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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

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ORDINANCE NO. SP-**3323**, S-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SP-2903, SERIES OF 2020 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF THE QUEZON CITY PUBLIC CREMATORIUM AND COLUMBARIUM IN BAESA PUBLIC CEMETERY," AND PRESCRIBING THE ADJUSTMENT, SETTING AND ADOPTION OF REASONABLE REGULATORY FEES AND CHARGES THEREFOR

Introduced by Councilor WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Charm M. Ferrer, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

WHEREAS, Section 129 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that each local government unit shall exercise its power to create its own sources of revenue and to levy taxes, fees, and charges subject to the provisions herein, consistent with the basic policy of local autonomy. Such taxes, fees, and charges shall accrue exclusively to the local government units;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of Ordinance No. SP-2903, S-2020 provides that "The Cemetery Administrator shall review the rates and fees provided herein every year or as the need arise; however, the rates and fees for services offered under Sections 4, 7 and 9 hereof shall be increased automatically by ten percent (10%) every three (3) years from the time of effectivity of this Ordinance. Any increase in the rates for Senior Citizens and PWD in Section 4 shall be inclusive of the twenty percent (20%) discount for funeral services provided to them by law";

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WHEREAS, the Local Government of Quezon City has already long instituted several programs in education, housing, social welfare, among others, that could be re-focused towards providing additional benefits and privileges to solo parents and their children;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. SP-2903, S-2020 imposed Senior Citizen and PWD discounts on fees for the services rendered by the Quezon City Public Crematorium and Columbarium in Baesa Public Cemetery, and thus needs to be amended in order to include the deceased Solo Parent residents of Quezon City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. – Sections 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 of Ordinance No. SP-2903, S-2020 are hereby amended, to wit:

“SECTION 4. OPERATION OF THE CREMATORIUM; RATES AND CONDITIONS FOR CREMATION SERVICE. – The City Civil Registry Department shall administer, operate and manage the Quezon City Public Crematorium and Columbarium. For its operation, it shall charge the following rates for cremation service inclusive of the urn for the deceased:

CADAVER	RATE
A. Child	Php15,000.00
B. Adult	Php15,000.00
C. Senior Citizen	Php12,000.00
D. Person with Disability (PWD)	Php12,000.00
E. Solo Parent	Php12,000.00
F. Minimum Wage Earner	Php12,000.00
G. Indigent (including columbarium vault entrance fee, annual rental and other fees)	Free
BONES/BODY PARTS	Php4,000.00”

“SECTION 6. TRUST FUND. – 10% of the rate on each and every cremation done, both cadaver and bones, shall be set aside as trust fund to be utilized to address unforeseen financial circumstances in the future. Such fund shall be used exclusively for the maintenance and upkeep of the public crematorium and columbarium.”

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“SECTION 7. COLUMBARIUM RATES AND FEES. – The following rates and fees shall be imposed for the columbarium:

SERVICES	RATE
Columbarium Vault Entrance Fee	Php100.00
Annual Rental for Vaults	
A. Bottom two Vaults	Php2,000.00
B. Third to Fifth Tier (From bottom)	Php3,500.00
C. Sixth and Seventh Tier	Php2,000.00

All collections (Service Fee, etc.) shall be downloaded and shall form part of the general funds.”

“SECTION 8. LEASE PERIOD. – The lease subscription period for the vault in the columbarium is from a minimum of 1 year to a maximum of 5 years and may be renewed for the mentioned period. However, no subscription shall be approved unless the lessee has paid the full amount of the rent that has been subscribed.”

“SECTION 9. STORAGE. – Expired lease contracts not renewed or abandoned and unclaimed ashes in the columbarium shall be removed and deposited in a specially designed storage to allow the relatives to claim the ashes after payment of arrears and storage fee of Php250.00 per year.

For purposes of this provision, the Quezon City Government is mandated to construct storage as herein provided.”

“SECTION 11. RATE REVIEW AND AUTOMATIC RATE INCREASE. – The Cemetery Administrator shall review the rates and fees provided herein every year or as the need arises; however, the rates and fees for services offered under Sections 4, 7 and 9 hereof shall be increased automatically by 10% every 3 years from the time of effectivity of this Ordinance.”

SECTION 2. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

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SECTION 3. 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.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and after 15 days following its publication.

ENACTED: October 7, 2024.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: NOV 11 2024


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 7, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on October 14, 2024.


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)