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ORDINANCE NO. SP-2047, S-2011

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE ACCREDITATION OF FUNERAL PARLORS IN THE JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Councilor PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Julian Ml. Coseteng, Godofredo T. Liban II, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Eden "Candy" A. Medina, Dorothy A. Delarmente, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Joseph P. Juico, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Alfredo D. Vargas III, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Jaime A. Borres, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Jessica Castelo Daza, Raquel S. Malangen, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Marvin C. Rillo, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica and John Ansell R. De Guzman.

WHEREAS, death occurs to anyone without warning and it becomes a shocking, traumatic and painful experience to the bereaved family both emotionally and financially;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a) (4) (ix) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Sangguniang Panlungsod has the power to enact ordinances regulating the establishment, operation and maintenance of funeral parlors and the burial or cremation of the dead, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, it has been noted that unscrupulous hospital personnel often release cadavers to funeral parlor representatives without the written consent of grieving relatives of the deceased;

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WHEREAS, the members of the bereaved family when claiming the body of their loved one are often times shocked into agony and embarrassment when they are informed that they can not claim the body unless they pay the price of the casket which usually is beyond their capacity to pay;

WHEREAS, there is a felt-need, therefore, to stop, contain said negative and adverse trend by accrediting funeral parlors for the following reasons;

a. *To avoid fly-by-night funeral parlors;*
b. *To regulate the operation of funeral parlors and meet funeral parlor standards;*
c. *To protect the public from the unscrupulous practices of agent or representatives of funeral parlors*

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. REQUIREMENTS - All funeral parlors/owners/ operators operating in Quezon City, before a Business Permit is issued by the Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO), shall require the submission of a Certificate of Accreditation coming from the Social Services Development Department (SSDD) and the City Civil Registry Department.

SECTION 2. IMPLEMENTATION – The Department of Health and the City Civil Registry Department of the City Government is hereby directed to draft and implement the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance. It may also adopt and amend guidelines, rules, regulations and forms to implement this office.

SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE – Any ordinance, resolution or executive order found to be inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If, for any reason or reasons any part or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by competent authority, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its approval and after its publication in a newspaper of City-wide circulation or posting thereof in conspicuous and accessible places in every barangay and in the bulletin board of the City Government.

ENACTED: January 24, 2011.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA
City Secretary

APPROVED: 01 MAR 2011

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on January 24, 2011 and was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading on January 31, 2011.

DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA
City Secretary

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