga Chapter president and ensuring that only voting delegates, members of the Board of Election Supervisors where required, and authorized Liga officials are allowed within the election meeting premises;

2.2.3 Reporting of the Liga Chapter secretary to show proof of notices and the presence of a quorum;

2.2.4 Reporting of the Liga Chapter Secretary, to the effect that this Code and its implementing rules,

as supplement to the Liga Constitution and By-Laws shall govern all proceedings of the election meeting;

2.2.5 Reporting of the Credentials Committee;

2.2.6 Reporting of the Nominations Committee as to candidates who have duly qualified for their respective offices which they are seeking. (Not necessarily applicable for elections falling under article II).

2.3 Election Proper

2.3.1 Presiding and announcing by the Chairman of the Election Committee as to candidates declared duly qualified by the Nominations Committee;

2.3.2 Listing of the names of candidates for each position on any writing board designated for the purpose;

2.3.3 Issuing of ballots by the Election Committee Chairman to the voting delegates in exchange for their voter's credentials and declaring the voting closed after the delegates entitled to vote have cast their ballots;

2.3.4 Canvassing of the ballots cast and counting of votes by the Board of Canvassers using the tally boards for the purpose, and certifying the election results as to the number of votes garnered by each of the candidates for their respective offices and submitting said certificate of canvass to the Election Chairman for proclamation;

2.3.5 Declaring and proclaiming the winning candidates for each of the elective offices by the Election Committee Chairman based on the certificate of canvass submitted by the Board of Canvassers, and executing the certificate of proclamation for the same.
2.4 Post-Election Procedures

2.4.1 Certification by the incumbent chapter/National President, of the minutes of proceedings recorded by the secretary;

2.4.2 Attestation by the [LGGO/DILG/COMELEC] BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS (BES) of the certificates of canvass and proclamation for the Liga chapter election;

2.4.3 Submission by the LGGO of said minutes together with the duly certified and attested certificates of canvass and proclamation within the forty-eight (48) hours from the close of the said election meeting, to the National Liga Headquarters in UNIT 1401 PRESTIGE TOWER CONDOMINIUM, EMERALD AVENUE, ORTIGAS CENTER, PASIG CITY in copy furnished the DILG at the corresponding levels and the newly elected Liga Chapter President. In the event of any electoral protest, the procedures under Paragraph 1.2.2 of Section 1, Article VIII hereunder shall be followed.

ARTICLE VIII
GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION

Section 1. DILG and/or COMELEC. In order to insure the proper and orderly conduct of these election meetings throughout the hierarchy of the Liga ng mga Barangay, the National Liga, through its National President, shall request assistance from the Department of the Interior and Local Government and/or the Commission on Elections, and if to best serve these purposes, may enter into a Memorandum of Agreement deputizing said government agencies for the latter’s role of participation as follows:

1.1 The DILG and/or the COMELEC shall assign to each local Liga Chapter, the corresponding DILG officer, i.e. City/Municipal LGOO, DILG Provincial / City / NCR / Regional / Regional director / local COMELEC officer, who shall coordinate and assist the Liga Chapter board in enforcing this Code. Said DILG/COMELEC officer shall secure, for the use of the Liga, the needed ballot box, portable voting booths and writing board from the treasurer of the city, municipality, or province where election is to be held, or if necessary, any adequate paraphernalia for the purpose;

1.2 Board of Election Supervisors. There shall be a Board of Election Supervisors (BES) at every local Liga Chapter to be composed of the corresponding DILG officer as chairman and (two (2)) FOUR (4) members preferably one from the COMELEC, ONE FROM THE LOCAL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL OR CHURCH LEADER, ONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION and [the second] ONE from the different government agency/office or non-government organization (NGO) or people’s organization (PO) as may be determined by each Liga chapter board concerned. This Board shall have the following duties and authority:

1.2.1 To resolve any controversy that may arise during the election meeting of the local Liga Chapter;

1.2.2 To resolve any post – proclamation electoral protest which must be submitted in writing to this Board within twenty-four (24) hours from the close of the election; provided said Board shall render its decision within forty-eight (48) hours from receipt thereof; and provided further that said decision of the Board of Election Supervisors [in this respect shall be subject to review by the National Liga Board, the decision of which] shall be final andexecutory UNLESS APPEALED TO THE REGIONAL LIGA CHAPTER. NO APPEAL ON THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS SHALL BE ENTERTAINED UNLESS FILED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF ITS DECISION WITH PROOF OF PERSONAL SERVICE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR HIS/HER STAFF AT HIS/HER BARANGAY OFFICE. THE REGIONAL CHAPTER SHALL DECIDE THE APPEAL WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM FILING OF APPEAL. DECISIONS OF THE REGIONAL CHAPTER SHALL BE FINAL UNLESS APPEALED TO THE NATIONAL...
EXECUTIVE BOARD THROUGH ITS JUSTICE COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF THE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENTS FOR LUZON, VISAYAS AND MINDANAO, SECRETARY GENERAL AND AUDITOR, WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL CHAPTER WITH PROOF OF PERSONAL SERVICE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR HIS/HER STAFF AT HIS/HER BARANGAY OFFICE.

