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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 provisions set forth in Article XI, Section 1 of the Liga Constitution and By-Laws.

The elections for the officers and members of the Liga Executive Board shall be held in accordance with the following schedule:

1. **Liga ng mga Barangay Component City and Municipal Chapters.** The incumbent Liga chapter president shall convene all duly elected *punong barangays* of the respective chapter in any public place within said city or municipality for the purpose of electing the officers and directors of the Liga chapter. The incumbent president shall notify all concerned, in writing, through personal delivery, registered mail, courier, or electronic mail, at least ten (10) calendar days before the scheduled election on the exact date, time, place, and requirements of the said election.
2. **Liga ng mga Barangay Provincial, Highly Urbanized City (HUC) and Independent Component City (ICC) Chapters.** The incumbent Liga chapter president concerned shall convene all duly elected Component City and Municipal Chapter Presidents in the case of the Provincial Liga Chapter President and all the current elected *punong barangays* in the case of the Highly Urbanized City and Independent Component City Liga Chapter Presidents; in any public place within its area of jurisdiction for the purpose of electing the officers and directors of the provincial, Highly Urbanized City, and Independent Component City Liga chapters. The incumbent president shall notify all concerned parties, in writing, through personal delivery, registered mail, courier, or electronic mail, at least ten (10) calendar days before the scheduled election on the exact date, time, place, and requirements of the said election.



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3. **National Liga & Regional Chapters.** The incumbent National Liga President shall convene all the duly elected Provincial, Highly Urbanized City, and Independent Component City Chapter Presidents in any public place for the purpose of electing the National Executive Board of the National Liga ng mga Barangay. The incumbent National Liga President shall notify, in writing, through personal delivery, registered mail, courier, or electronic mail, all the above concerned at least ten (10) calendar days before the scheduled election on the exact date, time, place, and requirements of the said election, the venue of which shall be in Metro Manila.

In the event of extraordinary circumstances that may significantly affect the orderly, fair, and transparent conduct of the Liga elections, the National President, upon a finding of just cause, may issue an official order to reschedule any of the aforementioned Liga elections. Such order shall be made in writing, clearly stating the specific circumstances warranting the rescheduling, and shall be disseminated to all concerned members through personal delivery, registered mail, courier, or electronic mail at least five (5) calendar days prior to the original election date.

For purposes of this provision, just cause shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Natural calamities (e.g., typhoons, earthquakes, floods) prevent the safe conduct of elections.
2. Public emergencies (e.g., pandemics, government-declared states of emergency).
3. Security threats (e.g., armed conflict, terrorist activities, civil unrest).
4. Legal impediments (e.g., court orders, temporary restraining orders affecting the elections).
5. Failure to meet quorum requirements, despite documented efforts to convene the general membership.
6. Any other analogous cases.

Section 2. Supervision and Assistance. The incumbent Liga chapter presidents, together with the incumbent Local Executive Board, shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Election Code and shall have supervision over the conduct of each election. The



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National Liga President 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:

- a. **Nominations Committee.** The process of the creation of the nominations committee shall be as follows:
 1. The incumbent Liga Chapter President, with the concurrence of the majority of the incumbent Local Executive Board in the case of local chapters, and the incumbent National President, with the concurrence of the majority of the incumbent National Executive Board in the case of the National Liga, shall appoint a Nominations Committee composed of a chairman and two (2) members from the general membership in a meeting specifically called for this purpose.
 2. The chairman and members of the Nominations Committee are not eligible to run for office in their respective chapters while serving in such capacities.
 3. The composition of the Nominations Committee, together with the addresses of the members therein, shall be circularized throughout the general membership together with the notice of the meeting.
 4. Candidacy Forms and Submission of Certificates of Candidacy:
 - a. The Nominations Committee shall make candidacy forms available to all prospective candidates.
 - b. The place, date, and time for filing Certificates of Candidacy shall be publicly announced at least five (5)



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calendar days before the deadline set for filing thereof.

