

Republic of the Philippines
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Cotabato City

FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(Third Regular Session)

[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 220]

Begun and held in Cotabato City on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of October two thousand five.

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF DATU HOFFER IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

By it enacted by the Regional Assembly in session assembled:

Section 1. – Barangays Labu-Labu I, Labu-Labu II, Kubentog, Limpongo, Sayap, Taib, Talibadok, Tuayan Mother and Tuayan I in the municipality of Shariff Aguak, part of barangay Macalag and Tuntugan in the municipality of Datu Unsay, are hereby separated respectively from the municipalities mentioned above and constituted into the Municipality of Datu Hoffer. Ampatuan, which is heretofore created.

Unless transferred by its Sanggunian, the seat of the municipal government shall be in Barangay Limpongo to be known hereafter as the “Poblacion”.

Sec. 2. The municipality contains a land area of one hundred ninety three point forty-five (193.45) square kilometers, bounded as follows:

LINE		BEARING			DISTANCE
TP-1	S	15	34	W	33,058.14
1-2	N	2	52	E	2,548.38
2-3	S	89	60	E	8,356.75
3-4	N	1	44	E	4,244.75
4-5	S	86	28	W	4,802.65
5-6	N	35	20	E	6,602.96

6-7	S	78	42	E	4,326.01
7-8	N	83	26	E	11,102.38
8-9	S	3	49	W	2,550.02
9-10	S	89	60	W	4,242.01
10-11	S	2	8	W	6,875.92
11-12	S	89	60	E	5,091.25
12-13	N	0	1	W	3,266.35
13-14	S	62	23	W	4,117.37
14-15	S	13	30	E	4,363.28
15-1	N	89	60	W	27,997.21

Sec. 3. The municipality is a corporate entity with jurisdiction in all matters provided by the ARMM Local Government Code and other existing laws.

Sec. 4. The municipal government is composed of a Municipal Mayor, Municipal vice-Mayor and eight (8) members of its Sangguniang Bayan who shall be appointed by the Regional Governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao immediately after the ratification of this Act in a plebiscite. They shall continue to hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified in the next regular elections.

The Presidents of the Municipal Federation of Sangguniang Kabataan and Federation of Barangay Chairmen who shall be elected under the existing laws and rules shall be ex-officio members of the Sangguniang Bayan.

Sec. 5. - The appointive municipal officials provided in the Local Code shall be appointed by the municipal mayor with the concurrence of the majority of all the members of the Sangguniang Bayan: Provided that the appointment to positions in the career service shall be governed by the Civil Service rules and regulations.

Sec. 6. - The municipalities of Shariff Aguak and Datu Unsay as well as the offices of the provincial governor and ARMM regional governor shall provide and extend financial assistance for its operation.

Sec. 7. - The Commission On Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite called for the purpose in the affected areas within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act.

Sec. 8. - The expenses necessary in the plebiscite for the purpose shall be charged to any available funds in the Office of the Provincial Governor of Maguindanao.

Sec. 9. - The creation of the municipality shall be deemed effective upon ratification by majority of the votes cast in the plebiscite for the purpose.

Sec. 10. - All laws, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

Sec. 11. - This Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved.

(SGD) PAISALIN P. TAGO
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Assembly on April 15, 2008.

(SGD) DATU MAMA M. AMPATUAN
Secretary General

APPROVED:

(SGD) DATU ZALDY PUTI AMPATUAN
Regional Governor
Date signed: