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ORDINANCE NO. 8608

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MANILA MUSLIM CEMETERY AND CULTURAL HALL AT THE MANILA SOUTH CEMETERY, CREATING THE MANILA MUSLIM CEMETERY DIVISION, APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CEMETERY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, *THAT*:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government of Manila to confer recognition to the Muslim community in Manila with their inherent cultural attributes and customary traditions, especially in terms of caring for the remains of their departed, by defining a burial ground in the South Cemetery and a special body intended to manage the same.

SEC. 2. Establishment of a Manila Muslim Cemetery in the South Cemetery. – A Manila Muslim Cemetery is hereby established at Manila South Cemetery, especially a portion situated at Section N thereof, measuring Thirty Meters (30 M.) in length and Eighty Meters (80 M.) in width, or with an area of Two Thousand Four Hundred Square Meters (2,400 Sq. M.) as an exclusive ground for the interment and transfer of the remains of deceased Muslim residents of the City of Manila.

SEC. 3. Establishment of a Manila Muslim Cemetery Cultural Hall. – Inside the premises of the Manila Muslim Cemetery, a Manila Muslim Cemetery Cultural Hall, otherwise known as the Cultural Hall, is likewise hereby established measuring Five Meters (5 M.) in length and Ten Meters (10 M.) in width or with an area of Fifty Square Meters (50 Sq. M.).

SEC. 4. Control and Supervision of the Manila Muslim Cemetery and Cultural Hall. – The control and supervision of the operations of the Manila Muslim Cemetery and Cultural Hall, including the requirement of a burial permit, the standard requirements for gravesites, and the procedure for the interment and transfer of remains, shall be under the Manila Health Department (MHD) through the Manila South Cemetery, provided that, observation of certain practices and traditions indigenous to the Muslim Culture may be allowed.

SEC. 5. Creation of the Manila Muslim Cemetery Division. – A Manila Muslim Cemetery Division is hereby created, composed of the following personnel who shall hold office in the Manila South Cemetery:

- a. Administrative Officer III as Division Chief
- b. Administrative Officer II as Assistant Division Chief
- c. Administrative Officer I
- d. Security Guard
- e. Administrative Aide I
- f. Administrative Aide I
- g. Administrative Aide I

The composition of the Manila Muslim Cemetery Division shall be taken from available position existing in the Manila South Cemetery, as well as the Manila North Cemetery, provided that the exigency of the operations of the said cemeteries is not compromised.

SEC. 6. Functions of the Manila Muslim Cemetery Division. – The Manila Muslim Cemetery Division shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Oversee the implementation of this Ordinance in coordination with the Manila Health Department (MHD);

- b. Supervise the construction of the Manila Muslim Cemetery and the Cultural Hall, as well as the development of the individual graves therein pursuant to the Sanitation Code;
- c. Require the submission of a burial permit and barangay certification of ante-mortem residence for every deceased Muslim to be buried in the cemetery; and
- d. Create and maintain a database of qualified deceased Muslim interred in the cemetery and transferred thereto with copies thereof furnished the Manila South Cemetery at the start of every fiscal year.

SEC. 7. Appropriations. – The amount of Forty-Nine Million Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php. 49,300,000.00), or so much thereof, is hereby appropriated out of the unappropriated funds of the City Government, to be taken for the purpose of financing the construction of the Manila Muslim Cemetery and the Cultural Hall, and additional appropriations including those relating to the Operating Expenditures and Capital Outlay of the Manila Muslim Cemetery Division shall be provided in the appropriate Annual Executive Budget of the City Government.

SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within the period of thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the MHD, in coordination of the City Personnel Office (CPO) and the Department of Engineering and Public Works (DEPW), shall formulate rules and regulations implementing the provisions hereof, which shall include the following:

- a. The acquisition of qualified technical specifications of the structure of the Manila Muslim Cemetery and the Cultural Hall, without prejudice to consultations with organized Muslim groups in Manila in terms of aesthetic designs based on indigenous cultural practices;
- b. The qualifications of the personnel of the Manila Muslim Cemetery Division, with preference to qualified Muslim residents; and
- c. The availability of the Manila Muslim Cemetery and Cultural Hall in relation to the traditional requirement of the interment within twenty-four (24) hours from the point of death of any qualified Muslim resident.

SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on February 17, 2020.

PRESIDED BY:




ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.
President Pro-Tempore and
Acting Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

ATTESTED:




LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON MAR 03 2020.



FRANCISCO "Isko Moreno" DOMAGOSO
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:



BERNARDITO C. ANG
City Government Department Head III
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