Republic of the Philippines
Quezon City
CITY COUNCIL

Ordinance No. NC- 246, S-91

ORDINANCE
PENALIZING FUNERAL PARLOR OWNERS, OPERATORS AND PERSONNEL FOR NOT INFORMING THE BEREAVED FAMILY WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF THE PRICE OF THE CASKET TO BE USED.

Introduced by Councilors Alfredo A. Francisco
(Fred Montilla)
Co-Introduced by Councilors George Canseco, Alberto M. Galarpe, Teodoro N. Ramos, Reynaldo A. Calalay, Dante V. Liban, Isidro R. Saludes, Norberto C. Cabigao, Eduardo F. David, Cielito "Mahal" Del Mundo, Ricardo R. Del Rosario, Roberto A. Miguel and Herbert M. Bautista.

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, grieving relatives of the deceased, especially the poor, who due to lack of education or extreme state of emotional shock because of the demise of a loved one, often are the victims of some unscrupulous and dishonest funeral parlor owner/operator/personnel;

WHEREAS, it has been noted that funeral parlor personnel do not inform the bereaved family of the price of the casket before rendering the actual service to the deceased;

WHEREAS, the member of the bereaved family when claiming the body of their loved one are oftentimes shocked into agony and embarrasment when they are informed that they cannot claim the body unless they pay the price of the casket which usually is beyond their capacity to pay;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. All funeral parlor owners/operators/personnel before rendering the service shall inform the bereaved family of the model, specification and the price of the casket in writing, signed by both of responsible executive of the funeral parlor and immediate member of members of the family

SECTION 2. All funeral parlor owners/operators/personnel found guilty of not informing beforehand in writing the bereaved family of the price of the casket before rendering the service shall be punished with a fine not exceeding One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than ten days (10) or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. If the violation is commited by a corporation, the penalty provided for under this ordinance shall be imposed upon the president and/or General Manager of the funeral establishment.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED December 18, 1991.

(SGD) GEORGE CANSECO
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

(SGD) VICENTE A. ALVAREZ
City Secretary

APPROVED: Jan. 17, 1992

(SGD) BRIGIDO R. SIMON, JR.
City Mayor