

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SEVENTEETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 1299



Introduced by Honorable Florida P. Robes

**AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY MUZON IN THE CITY OF
SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO TWO DISTINCT AND
INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MUZON
AND BARANGAY PABAHAY**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Division of Barangay Muzon. - Barangay Muzon in the City of Jose Del Monte, Bulacan is hereby divided into two (distinct) and independent barangays to be known as: (1) Barangay Muzon; and (2) Barangay Pabahay.

SEC. 2. Territorial Boundaries. - The boundaries of the two barangays will be determined by the city planning and development office and the city assessor's office.

SEC. 3. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. - Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", Barangay Muzon shall be divided into and a new barangay shall exist upon approval by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections in the area affected, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 4. Barangay Officials. - The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Muzon shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified while the first set of officials of the newly created barangay shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the local government unit through a resolution by the sanggunian and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected or qualified.

SEC. 4. Public Infrastructure and Facilities - All existing public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SEC. 5. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares. - The two barangays named under this Act shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. - If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof, shall not be repealed or modified.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in any a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to divide Barangay Muzon into two distinct and independent barangays.

Section 386 of the Local Government Code provides that a barangay maybe created if the following requisites are complied with : (a) at least two thousand (2,000) inhabitants as certified by the National Statistics Office except in cities and municipalities within Metro Manila and other metropolitan political subdivisions or in highly urbanized cities where such territory shall have a certified population of at least five thousand (5,000) inhabitants: Provided, That the creation thereof shall not reduce the population of the original Barangay or Barangays to less than the minimum requirement prescribed herein.

As the city's most populous, with a population of more than a hundred thousand, the splitting of Barangay Muzon into two will not alter its administrative status. The area which is to be separated from it is Pabahay 2000. The rationale behind the splitting are to improve the delivery of services and to effectively manage resources.

Considering the afore-stated, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


FLORIDA P. ROBES