By virtue of Article 24 of the Decision on Amendments to the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 5/09) and Article 16, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 6 of the Decision on Working Bodies of the Assembly of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 1/10), the Committee for Legislative Activity and Statutory and Legal Issues of the Assembly of Osijek-Baranja County, in the 9th meeting held on March 30, 2010 determined the consolidated text of the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County.

The consolidated text of the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County includes provisions of the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 2/95), Decision on Amendments to the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 2/97), Decision on Amendment to the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 3/99), Decision on Amendments to the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 3/01), Decision on Amendments to the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 8/01), Decision on Amendments to the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 9/03), Decision on Amendments to the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 13/05), Decision on Amendments to the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 2/06) and the Decision on Amendments to the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 5/09), as well as the Corrigendum of the Decision on Amendments to the Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (County Gazette No. 16/09) in which the time of their entering into force is indicated.

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STATUTE
of Osijek-Baranja County
(Consolidated text)

I. BASIC PROVISIONS

Article 1

The Statute of Osijek-Baranja County (henceforth: the County) shall regulate the scope of activities of the County, organization, jurisdiction and the mode of operation of the County bodies, public needs financing and other issues of significance for the County.
Article 2

Osijek-Baranja County is a regional self-governmental unit in the Republic of Croatia, within the territory stipulated by the law.

Article 3


Article 4

The name of the County is Osijek-Baranja County.

The seat of the County is in Osijek.

The County is a legal entity.

Article 5

The County shall have a coat of arms and a flag of its own.

The County coat of arms shall assume the shape of an oval, base-pointed shield with a height-to-width ratio of 3:2. In a gules escutcheon, a three-arched argent bridge, conjoined to an embattled tower having a portcullis, shall be charged between two argent bars (the rivers) in an azure fess. In the upper, heraldically dexter chief, an or cross shall be charged, an or six-pointed mullet shall be charged in the center chief, while an or anchor shall be charged in the heraldically sinister chief. In the escutcheon’s centre base, an or marten courant proper shall be charged in a gules field. The shield’s fimbriation shall be or.

The County flag shall be argent-azure. In an argent ground, two parallel azure bars shall be charged longitudinally. The County coat of arms shall be placed centrally, vertical with regard to its width, entering into both azure bars. The flag’s width-to-length ratio shall amount to 1:2. The County’s ceremonial flag’s fly ends shall be fimbriated or fringed in or.

The County shall have a 50-mm circular seal. The coat of arms shall be positioned in the centre of the seal, encircled by the inscription reading “Osijek-Baranja County, Osijek.”

The County’s coat of arms and the flag may be fabricated only corresponding to the content, form and the representation stipulated by the County Statute and depicted in the originals of these symbols. The coat of arms and flag originals shall be deposited in the County Secretariat and an exemplar thereof shall be kept in the National Archives.

The County coat of arms and flag may be used only for such purposes, in such manner and under such conditions as stipulated in a special regulation.
Article 6

In Osijek-Baranja County, the representative, executive and administrative bodies shall have their own seals, unless a special regulation should stipulate differently.

Article 7

In order to pay a public tribute for outstanding achievements and contribution of special significance for the development and reputation of the County, and in order to promote the activities directed towards the same, the County shall bestow public honours.

The County-bestowed public honours, their outlook and form, and the bestowment criteria and procedures shall be regulated by a special resolution.

Article 8

In order to promote economic and social development, the County shall establish and maintain cooperation with other counties and local self-governmental units.

Should the County evaluate that there is a long-term and permanent mutual interest in the establishment of cooperation and possibilities for its development, it may conclude a Cooperation and Mutual Relations Contract with other counties and local self-governmental units.

As to promote the economic, cultural, and other interests and needs, the County shall establish relations and develop cooperation with local and regional units of other states and with international organizations, pursuant to the regulations and international treaties concluded by the Republic of Croatia.

Article 9

In its territory, the County shall assure, support and protect the enjoyment of national minority rights to express their culture and use their language and script, as well as the right to education and other rights guaranteed by the Constitution and the law.

