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21st City Council

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11th Special Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3080**, S-2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SP-2907, S-2020, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROTOCOLS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DECEASED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC" TO ALLOW LIMITED WAKES OR BUROL.

Introduced by Councilors PEACHY V. DE LEON and FRANZ S. PUMAREN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. SP-2907, S-2020, entitled "An Ordinance establishing protocols for the management of the deceased during the COVID-19 Pandemic";

WHEREAS, among others, the Ordinance prohibited wakes or burol considering the prevailing situation of pandemic at that time;

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) adopted Resolution No. 155 placing the National Capital Region on Alert Level 3 status. However, the said Resolution specifically authorizes under Section A.3.viii thereof "In-person religious gatherings; gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 and for the cremains of the COVID-19 deceased";

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WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City has the implied power to do all things necessary, appropriate, or incidental to govern efficiently and effectively, promote general welfare, promote health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(4)(ix) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the City Council may regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of funeral parlors and the burial or cremation of the dead;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(5)(xii) of the same Code provides that the City Council may approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. - Sections 2 of Ordinance No. SP-2907, S-2020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 2. NON-COVID-19 RELATED DEATH. - If a person dies of a cause not related to COVID-19, the family of the deceased person may opt for burial or cremation.

After cremation of the COVID-19 Related Death under Section 1 above, or in case of a non-COVID-19 deceased under this Section 2, only the deceased's remains (or cremains, as the case may be), for a maximum of three (3) days. “Immediate family” means the parents, children and spouse of the deceased. The wake/burol may be held at home, in which case members of the concerned household may also attend. The limitations under this Ordinance shall be subject to relevant guidelines of the City Mayor in accordance with the issuances of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, or the Metro Manila Council, or the Office of the President.”

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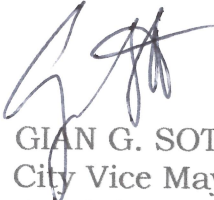
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SECTION 2. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: January 4, 2022.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: JAN 06 2022


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading during its 11th Special Session held on January 4, 2022 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on the same date.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

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