



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD

**PSA Board Resolution No. 07
Series of 2021**

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE
PHILIPPINE STANDARD GEOGRAPHIC CODE REVISION 1**

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10625 mandates the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to develop and prescribe uniform standards and classification systems in the generation of official statistics in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) to ensure harmonization of statistics at the local, national and international levels;

WHEREAS, standard classification systems are used to achieve uniformity and comparability of statistics generated at the national and international levels;

WHEREAS, one of the classification and coding systems being maintained by the PSA is the Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC) which is based on the four (4) well-established hierarchical levels of geopolitical units, namely, administrative region, province, city/municipality, and barangay;

WHEREAS, the PSGC serves as 1) comprehensive geographic area frame in the conduct of censuses, surveys and market studies; 2) basis in the updating of Philippine maps; 3) guide in national and local development planning; 4) reference in the development and updating of databases with geospatial references; and 5) facilitates comparability, interoperability, and integration of various statistical data and information generated by different government and private agencies with geographic reference;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 29 of the 1991 Local Government Code of the Philippines, the Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs) are independent from their mother provinces, hence, the need to generate separate statistics for these HUCs in order to measure and monitor their economic and social progress;

WHEREAS, in the existing PSGC, the PSA has already provided separate provincial district codes to HUCs located in Metro Manila, including Pateros;

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WHEREAS, there is a need to also recognize HUCs outside Metro Manila as independent units but this was not possible in the existing PSGC due to the limited number of remaining province codes which is currently set at a two-digit code;

WHEREAS, as of 30 April 2021, there are only ten remaining two-digit province codes in the PSGC due to continuous updating and creation of provinces in the past decades;

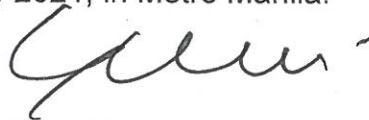
WHEREAS, the PSA Technical Committee on Statistical Standards and Classifications (TCSSC), through its Technical Working Group on Geographic Code (TWGGC), had developed, reviewed, and endorsed the PSGC Revision 1 with the following major revisions and updates:

1. Expansion of the province codes from two-digits to three-digits which will result in expanding the PSGC coding structure from 9-digit to 10-digit codes to ensure provision of geographic code to newly created provinces/HUCs in the future; and,
2. Assigning separate province codes to all HUCs to differentiate them from their mother provinces;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the PSA Board approve the PSGC Revision 1 (Annex BR 07-20210511-01), for adoption by concerned agencies and instrumentalities.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the PSA Board approve the three-year transition period towards the full adoption and implementation of the PSGC Revision 1 to ascertain a smooth transition without impediment to the ongoing preparatory activities for the forthcoming 2022 Philippine presidential election.

Approved this 11th day of May 2021, in Metro Manila.



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