In the realization of tasks stipulated in Para. 1, the County bodies shall collaborate with councils and national minority representatives elected pursuant to the law, minority organizations and other forms of organization and activity of national minorities in the County’s territory.

Pursuant to the law, national minority members shall enjoy the right to be represented in the County bodies commensurate to their share in the County’s population total.

In addition to the official usage of the emblems and symbols of the Republic of Croatia, national minorities may also display correspondent national minority emblems and symbols. When a national minority flag or symbols are displayed, the flag and coat of arms of the Republic of Croatia have to be mandatorily displayed as well.

II. SCOPE OF ACTIVITY OF THE COUNTY

Article 10

The scope of activity of the County as a regional self-governmental unit shall be stipulated by the law and this Statute.
In the performance of tasks from the self-governmental domain, the County shall render decisions independently, pursuant to the Constitution and the law.

Article 11

The County shall harmonize interests and launch activities aimed at an equilibrated economic and social development of the cities and municipalities within the County and of the County as a whole.

The County shall accomplish its tasks by preparing and promulgating developmental programs pertaining to individual activities and an infrastructural facility network of special importance for the County; by promoting the design and the implementation of projects aimed at realizing such development; by organizing public and expert debates on certain initiatives and proposals and other forms of consulting and harmonizing of the viewpoints of expert organs, cities, and municipalities in the County’s territory concerning certain developmental issues.

Article 12

By organizing and implementing zoning activities, the County shall manage, protect, and manage the space so as to create the conditions for social and economic development and rational utilization and protection of natural and historical resources.

The County shall accomplish its tasks by promulgating and implementing spatial plans and other zoning documents, creating organizational, expert and material prerequisites for the execution of its obligations in this activity, and by initiating other measures to assure an integral approach to space, its planning and protection.

Article 13

Within the County special care shall be taken of the maintenance and protection of resources of interest for the Republic of Croatia, especially pertaining to the soil, forests, waters, ore and other natural resources; flora and fauna and other natural components; immovables and objects of cultural, historical, economic and environmental importance, in the way established in a separate act and in the County bodies’ resolutions.

By virtue of the environmental protection program and spatial organization documentation, creation of prerequisites for their implementation, organization of monitoring of the state of affairs, provision of endangered environment recovery and other legally prescribed measures, the County shall vouchsafe rational utilization of nature and natural resources while preserving the natural community equilibrium and environmental quality for the benefit of the present and future generations.

Article 14

In the framework of its rights and duties stipulated by law, the County shall direct the preparation and launch organizational, material, and other measures for the protection and rescue of population and material resources endangered by natural disasters; technical-technological and environmental accidents; war destructions and other extraordinary circumstances endangering the security of the overall populational and material resources in the County’s territory.

Accomplishing its tasks, the County shall estimate the peril; prepare and promulgate the plans for the protection and rescue of population and material resources; provide for the necessary finances;
initiate, harmonize and monitor their implementation and launch further organizational and other measures for the prevention of occurrence and expansion as well as for amelioration and elimination of consequences caused by disasters, accidents, and war destructions.

Article 15

By means of activities of its bodies and the launch of measures stipulated by law, the County shall contribute to the creation of organizational, material and other conditions that promote the enjoyment of rights to a free and healthy life, fit for man, as well as the development of family, children, and the youth.

The County shall take special care of persons needing communal aid, especially the disabled, unsheltered children and families whose normal life is endangered by exceptional circumstances.

Article 16

The County shall launch measures directed toward the creation of organizational, material and other conditions to satisfy, as fully as possible, public needs and the personal citizens’ needs contained therein in the domains of healthcare, social welfare, education, culture, technical education, sports and other activities, pursuant to the law.

The County shall accomplish its tasks by establishing the Common-Interest Public Needs Program pertaining to the cities and municipalities in its territory and to the County as a whole, by providing for the assets required to finance the programs of interest for the County and by promoting their implementation, by proposing and establishing a network of institutions and other organizations whose activities aim at realizing such needs, and by harmonizing their development, as well as by launching other measures pursuant to specific legislation.