- c. The Certificates of Candidacy shall be submitted to the Nominations Committee during official Liga hours at the designated chapter office.
 - d. Failure to submit the Certificates of Candidacy within the prescribed period shall render the candidacy null and void.
 - e. If no member of the Nominations Committee is present to accept the candidacy within the filing period, the candidate may submit the Certificates of Candidacy to the Liga Chapter Secretary, who shall officially receive and forward it to the Nominations Committee.
 - f. The Nominations Committee shall be required to accept all Certificates of Candidacy submitted within the prescribed filing period, provided that they comply with the eligibility requirements set forth in the Liga Constitution and By-Laws and this Code. The Nominations Committee shall not refuse, delay, or impose additional requirements beyond those prescribed.
5. The Nominations Committee shall determine and certify qualified candidates and shall publish the official list of qualified candidates within three (3) calendar days following the deadline for the filing of Certificates of Candidacy. If the third (3rd) day falls on



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a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, the posting shall be automatically moved to the next working day. The list shall be posted in the respective chapter office.

Failure to post the qualified candidates shall be grounds for disciplinary action against the members of the committee.

6. Any protests on the qualification of a candidate shall be subject to the following procedure:
 - a. Any protest regarding the qualification of a candidate must be filed with the Nominations Committee within twenty-four (24) hours from the posting of the list. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the protest shall be filed on the next working day.
 - b. The protest must be submitted in writing, signed by the complainant, and accompanied by supporting evidence.
 - c. The Nominations Committee shall serve a copy of the protest to the candidate in question within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt and present proof of delivery to the candidate's barangay office or official address.
 - d. The candidate in question may file a counter-appeal or opposition within forty-eight (48) hours from receipt of the protest. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the



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counter-appeal or opposition shall be filed on the next working day.

- e. The Nominations Committee shall resolve all protests within two (2) calendar days from receipt of the counter-appeal or opposition, or the lapse of forty-eight (48) hours to file a counter-appeal or opposition, as the case may be.
- b. **Registration / Credentials Committee.** The process of the creation of the Registration / Credentials Committee shall be as follows:
 1. The Registration / Credentials Committee shall be composed of the incumbent Liga Chapter President, who shall serve as the chairman of the committee together with the Chapter Secretary and Treasurer. In the event of a vacancy in the above positions, the general membership of the Liga Chapter shall appoint the members of the committee herein.
 2. This Committee shall take charge of the accreditation and registration of delegates to the election. It shall prepare the necessary proof of the presence of a quorum for the said election, shall prepare and issue the voter's credentials for election purposes, and shall also render, during the election, 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.
- c. **Election Committee.** The process of the creation of the Election Committee shall be as follows:



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1. The incumbent Liga Chapter President, with the concurrence of the majority of the Local Executive Board in the case of local chapters, and the incumbent National President, with the concurrence of the majority of the National Executive Board in the case of the National Liga, shall appoint an Election Committee composed of a chairman and two (2) members from the general membership in a meeting specifically called for this purpose.
 2. The chairman and members of the Election Committee are not eligible to run for office in their respective chapters while serving in such capacities.
 3. The committee shall exercise supervision and control over the conduct of the election proper and shall proclaim the winning candidate as the duly elected officers and board members of the respective Liga chapter based on the election results certified by the Board of Canvassers.
- d. **Board of the Canvassers.** The process of the creation of the Board of the Canvassers shall be as follows:
1. The incumbent Liga Chapter President, with the concurrence of the majority of the Local Executive Board in the case of Local Chapters and the incumbent National President with the concurrence of the majority of the National Executive Board in the case of the National Liga, shall appoint the Board of Canvassers composed of a chairman and two (2) members from the general membership in a meeting specifically called for this purpose.
 2. The Board of Canvassers should not be a candidate for any office while serving in such capacities.



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3. The Board of Canvassers shall be responsible for the public canvassing and counting of the ballots cast and certifying the results as to the 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 or her Liga Chapter.
- e. **Incumbent Liga Chapter Secretary.** The incumbent Liga Chapter Secretary, at any and all levels or, in his or 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; and shall also assist his or 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.

ARTICLE II SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Exclusions. In City, Municipal, and Provincial Liga Chapters with less than twenty-five (25) members and where certain provisions of Article I, Section 2 of this Code cannot be enforced, the said Liga Chapter President, together with the Local Executive Board, shall instead implement and enforce the provisions under this Article to apply and govern their respective elections.

In all instances, there shall be a Nominations Committee, which shall likewise perform the tasks of the Registration / Credentials Committee as stated in the preceding Article. The members of both committees shall not lose their eligibility to seek 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 (c) of this Code. However, in the event that all the members present in the election are



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nominees themselves or the number of the non-nominees is insufficient to fill the Election Committee, the Liga Chapter President, through the general membership of the Liga Chapter, shall select three (3) members from among those present, whether a nominee or not.

The first member shall act as Election Committee Chairman and the two others as members of the Election Committee. The Election Chairman shall preside over the election proper, provided that the Election Chairman, as well as the two (2) other members, shall not lose his or her eligibility to seek an elective position.

Section 3. Board of Canvassers. If, for any reason/s, the formation of the Board of Canvassers as contemplated under Article I, Section 2 (d) of this Code became impractical and improbable, the Election Committee shall then act in concurrent capacity as the Board of Canvassers.

In such instance, the Election Chairman shall concurrently serve as 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, Highly Urbanized City (HUC), Independent Component City (ICC), and Provincial Chapters shall directly elect the following officers and directors to constitute their respective Board of Directors, namely:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Auditor
- d. Six (6) Members of the Board of Directors (for chapters with 15 barangays and below)
- e. Eight (8) Members of the Board of Directors (for chapters with 16 barangays and above)

Section 2. National Liga and Regional Chapters. The National Liga shall directly elect the following officers to constitute the National Executive Board, namely:



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- a. National President
- b. Executive Vice President
- c. Vice President for Luzon
- d. Vice President for Visayas
- e. Vice President for Mindanao
- f. Secretary-General
- g. Auditor
- h. Eighteen (18) Regional Chapter Presidents/Board of Directors

For Regional Chapter Board:

- a. Regional President
- b. Regional Vice President
- c. Regional Auditor

All Regional Chapter Presidents shall automatically become members of the National Executive Board.

The Vice President for Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao must come from and shall be voted by the members of the National Directorate from the corresponding island they represent.

Section 3. Requirements for Accreditation and Registration. A delegate, to be duly registered and accredited by the Registration / Credentials Committee, shall present the necessary proof of eligibility, which shall be:

- a. **Highly Urbanized City (HUC), Independent Component City (ICC), City, and Municipal Chapter.**
 - 1. A certified true copy of the COMELEC Certificate of Canvass and Proclamation of the winning candidates as *punong barangay* or, in their absence or temporary incapacity, a certified true copy of the resolution of *Sangguniang Barangay* authorizing and electing them to represent by substitution said Barangay in the City or Municipal Liga Chapter general election, provided that such representation by substitution shall not be



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entitled to be voted upon as officer or director of the Liga; and

2. A Clearance Certificate issued by the National Liga or the Local Liga Chapter Treasurer, certifying that all Liga dues and Annual Publication and Program Fees are fully paid and updated as of the election date. In the event that the National Liga or the Local Liga Chapter Treasurer refuses to issue the Clearance Certificate despite full payment, the candidate may submit any valid proof of payment (e.g., official receipts, bank deposit slips, or other documentary evidence) along with a written explanation detailing the refusal. The Nominations Committee shall evaluate the submitted proof, and if found sufficient, the candidate shall be deemed compliant with the clearance requirement for purposes of eligibility.

b. Provincial Chapter.

1. A Certificate of Confirmation from the National Liga confirming the individual's election as City or Municipal Chapter President;
2. A certified true copy of the Certificate of Canvass and Proclamation of the City or Municipal Chapter elections, duly attested by the Board of Election Supervisors (BES); and
3. A Clearance Certificate issued by the National Liga or the Local Liga Chapter Treasurer, certifying that all Liga dues and Annual Publication and Program Fees for the chapter are fully paid and updated as of the election date. In the event that the National Liga or the Local Liga Chapter Treasurer refuses to issue the Clearance Certificate despite full payment, the



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c. National Liga and Regional Chapters.

1. A Certificate of Confirmation from the National Liga confirming the individual's election as Provincial, Highly Urbanized City, or Independent Component City Chapter President;
2. A certified true copy of the Certificate of Canvass and Proclamation of the Provincial, Highly Urbanized City, or Independent Component City Chapter elections, duly attested by the Board of Election Supervisors (BES); and
3. A Clearance Certificate issued by the National Liga, certifying that all Liga dues and Annual Publication and Program Fees are fully paid and updated as of the election date. In the event that the National Liga refuses to issue the Clearance Certificate despite full payment, the candidate may submit any valid proof of payment (e.g., official receipts, bank deposit slips, or other documentary evidence) along with a written explanation detailing the refusal. The Nominations Committee shall evaluate the submitted proof, and if found sufficient, the candidate shall be deemed compliant with the clearance requirement for purposes of eligibility.



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- d. In addition, thereto, the delegate may likewise be required to pay the necessary registration fees as may be fixed by the Local Liga Chapter or National Liga, which shall cover the expenses incurred for the conduct of the election.

ARTICLE IV VOTING AND BALLOTS

Section 1. Voting.

- a. Each of the registered, certified, and accredited delegates personally present shall be entitled to cast one vote for the candidate of his or her choice for each elective position.
- b. A delegate who is likewise a qualified candidate and is present during the elections, should get at least one (1) vote.
- c. No candidate shall be voted upon in absentia to any office. However, an exception may be granted in cases of medical emergencies or other extraordinary circumstances that prevent the candidate from attending, provided that:
 - 1. The candidate must submit a formal written request for exemption to the Nominations Committee at least twenty-four (24) hours before the election. However, in cases of sudden unforeseen emergencies occurring immediately prior to or during the election, the candidate or a duly authorized representative must submit the request within twenty-four (24) hours from the occurrence of the emergency, stating the reason for their absence, with sufficient proof thereof.
 - 2. In cases of medical emergencies, the request must be accompanied by a medical certificate issued by a licensed physician.



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3. The Nominations Committee shall assess the validity of the request and issue a ruling before the start of the election. If granted, the candidate shall still be eligible to be voted upon despite their absence.

Section 2. Ballots.

- a. **Procedure of Casting a Vote.** The election shall be by a secret printed ballot, and a plurality of votes shall be sufficient to elect. In case of a tie for any elective office, the breaking of the tie shall be resolved by tossing the coin by and between the candidates concerned under the supervision of the Election Committee. The tossing of the 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 a toss coin is allowed.
- b. **Invalidity of Ballots.** The Board of Canvassers, in its appreciation of ballots cast, shall declare invalid any ballot found to have been:
 1. Unduly marked and/or inscribed other than those properly made for the selections or the filing up of names of candidates, as the case may be;
 2. Mutilated or defaced, rendering said ballot incomplete not legible; or
 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.

ARTICLE V QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

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



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- a. Not have been removed from office in any level of the Liga on grounds stipulated in Section 4, Article XII of the Constitution and By-Laws;
- b. Be a duly elected *punong barangay* or Liga chapter president, as the case may be;
- c. Represent a chapter that has an updated payment of Liga dues and Annual Publication and Program Fees, as certified by the National Liga or Local Liga Chapter Treasurer;
- d. Be a duly registered and accredited delegate to the election meeting pursuant to Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution and By-Laws;
- e. Be of good moral character;
- f. Not have been convicted by final judgment of crimes involving moral turpitude or of an offense punishable by imprisonment for a period of at least six (6) years or dismissal by final judgment of any criminal or administrative offenses; and
- g. Have complied with all requirements prescribed in Article III, Section 3 of this Code.

ARTICLE VI ORDER OF BUSINESS AND PROCEDURES

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

- a. Call to Order conducted by the incumbent Liga President.
 - 1. Proof of the required Notice of the Meeting.
 - 2. Proof of the presence of a Quorum.



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- i. A quorum shall be defined as fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total number of registered and certified delegates eligible to vote. Only delegates who have fully paid all required Liga dues and Annual Publication and Program Fees, as certified by the National Liga or Local Liga Chapter Treasurer, shall be considered eligible to vote and counted for quorum purposes. If the National Liga or Local Liga Chapter Treasurer refuses to issue a Clearance Certificate despite full payment, the delegate may present valid proof of payment (e.g., official receipts, deposit slips) along with a written explanation of the refusal for validation by the Election Committee.
- ii. Delegates who have outstanding Liga dues and Annual Publication and Program Fees may still settle their payments before the day of the election by paying directly to their respective Liga Treasurer, who shall immediately issue an official acknowledgment receipt as proof of payment. In cases where the Liga Treasurer is absent, vacant, or unjustly refuses to accept such payment, payment shall be made in the Local Liga Chapter's bank account, or in its absence, in the National Liga's bank account. In any instance, the member shall be deemed eligible to vote upon presentation of acknowledgment receipt or proof of payment, as the case may be.
- iii. All elections which resulted in failure of elections due to failure to meet the necessary quorum shall be scheduled for a special election to be determined by the National Executive



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Board. A formal notice of the special election shall be issued to all concerned chapters at least five (5) calendar days before the scheduled date of the special election, specifying that the election shall proceed regardless of quorum.

- iv. During this special election, the election shall proceed with the members present, notwithstanding the absence of a quorum, and all election and proclamations made shall be valid and binding. Failure of any member to attend after proper notice shall not affect the validity of the elections.
 - v. If the presiding officer (incumbent Liga President) fails to attend the general election, the Vice President in case of the Local Executive Board, or the Executive Vice President in case of National Executive Board, shall assume the role of presiding officer.
 - vi. If the Vice President is also absent, the next highest-ranking officer present, following the order of succession in Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws, shall preside.
 - vii. If the presiding officer walks out during the meeting, the Election Committee shall take over and proceed with the election process to avoid disruption.
- b. Report of the Liga Secretary (as to the total number of registered and certified delegates, and the governance of this Code, as a supplement to the Liga Constitution and By-Laws, on the elections);



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- c. Appointment of members for the election Committee or Board of Canvassers (if not yet made);
- d. Reports of the Committee;
- e. Election Proper (turn over to Election Committee);
 - 1. Posting of Names of Nominees/Candidates on the writing board
 - 2. Balloting
 - 3. Canvassing
 - 4. Proclamation
- f. Adjournment (turn over back to Liga Chapter President)

Section 2. Order of Procedures.

a. Preparatory Procedures

- 1. Preparing notices of meetings, official receipts, candidacy forms, official ballots, credential forms, registration forms, certificates of canvass and proclamation, etc.
- 2. Creating and appointing the committees when necessary and appropriate.
- 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.



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4. Filing of candidacies with the Nominations Committee within the prescribed period and preparing the list of qualified candidates.
5. Securing the ballot boxes, tally boards, and other election paraphernalia.

b. Pre-Election Procedures

1. Registering, certifying, and accrediting the delegates by the Registration/Credentials Committee, while also issuing the voter's credentials to voting delegates.
2. Calling to order of the election by the 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 premises.
3. Reporting of the Liga Chapter Secretary to show proof of notices and the presence of a quorum.
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.
5. Reporting of the Credentials Committee.
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).



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c. Election Proper

1. Presiding and announcing by the Chairman of the Election Committee as to candidates declared duly qualified by the Nominations Committee.
2. Listing of the names of candidates for each position on any writing board designated for the purpose.
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.
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.
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.

d. Post-Election Procedures

1. Certification by the incumbent Local Chapter President in the case of Local Chapter elections or National President in the case of the Liga National elections, of the minutes of proceedings recorded by the Liga Secretary.



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2. Attestation of the certificates of canvass and proclamation for the Liga Chapter election by the Board of Election Supervisors.
3. Submission by the Department of Interior and Local Government – Local Government Operations Officers (DILG-LGOO) in the case of local chapter elections or the Department of Interior and Local Government – National Barangay Operations Office (DILG-NBOO) in the case of the Liga National Elections of said minutes together with the duly certified and attested certificates of canvass and proclamation within the five (5) calendar days from the close of the said election, to the National Liga Headquarters in Unit 1401, Prestige Tower Condominium, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, with a copy furnished to the Department of Interior and Local Government at the corresponding levels and the newly elected Liga Chapter President.

The location of the National Liga Headquarters may be subject to change in accordance with the provisions of the Liga's Constitution and By-Laws.

4. In the event of any electoral protest, the procedures under Section 1(b), Article VIII hereunder shall be followed.

ARTICLE VII GOVERNMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATION

Section 1. Government Agency Participation. In order to ensure the proper and orderly conduct of Liga chapter elections throughout the hierarchy of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas, the National Liga, through its National President, may enter into a memorandum of agreement or request assistance from the Department of the Interior and Local Government and/or the Commission on Elections deputizing said government agencies as follows:



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- a. **Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and/or Commission on Elections (COMELEC).** The DILG and/or the COMELEC shall assign to each local Liga Chapter, the corresponding DILG and/or COMELEC officer (*i.e., City/Municipal LGOO, DILG Provincial/City/Regional director and/or local COMELEC officer*), who shall coordinate and assist the Liga Chapters in enforcing this Code. The deputized agencies shall secure, for the purpose of the Liga elections, 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 from the office of the National Liga in the case of the National Liga elections.
- b. **Board of Election Supervisors.** There shall be a Board of Election Supervisors at every Local Liga Chapter election to be composed of either the DILG representative and/or COMELEC Officer as chairman and two (2) members from the general membership.

In the case of the National Liga election, the Board of Election Supervisors shall be composed of three (3) representatives from the DILG central office (*i.e., The Undersecretary for Local Government, the Director of Legal Service, and the Director of the National Barangay Operations Office*).

The Board Election Supervisors shall have the following duties and authority:

1. To resolve any controversy that may arise during the election of the local Liga Chapter or National Liga;
2. To resolve any electoral protest, except in the case of the National Liga elections, which must be submitted in writing to the Board of Election Supervisors within twenty-four (24) hours from the close of the election;



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3. The Board Election Supervisors must render its decision within forty-eight (48) hours from receipt thereof;
 4. All decisions of the Board of Election Supervisors shall be subject to review by the National Executive Board, the decision of which shall be final and executory;
 5. Any appeal on the decisions of the Board of Election Supervisors must be filed within the National Liga Headquarters in Unit 1401, Prestige Tower Condominium, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas, Pasig City within forty-eight (48) hours from the receipt of its decision. The National Liga through the National President and its Justice Committee shall decide on the appeal within sixty (60) calendar days from receipt of the appeal. The location of the National Liga Headquarters may be subject to change in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.
 6. **The decision of the National Liga is final and executory**
- c. **Change of Venue.** If any situation warrants the change of venue for the conduct of the elections of a Liga chapter, either within or outside its area of jurisdiction, the Liga Chapter President shall have the sole discretion to select a reasonable and accessible venue. The selected venue must be suitable, impartial, and convenient for the majority of the delegates, ensuring that no candidate or group is given undue advantage. Any change of venue shall be made in consultation with the Local Executive Board and must be communicated to all concerned members at least three (3) calendar days before the



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scheduled election date through official Liga communication channels.

The following shall be considered as valid grounds for the change of venue:

1. Public safety threats;
 2. Unavailability or unsuitability of the original venue;
 3. Health emergencies or other force majeure circumstances; and
 4. Any other circumstance that could compromise the orderly, impartial, and transparent conduct of the elections.
- d. **Election Protests on National Liga Elections.** Any election protest filed against any candidate of the most recently concluded National Liga elections shall be submitted in writing before the Board of Election Supervisors. The Board of Election Supervisors shall investigate, validate, and submit their findings to the incumbent National Executive Board who shall render a decision within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt thereof. The decision of the National Executive Board shall be final and executory.
- e. **Refusal or Non-Participation of Government Agency.** Refusal or non-participation of any government agency to participate in the above activities are not valid grounds to nullify any proceeding or for declaring failure of elections.

Should any government agency refuse to assume the role, a representative duly designated and authorized by the National Liga through the authority of the National Liga President shall serve as the representation.



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ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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

1. For Municipal and Component City Liga Chapters:

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| BES Chairman | PHP3,000.00 |
| BES Member | PHP2,000.00 |

2. For the Independent Component and Highly Urbanized Cities, Metropolitan and Provincial Liga Chapters:

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| BES Chairman | PHP5,000.00 |
| BES Member | PHP3,000.00 |

3. The amount of **PHP5,000.00** shall likewise be allotted for incidental expenses such as transportation and documents transmittal via LBC cargo, DHL or other similar services.

Section 2. Confirmation Period. Upon receipt of the election results, including the minutes of the elections, the canvass and proclamation forms of the Liga Chapters and in the absence of any election protest or irregularity in the conduct of the election, the National Liga shall, within thirty (30) calendar 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.

Section 3. Failure of Elections.

1. In the event that a Liga chapter fails to hold an election within the prescribed period due to circumstances beyond its control, the National Executive Board shall, in accordance with Section 1, Article XI of the Liga's Constitution and By-



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Laws, issue an order for the holding of special elections for the Liga Chapter concerned.

2. During this period, the incumbent Liga Chapter President shall continue to exercise a hold-over capacity, allowing them to represent the chapter in the *Sanggunian* and other official meetings until a successor is duly elected and confirmed. However, the incumbent Liga chapter president shall only remain eligible to serve in a hold-over capacity if he or she has been re-elected as *punong barangay* in the most general barangay elections. Should the incumbent Liga chapter president fail to be re-elected as *punong barangay*, the next highest-ranking officer who has been re-elected shall assume the hold-over capacity until the special election is conducted, based on the ranking defined in Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws.
3. However, if the failure of elections is caused by the incumbent Liga Chapter President or the designated officer's failure to issue the required notices of elections as prescribed by this Code, such officer shall be disqualified from running for any elective office in the Liga Chapter. The circumstances beyond control that may justify failure of elections:
 - a. Natural calamities (e.g., typhoons, earthquakes, floods) that prevent the safe conduct of elections.
 - b. Public emergencies (e.g., pandemics, government-declared states of emergency).
 - c. Security threats (e.g., armed conflict, terrorist activities, civil unrest).
 - d. Legal impediments (e.g., court orders, temporary restraining orders affecting the elections).
 - e. Failure to meet quorum requirements, despite documented efforts to convene the general membership.
 - f. Any other analogous cases.

Section 4. Special Election. In the event of a failure of elections, as determined in accordance with Section 3 of this Article, or in any other circumstance that would warrant a special election as stated in the Liga Constitution and By-Laws, a special election shall be conducted following the same procedures as the regular elections set forth in this Code.



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All provisions governing the conduct of regular elections, including issuance of notice, nomination and qualification of candidates, voting procedures, quorum requirements, canvassing of votes, proclamation of winners, and resolution of disputes, shall apply in the same manner to special elections, unless otherwise modified by specific provisions in this Code.

Section 5. Term And Tenure of Office.

- a. The term of office of elected officers and directors of the National Liga and all Local Liga Chapters shall commence from the date of their election and shall be coterminous with their term as *punong barangay*, unless sooner removed or suspended in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
- b. The tenure of officers and directors of the National Liga and all Local Liga Chapters shall not extend beyond the election of their successor in the Liga. After the end of their term as *punong barangay*, they may continue serving as officers and directors of the National Liga or Local Liga Chapter in a holdover capacity functioning as Officers-in-Charge, Provided: that, they are reelected as *punong barangay*, which shall, in no case, automatically extend their term as Liga officers and directors.
- c. Should the incumbent Liga chapter president fail to be re-elected as *punong barangay*, the next highest-ranking officer who has been re-elected, as provided in Article XI, Section 1 of the Liga's Constitution and By-Laws shall assume the hold-over capacity until the special election is conducted.

Section 6. Promulgation. The National Liga shall be responsible for dissemination of this Election Code 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.



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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.

ADOPTED and **RATIFIED** this 1st day of April 2025 in Metro Manila, Philippines.