1.3 If the situation warrants the change of venue for the conduct of the elections in a particular Liga chapter/level, either within or outside its area of jurisdiction, the DILG, upon the request of the National Liga or chapter concerned, shall assist in arranging the suitable venue.

1.4 Election protests on the national level shall be submitted in writing before the BES concerned which shall be composed of three (3) representatives from the DILG central office, namely: the Undersecretary for Local Government, the Director of Legal Service and the Director of the National Barangay Operations Office (NBOO), and shall be resolved within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt hereof. The decision of the BES shall be final and executory.

ARTICLE IX
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. Each Liga chapter shall appropriate funds from the proceeds of the registration fees of its election meeting to pay for the following honoraria for:

1.1 For Municipal and Component City Liga Chapters:
- BES Chairman (DILG Officer) - P1,000.00
- BES Member - P500.00

1.2 For the Independent Component and Highly Urbanized Cities, Metropolitan and Provincial Liga Chapters:
- BES Chairman - P2,000.00
- BES Member - P1,000.00

The amount of P1,000.00 shall likewise be allotted for incidental expenses such as transportation and documents transmittal via LBC cargo, DHL or like services.

Section 2. Confirmation Period. Upon receipt of the election results, to include the minutes of the election meetings, the canvass and proclamation forms of the Liga Chapters and in the absence of any election protest, the National Liga shall, within fifteen (15) days thereof, confirm the results of the different Liga Chapter elections and furnish copies of the confirmation to the different chapters concerned. [For reasons of expediency, the incumbent National Liga President shall have the full authority to act on behalf of the National Liga Board to confirm such election results.] THE CERTIFICATE OF CONFIRMATION SHALL BE VALID IF SIGNED BY AT LEAST SEVEN (7) MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD BUT IN ALL CASES, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT MUST BE A SIGNATORY.

Section 3. Failure of Election. In the event that a Liga Chapter fails to hold an election due to circumstances beyond its control within the prescribed period OR THE ELECTION CONDUCTED WAS NULLIFIED BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD, the incumbent National Liga Executive Board shall [in accordance within Section 1 Article IX of the Liga Constitution and By-Laws] order the holding of special elections for the Liga Chapter concerned. In such an eventuality, the incumbent Liga Chapter President shall continue to represent the same in the Sanggunian concerned or in any other meetings in hold over capacity, until his successor is finally confirmed. Provided that, in the failure of elections is due to the incumbent Liga Chapter President or his successor's failure to send notices of election meeting as required by this Code, said officials shall lose his/her eligibility to any elective office in the said Liga Chapter.

Section 4. Non-Election as Punong Barangay/Liga Chapter President. In the event that the incumbent Liga Chapter President fails to get re-elected as Punong Barangay in the general Barangay election concerned, and pursuant to Section 1, Article XII of the Liga Constitution and By-Laws, his incumbent Vice President (in descending order, from the Executive Vice President down to the third Vice President), shall assume the office of the Liga President; and shall perform all duties and responsibilities required of a President under this Code and Liga Constitution, until his successor is confirmed.
In the event any of the incumbent Vice Presidents also fail to get re-elected, the remaining incumbent officers and members of the Board of Chapter concerned shall elect from among themselves their representative to the Local Sanggunian. In case of failure to elect among themselves, the National Liga shall appoint a caretaker of the Chapter concerned with the designation of Acting President.

In the case of multiple vacancies in the National Executive Board which results 'no quorum,' the Board shall be filled up only to constitute the needed quorum, by the remaining incumbent who is the most senior, through appointment. This Board with the new appointees shall merely be interim in function until the election for the regular officers and members of the Board.

In the event that an incumbent officers or Director of a particular Liga Chapter fails to get re-elected as Liga Chapter President of the next lower Chapter which he/she has been representing, said officials shall nonetheless in a hold over capacity solely for the purpose of performing duties and responsibilities as may be required by this Code.

Section 5. Term and Tenure of Office. The terms of all officers and members of the Board of Directors of a LIGA at all levels including the National Liga shall be from the date of the elections until their successors has been elected and qualified unless sooner removed from office for a cause. The term of the Liga Officers shall be understood strictly to the concurrent with the term and tenure of office of Sangguniang Barangay. No stipulation in any form shall prejudice such term and tenure of office of such Liga Officers.

In cases where the elected successors fails to qualify due to certain legal impediment such as the issuance of a restraining order by a competent court, fails or refuses to assume his office for whatever reasons and other kinds of legal impediments, the incumbent Liga Chapter President shall continue to represent the Liga in the Sanggunian concerned until his successor is confirmed.

Section 6. Promulgation. The National Liga shall be responsible for dissemination of this Election Code [as well as the Rules and Guidelines for the former's implantation] to the Liga members through the Chapters concerned. The National Liga President shall employ all means he deems proper and fitting, such as media print, to disseminate aside from circularizing the same to all concerned.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Code for the general elections of the Liga ng mga barangay officers and directors shall take effect upon approval of the National Executive Board.

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Magkasama ang tagumpay

Ang bansang ito'y tahanan sa'yo
Sa paglilingkod kabalikat
Bawat tao

Kaibigan ko at Kapwa Pilipino
Ako at ang Barangay
Kaisa sa layunin ng Maykapal
Maglingkod na may dangan.

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Sa pangarap at suliranin
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