Article 17

In the interest of an equilibrated development of the County as a whole, the County shall assist the operation of representative and other city and municipality bodies and harmonize their operation, as well as the settlement of common-interest issues adjudicated by the city and municipality bodies incorporated into the County. The cities and municipalities and the County may conclude agreements on common-interest issues.

The cities and municipalities may submit initiatives for the regulation of certain common-interest issues as well as for the launch of measures and activities contributing to an equilibrated County’s development and progress to the competent County bodies.

The County may assume certain tasks from the self-governmental scope of activities delegated thereto by the cities and municipalities, or it may, upon a request of an individual local self-governmental unit, delegate certain tasks from its jurisdiction thereto, under the conditions and in the way stipulated by the law. The content of the delegated tasks, the method of assuming and execution of tasks, as well as the relations established during the delegation of tasks shall be regulated in a separate accord.

Article 18

By organizing expert and other debates and other forms of consulting and joint activity, the County shall discuss, acquire, and harmonize the standpoints of cities and municipalities concerning common-interest issues which are adjudicated by the state administration bodies in the Republic of Croatia.
The County shall notify the competent central state administration organs, the Government, and the Croatian Parliament on these standpoints directly, i.e., by virtue of its representatives in the Parliament.

Article 19

In order to accomplish the common goals of the cities, municipalities, and the County as a whole, the County shall establish administrative bodies, institutions and other public services, companies and other legal entities.

By means of the Constitution Act of administrative organs and other general acts, the County shall also establish their scope of activities and regulate their internal organization, mode of operation and other issues stipulated by the law and this Statute.

The County shall exercise its founding and proprietary rights with regard to institutions and other legal entities in the way stipulated by the law and the founding document.

Pursuant to the law, the County may devolve the rights ensuing from the aforementioned paragraph to the cities and municipalities and other legal entities.

Article 20

The County shall promote the citizens’ rights to associate and work within their organizations, as well as the campaigns and manifestations contributing to the advancement of certain activities while promoting the interest and reputation of the County and the Republic of Croatia at home and abroad.

In the rendering of support to the organization of campaigns and manifestations from the aforementioned paragraph, the County bodies may sponsor them pursuant to the act promulgated by an organ so authorized by this Statute.

Article 21

While exercising its rights and discharging its obligations, the County shall regulate the common interest issues pertinent to the cities, municipalities and the County as a whole in accordance with the law.

Within the legal framework, the County shall implement the law and other regulations, i.e., it shall provide for their implementation, vouchsafing the legality of acts and operations of county bodies and public services of interest to the County.

III. COUNTY BODIES

Article 22

The County bodies are as follows:
- County Assembly,
- (deleted Subparagraph 2. – County Gazette No. 5/09)
- County Prefect,
- County administrative bodies.
Article 23

The operations of the Assembly, the County Prefect and other County bodies shall be public.

County bodies shall ensure that their operation is public by means of the public character of their sessions, informing the public regarding all relevant issues from their scope of activities via the media, promulgation of decisions and other general acts and in other ways.

Exceptionally, the Assembly or other County body may decide to hold a session or a part of the session without public presence.

The manner of providing public character and of data protection shall be detailed by the Assembly Rules of Procedure.

Article 24

The decisions and other general acts made by the County bodies shall be published.

The general acts mentioned in the paragraph above shall enter into force on the eighth day subsequent to their publication.

Exceptionally, due to the particularly justifiable reasons, a general act may enter into force within a shorter period than the one stipulated in the aforementioned paragraph. The justification of the cause shall be separately established by the act promulgator.

Article 25

The acts promulgated by the Assembly and other County bodies during the execution of their authorities shall be published in the County Gazette, the official County paper.

The publication of acts made by County bodies and the publishing of the County Gazette shall be regulated by virtue of special decisions.

Article 26

The citizens, their associations, institutions, companies, cities and municipalities incorporated in the County, as well as other legal entities, shall be entitled to launch an initiative for the promulgation or amendment of general acts of the County, discuss issues within the jurisdiction of the County bodies and launch measures and activities contributing to an equilibrated development of cities and municipalities within the County and the County as a whole, as well as the enjoyment of County’s rights and obligations.

Article 27

The County bodies shall be obliged to enable the citizens and legal entities to plea and object to their operation, operation of administrative organs and irregular attitude of employees of these organs when approached for the sake of realizing their rights and interests enjoyment.

Article 28

(deleted – County Gazette No. 5/09)
1. County Assembly

Article 29

The County Assembly (henceforth: the Assembly) shall be a representative body of citizens and a regional self-governmental body discussing the issues and promulgating the acts within the County’s rights and duties and conducting other affairs pursuant to the law and this Statute.

a) Assembly’s Jurisdictions

Article 30

The Assembly shall:

1. enact the Statute and the Standing Orders of Osijek-Baranja County,
2. render decisions and promulgate other general acts regulating the issues in the self-governmental scope of activities of the County,
3. render decisions on the County tax rates and other County-bound revenues according to the law,
4. draw up the County Budget and the annual budgetary itemized statement,
5. supervise budgetary performance and purposeful assets realization,
6. chart the public-need programs pertaining to the activities regulated by separate laws,
7. render decisions on the acquiring and disposal of movables and immovables the total value of which exceeds 0.5% of the amount of revenue, not including the income realized in the year prior to the year in which decisions are made regarding the acquiring and disposal of movables and immovables, i.e. with individual value greater than KN 1,000,000 (one million Kuna),
8. render decisions on County's perennial debt incurrence,
9. draw up the documents pertaining to the law-regulated spatial organization,
10. render decisions on the bearing of the coat of arms, display of the flag and usage of the name of Osijek-Baranja County,
11. establish the public honours of Osijek-Baranja County,
12. render decisions on the conclusion of contracts pertaining to the establishment of cooperation and association with other local self-government and administration units and corresponding local and regional units of other states, i.e., on the conclusion of other contracts regulating mutual relations with local and regional self-government units,
13. address the issues securing an even economic and social development of cities and municipalities encompassed by the County and of the County as a whole as well as other issues of mutual interest for the cities, municipalities, and the County as a whole,
14. exercise and discuss initiatives pertaining to the alteration of the territory of the County,
15. establish public institutions, companies, and other legal entities to conduct economic, social and other operations of interest to the County and decides on the acquiring and disposal of stocks and shares in companies,
16. give its consent to the statutes of institutions and other legal entities founded by it as well as statutes of other institutions when the law so prescribes,
17. set up administrative organs administering affairs in the self-governmental scope of activities of the County, regulating their scope of activities and organization,
18. establish working bodies, regulating their scope of activities, composition and mode of operation,
19. formulate the Working Plan of the Assembly,
20. discuss reports on the work of the County Prefect and decides on opening a referendum regarding his dismissal,
21. elect and recall, i.e., nominate and dismiss:
   - President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly
   - (deleted Subparagraphs 2 and 3 – County Gazette No. 5/09)
- Secretary of the County
- members of the working bodies
- other persons nominated pursuant to the provisions of separate laws and other regulations and general acts of the Assembly.

22. nominate and dismiss the members of administrative organs and other Assembly and County representatives to the bodies and institutions when so stipulated by law and other regulations,

23. nominate and dismiss the institution heads, viz., participate in their nomination and dismissal, when so determined by the regulations or founding acts of such institutions,

24. likewise administer other affairs placed under the jurisdiction of the Osijek-Baranja County Assembly by virtue of the Statute and other regulations.

b) Composition and Election of Assembly Members

Article 31

The Assembly shall number 45 councillors.

The councillors shall be elected in a legally stipulated way.

The councillors’ mandate shall last for four years.

Article 32

Pursuant to the Constitutional Act on the Rights of National Minorities, the Serbian national minority shall be entitled to five Assembly members elected in a way prescribed by the law.

Article 33

A councillor shall commence executing his councillorship on the day of the Assembly constitution.

A councillor’s deputy shall commence executing his councillorship subsequent to the individual councillor’s cease of mandate due to the law-stipulated reasons, i.e., subsequent to the councillor’s mandate stay.

c) Councillors' Rights and Duties

Article 34

A councillor shall enjoy the rights and duties stipulated by the law, this Statute, and the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure.

A councillor shall not have a binding mandate and shall not be revocable.

A councillor shall enjoy the right and duty to participate in the operations of the Assembly and the body s/he is elected or nominated to.

A councillor shall be entitled to propose a debate on the issues from the Assembly’s jurisdiction, to propose the acts to the Assembly, and submit other proposals pursuant to this Statute and the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure.
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A councillor shall be entitled to interrogate the Prefect and administrative bodies with regard to their operations or to the affairs from their jurisdiction.

**Article 35**

The councillor's duty shall be an honorary one.

For their work in the Assembly, the councillors shall be entitled to compensation i.e., to income loss remuneration, pursuant to a separate decision.

**Article 36**

Within the Assembly, the councillors shall be entitled to establish their clubs pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

d) **Assembly President and Vice-Presidents**

**Article 37**

The Assembly shall have a President and two Vice-Presidents, elected from the councillors’ corpus for a four-year mandate following the procedure prescribed by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

**Article 38**

The President shall convene the Assembly sessions, preside over them, propose the session agenda, establish the conclusion proposals, ascertain the voting returns, affix his signature to the Assembly acts and execute other affairs stipulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

In case of his absence or incapacitation, the President shall be deputized by one of his Vice-Presidents.

The method of realization of the Assembly President and Vice-President’s rights and duties shall be regulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

e) **Operation of the Assembly**

**Article 39**

Assembly operations shall proceed in sessions.

Assembly sessions shall be held when necessary.

An Assembly session shall be convened by the President on his own initiative or when requested by the councillors in the number stipulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly or the Prefect, stating the reason for convening thereof.
Article 40

The Assembly decides by a majority of votes of councillors present at meetings where there is a majority of the total number of councillors present, unless a special majority is prescribed by the law, this Statute or the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

The Assembly shall adjudicate by the majority of votes concerning the total councillors’ number when passing the County Statute, Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Budget and the reports on execution of the County budget, decision on opening a referendum regarding the dismissal of the Prefect and his deputies, as well as in other cases stipulated by the law, this Statute, and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

Article 41

The Assembly session vote shall be open. The Assembly may decide to implement secret ballot concerning a certain issue.

Article 42

The way of realizing the councillors’ rights and duties, the preparation and method of convening sessions, course of the session and manner of adjudication, as well as other issues pertaining to the operation of the Assembly shall be detailed in the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure.

f) Acts of the Assembly

Article 43

In the execution of affairs from its domain, the Assembly shall pass decisions, rules, ordinances, suggestions, resolutions, conclusions and other acts.

The right to submit the Assembly act proposals shall be vested in a councillor, a working body of the Assembly and the Prefect, unless this Statute and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly should regulate it differently.

The resolutional and other general act proposals must be submitted in a written form and in the content stipulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

The general act enactment procedure shall proceed in a way providing for the expression and examination of all the interest and expert determinants important for the passing of these acts.

The enactment procedure shall be detailed in the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

Terms used in the Statute and other acts made by the County bodies which refer to the male gender are in fact neutral and pertain to persons of both genders.

Article 44

A public debate shall be organized pertaining to act proposals stipulated by the law and this Statute, as well as to other issues as determined by the Assembly.

The manner of holding a public debate and the procedure thereof shall be regulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.
Prior to the devising of a general act proposal of special significance for the citizens, cities and municipalities, a poll may be conducted as a form of examination of public opinion.

As to procure the citizens’ opinion on the most important issues from the self-governmental scope of activities of the County, a referendum may be officially proclaimed under the conditions and in the way stipulated by the law and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

g) Working Bodies of the Assembly

Article 45

In order to study the issues from the jurisdiction of the Assembly, prepare, discuss, and submit the act proposals and other propositions to the Assembly, prepare the Assembly session debates, monitor the implementation of the established policy and the execution of acts promulgated by the Assembly as well as to discharge other tasks of interest to the facilitation and execution of affairs belonging in the County’s self-governmental jurisdiction, the Assembly shall establish committees, commissions, and other permanent and provisional working bodies.

The Assembly shall regulate the scope of activities and the mode of operation of the working bodies by virtue of a separate decision and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

(delete Chapter 2 and Articles 46 thru 54 – County Gazette No. 5/09)

3. County Prefect

Article 55

The Prefect is the executive body of the County.

The Prefect shall be elected in a direct election according to a special act. The Prefect shall be dismissed from duty in accordance with the provisions of the special act.

The Prefect shall perform his duty professionally.

Article 55a

The Prefect performs executive tasks in the County and represents the County.

The County Prefect shall:
1. provide for the preparation of proposals of general and other acts, and proposes them to the Assembly to be discussed and passed,
2. execute or provide for the execution of acts made by the Assembly,
3. regulate certain issues which fall under his authority pursuant to regulations or decisions of the Assembly,
4. monitor and examine the situation in fields belonging in the scope of activities of the County, and propose and encourage measures and activities to be undertaken in order to improve such situation,
5. regulate the internal organization and mode of operation of administrative organs which perform tasks falling under the scope of self-government of the County,
6. harmonize and direct the operation of administrative organs in the performance of their tasks
falling under the scope of self-government of the County, and monitors their work,
7. organize the development and functioning of the County information system,
8. manage the immovables and movables owned by the County, within the limits stipulated by regulations and this Statute,
9. render decisions regarding the acquiring and disposal of movables and immovables of individual value not greater than 0.5% of the amount of revenue, not including income realized in the year prior to the one in which decisions are being made regarding the acquiring and disposal of movables and immovables, but not greater than KN 1,000,000.00 (one million), if such acquisition or disposal of movables and immovables is foreseen in the budget, and the acquiring or disposal of movables and immovables is implemented in accordance with legal regulations,
10. draw up and propose to the Assembly public needs programs and the County Budget, and manages the revenue and expenditure planned by the County Budget,
11. supervise the financial, material and accounting activities of the beneficiaries of the Budget,
12. determine the criteria and the method of accepting sponsorship of activities and events,
13. establish working bodies, determines their scope of activities, composition and mode of operation and appoints their members,
14. appoint and dismiss heads of administrative organs,
15. appoint and dismiss other persons according to the provisions of special regulations and general acts made by the Assembly,
16. perform other tasks entrusted to him, or tasks foreseen by the regulations, this Statute or acts made by the Assembly,
17. perform other tasks falling under the scope of activities of the County for which jurisdiction of other bodies has not been stipulated.

In the performance of tasks falling under his jurisdiction, the Prefect shall promulgate rules, ordinances, suggestions, resolutions, conclusions and other acts.

Article 55b

The Prefect shall notify the Assembly of his work when so required, at least twice a year by submitting half-yearly reports.

In addition to the reports mentioned in the previous paragraph, the Prefect shall also submit other reports made mandatory for him by virtue of special regulations, and at the request of the Assembly he is also obliged to submit a report on individual matters falling under his jurisdiction.

It is the Prefect's right, and when so requested by the Assembly, it is his duty to give a statement on every proposal or matter not submitted to the Assembly or initiated by him, which pertains to the implementation of a policy, execution of laws, other regulations and acts made by the Assembly, the work of administrative organs and other matters significant for his work.

In the effectuation of affairs from the self-governmental domain, the Prefect shall be entitled to withhold the execution of a general act of the Assembly should he evaluate that the act violates the law or other regulation, and he shall be entitled to request the Assembly to eliminate the observed deficiencies within fifteen days. Should the Assembly fail to do this, in eight days the Prefect shall be obliged to notify the central state administration organ in charge of operational legality supervision pertinent to the working bodies of local and regional self-governmental units.

The Prefect shall provide for the execution of general acts made by the Assembly through administrative and other bodies, supervise such execution and report to the Assembly to that effect.
Article 55c

In order to monitor the status, implementation of regulations and general acts, as well as the established policy, to study and discuss certain issues, prepare, examine and submit act proposals and other suggestions, coordinate the work of individual County bodies and perform other tasks falling under the jurisdiction of the County Prefect, he shall establish councils, committees, commissions and other permanent or provisional working bodies.

The domain, composition and the mode of operation of working bodies shall be regulated by a separate act.

Article 56

*(deleted – County Gazette No. 8/01)*

Article 57

Aiming to provide for an equilibrated development of cities and municipalities in the territory of the County as well as the County as a whole, and to solve common interest issues, the Prefect shall promote and organize cooperation and joint operation of city, municipality and County bodies.

The Prefect shall regularly consult the mayors and municipality heads in the territory of the County regarding the realization of local self-government.

Article 58

The Prefect shall have two Deputy Prefects who shall be elected in a direct election in accordance with a special act.

In order to realize the right to commensurate representation in County bodies, one Deputy Prefect must belong to Serbian national minority. If this right is not realized in a regular election, according to the law, a by-election shall be held to elect the third deputy who will be a member of this national minority.

Deputy Prefects shall decide whether they shall perform the duties to which they have been elected as professionals.

Deputy Prefects shall assist the Prefect in the execution of affairs from his scope of activities which he has devolve to them, deputize him in case of his absence or incapacitation and also execute other affairs pursuant to the regulations and general acts of the County.

In case of the Prefect’s absence or incapacitation, he shall be deputized by the Deputy Prefect he determines.

4. County Secretary

Article 59

The County shall have a Secretary.

The Secretary shall assist the Prefect in the execution of affairs entrusted to him, assist the
Prefect and the Assembly President in the preparation and organization of sessions of the Assembly, organize the execution of expert and other affairs pertinent to the operation of these bodies and execute other affairs entrusted to him.

The Secretary shall be entitled to participate in the operation of the Assembly without the decision-making right.

Article 60

The Secretary shall be nominated and dismissed by the Assembly upon Prefect’s proposal.

A person fulfilling the conditions stipulated by a separate decision may be nominated Secretary.

The Secretary shall execute his duty professionally.

5. Administrative Organs of the County

Article 61

The Administrative organs of the County (henceforth: administrative organs) shall be established for the execution of administrative, expert and other affairs from the County’s self-governmental scope of activities.

The administrative organs shall be established as administrative departments and expert services. The name of the administrative organ name shall be stipulated in its founding document.

Administrative organs shall perform tasks falling under their jurisdiction in the seat of the County, and outside the seat when so determined by the Rules of Internal Order of the administrative organ in question.

Article 62

In the execution of affairs in the domain for which they are established, the administrative organs shall be especially charged with the following matters:

1. status monitoring and correspondent measure proposals,
2. draft act preparation and formulation of expert substrata and material,
3. execution, i.e., executional monitoring of general acts and established policy, and effectuation of measures stipulated thereby,
4. in the execution of general acts of the Assembly, passing of separate acts adjudicating the rights, liabilities and legal interests of physical and entities, unless the promulgation of these acts is entrusted to another body by virtue of the law or other regulation,
5. resolve appeals pertaining to the separate acts promulgated by the city and municipality administrative organs in the territory of the County,
6. also execute other affairs vested to them by virtue of regulations and general acts of the Assembly.
Article 63

The scope of activities, organization and other matters important for the operation of administrative organs shall be regulated by a separate decision, whereas their internal organization and mode of operation shall be regulated by a separate act made by the Prefect.

