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ORDINANCE NO. SP-2753, S-2018

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC MORTUARY IN EVERY DISTRICT IN QUEZON CITY AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR.

Introduced by Councilors ESTRELLA C. VALMOCINA, FRANZ S. PUMAREN and HERO CLARENCE M. BAUTISTA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Marra C. Suntay, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Alfredo S. Roxas and Noe Lorenzo B. Dela Fuente III.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the local Government Units are empowered to exercise powers which are essential for the promotion of the general welfare, to ensure and support the promotion of health and safety among its inhabitants and to preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that in thickly populated and depressed areas in Quezon City, there were some families who opted to place the coffin of their deceased loved ones outside their houses, specifically on the streets, due to lack of space or financial incapacity to defray the expenses of funeral home services;

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WHEREAS, wakes typically lasts for five to seven nights or more and those who participate in the vigil usually engage in activities like gambling and drinking to pass the time;

WHEREAS, wakes sometimes extend beyond the expiration of the embalming treatment which poses health threats not to mention that the embalming chemical itself is highly toxic to humans;

WHEREAS, wakes usually block streets causing inconvenience to residents within the vicinity and to those who pass by the area;

WHEREAS, it is essential that deceased persons are treated with dignity, respect and care.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. This shall be known as the "Public Mortuary of Quezon City Ordinance".

SECTION 2. This Ordinance seeks to entitle indigent families of deceased persons, who are financially incapable to pay for dignified funeral services, the opportunity to mourn the loss of and honor their departed loved ones with dignity and respect.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following shall mean:

A. INDIGENT - a person so poor and needy that he/she cannot provide the necessities of life (food, clothing, decent shelter) for himself/herself because of extreme poverty.

B. MORTUARY - a building or place or a funeral home where dead bodies are kept before burial or cremation or a chapel used for viewing corpse.

SECTION 4. The City Planning and Development Office, in coordination with the Office of the City Engineer, is hereby mandated to conduct study and ocular inspection for determination of appropriate sites/locations where the public mortuary in every district shall be established.

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The City Planning and Development Office, in coordination with the Office of the City Engineer, shall submit its recommendation to the Office of the City Mayor for approval.

SECTION 5. The Office of the City Engineer is hereby mandated to make the necessary plans and costs estimates for the erection of mortuaries with ten (10) viewing rooms per district.

SECTION 6. Copies of such plans and costs estimates shall be submitted to the Office of the City Mayor, the Office of the City Budget Officer and the Office of the City Treasurer.

SECTION 7. After receipt of said plans and costs estimates, the City Budget Officer shall allocate from the existing infrastructure or other budget of the City the amount necessary therefor or include the costs therefor in the City's annual or supplemental budgetary appropriations for the year immediately succeeding the date of approval of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. Thereafter, the City Engineer shall immediately effect the construction of the said building in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

SECTION 9. The City Social Services Development Department, City Health Department, City Civil Registry Department and the Liga ng mga Barangay shall implement and formulate the corresponding Implementing Rules and Regulations for the effective and efficient utilization of the public mortuaries.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE – All existing ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, rules and regulations, or any part thereof, inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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SECTION 12. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: September 3, 2018.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Secretary

APPROVED: 04 OCT 2018

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 3, 2018 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 17, 2018

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Secretary

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