



Quezon City  
17<sup>th</sup> City Council

35<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP-**1864**, S-2008  
(PO2008-81)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SP-803, S-99, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE STANDARDIZATION OF FUNERAL CHARGES FOR THE INDIGENTS, AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR OF QUEZON CITY TO SET UP ITS OWN SYSTEM OF ACCREDITATION OF FUNERAL PARLORS AND FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING THEREFOR, RESTRICTING WAKES TO SEVEN DAYS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR".

*Introduced by Councilors DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, BAYANI V. HIPOL, BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA, JAIME F. BORRES, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., VINCENT DG. BELMONTE, CONCEPCION S. MALAÑGEN and ALEXIS GRACE R. MATIAS.*

*WHEREAS, the City Council has passed Ordinance No. SP-803, S-99, entitled: "An Ordinance Providing for the Standardization of Funeral Charges for the Indigents, Authorizing the Office of the Mayor of Quezon City to set up its own system of accreditation of funeral parlors and formulate and implement rules and regulations and to conduct public hearings therefor, restricting wakes to seven days, providing penalties for violations therefor and appropriating funds therefore";*

*WHEREAS, there is a need to update by way of amendment some of the provisions of Ordinance No. SP-803, S-99 to make it more responsive to the needs of our constituents;*

*WHEREAS, the City government recognizes the right of every person to a decent funeral services regardless of socio-economic status;*

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*WHEREAS, the practice of extending wakes to raise funds for funeral expenses should be discouraged since the unnecessary continuous exposure of a cadaver is unsanitary and could adversely affect the health of the living;*

*WHEREAS, accreditation of funeral parlors willing to provide decent funeral service for the indigent for a reasonable fee would make it possible for the poor to avail of the said privilege without extending the period of wakes.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

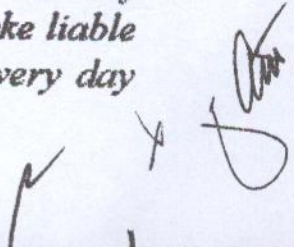
**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY  
IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:**

*SECTION 1. Section 2 of Ordinance No. SP-803, S-99 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

*Section 2. For this purpose, Social Services Development Department (SSDD) under the Office of the City Mayor and City Civil Registry Office, hereinafter, referred to as the agency, for brevity, are hereby authorized to set up, establish and implement a system of accreditation and/or registration of funeral parlors doing business in Quezon City. The accredited funeral parlors shall comply with such implementing guidelines, rules and regulations as may be formulated by the agency in the effective enforcement of this Ordinance.*

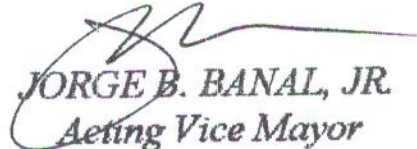
*SECTION 2. Section 8 of Ordinance No SP- 803, S-99 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

*Section 8. It shall be unlawful to hold a wake for a deceased whose relatives have availed of the benefits of the Ordinance for a period longer than seven (7) days, except for meritorious compelling reasons, when permitted or allowed in writing by the agency. Any violation of the provision of this Section shall render the immediate members of the family of the deceased person/s in charge of the wake liable for a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) for every day beyond the seventh day of the wake.*

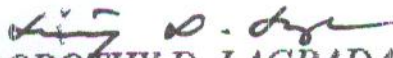


SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

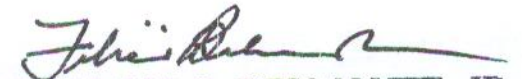
ENACTED: August 11, 2008.

  
JORGE B. BANAL, JR.  
Acting Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

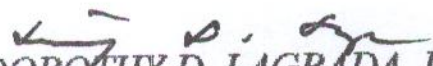
  
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City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED: Oct. 17, 2008

  
FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.  
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 11, 2008 and was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.

  
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