Article 64

The administrative organ shall be managed by its Head.

The Heads of administrative organs shall be nominated by the Prefect on the basis of a public announcement.

A person fulfilling the conditions stipulated by the decision adduced in Art. 63 of this Statute may be nominated Head.

Article 65

The relationship between the administrative organs and the citizens shall be based on mutual cooperation and confidence, and the respect of human dignity.

The administrative organs of the County shall be obliged to provide information and instructions to the citizens and legal entities and render their expert assistance to them in the matters wherefore they are addressed.

Article 66

In order to improve the operation of city and municipality bodies, the administrative organs shall render their expert assistance to the city and municipality bodies within their scope of activities.

IV. PUBLIC NEEDS FINANCING

Article 67

In the County, the following shall be financed as public needs from the public revenues:

1. activities of County bodies stipulated by the law and general acts,
2. public needs programs in the fields of education, culture, healthcare, social welfare, sports and technical education, stipulated by the County in conformity with the law, as well as the legally stipulated liabilities toward institutions established by the County,
3. (deleted – County Gazette No. 5/09)
4. legally stipulated obligation to finance environmental protection, population protection and material resource rescue,
5. legally stipulated County obligations to provide for additional resources for cities and municipalities in its territory,
6. other purposes stipulated by the law and general acts of the County.

Article 68

Public needs in the County shall be financed by budgetary assets yielded from the County revenues.

County revenues shall especially encompass the following:
1. County-based and other taxes stipulated as County revenues by the law,
2. compensations the height of which is to be independently fixed by the County, respecting the legally stipulated limits,
3. fines and expropriated proprietary benefit concerning violations, accountable to it in conformity with the regulations,
4. pecuniary incentives of the Republic of Croatia provided by the National Budget,
5. revenues from concessions approved by the County on the basis of the law,
6. revenues yielded from the immovables and movables administered by the County,
7. revenues yielded by sale of County-owned immovables and movables,
8. revenues from the companies and other legal entities owned by the County,
9. gifts, inheritances and legacies,
10. other legally stipulated revenues.

Article 69

The Annual Budget shall be promulgated by the Assembly.
Should it be impossible to adopt the Annual Budget concerning the forthcoming calculation year prior to the commencement of the correspondent year, a temporary financing shall be introduced, for a period of three months at the longest.

The decision on temporary financing shall be passed by the Assembly in conformity with the law.

Article 70

The beneficiaries of the assets provided from the County revenues shall be obliged to use them for the allocation purposes, rationally and in conformity with the regulations regarding the utilization and disposal of these assets.

Competent County bodies shall launch legally stipulated measures should the assets from the aforementioned paragraph not be used purposefully, rationally and in conformity with the regulations on the use and disposal of these assets.

Article 71

As to create more permanent working conditions for the operation of its bodies and the County Budget beneficiaries, the County may become indebted to finance the erection, annexing, rehabilitation or adaptation of facilities, as well as for the procurement of equipment, in conformity with the law.

The decision on entering into a perennial debt shall be made by the Assembly, whereas the decision on short-term debt shall be made by the County Prefect.

The County may grant guarantees to the County Budget beneficiaries and conclude credit arrangements in conformity with the law.

Article 72

The County may combine resources from revenues due to it with the assets of other local self-governmental units and other organizations and communities in order to jointly finance certain public needs and common interest programs.
A decision on assets amalgamation from the aforementioned paragraph shall be passed by the Assembly.

V. STATUTE PROMULGATION

Article 73

A proposal for the promulgation of the Statute or amendment thereto may be submitted by the authorized applicants adduced in Art. 43, Para. 2 of this Statute. The proposal with an enclosed written explication shall be submitted to the Assembly President.

Should the Assembly accept the proposal for the promulgation or amendment of the Statute, amendment, a separate Commission for Draft Statute Formulation shall be established. The Commission shall prepare and establish the proposal and submit it to the Assembly.

The proposal preparation and Statute promulgation procedures shall be detailed in the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.