

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING FUNERAL PARLORS AND MORGUES ACCREDITED TO SERVICE MEDICO-LEGAL CASES TO RENDER PUBLIC DISCLOSURES OF UNIDENTIFIED CADAVERS BROUGHT TO THEM, PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, APPROPRIATING FUNDS NEEDED THEREFORE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION 1. All funeral parlors and morgues operating in the City of Manila and accredited by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) or concerned government agencies to service medico-legal cases, shall, within 48 hours after accepting/admitting unidentified cadavers for purposes of medico-legal examination, custody, embalming and/or storage, cause the public posting of pertinent physical information on such unidentified cadaver or cadavers by means of discernible photographs taken of them and such other accompanying information and description.

SEC. 2. The photographing and fingerprinting of the unidentified cadavers shall be undertaken by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and/or the Western Police District (WPD) which shall thereafter post the pictures and autopsy report for the information of the public. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That a copy of the autopsy report shall be furnished the funeral parlors concerned for proper posting.

SEC. 3. The public posting places for the purpose thereof shall be the quadrangle of the City Hall Building and the Police Precinct that has the jurisdiction on the Funeral parlor where the cadaver/s are kept. The pictures (one sideview and one front view, size 4 x 4) of the unidentified cadavers and the missing persons as well as the names of the latter shall be posted in the bulletin boards for a period of thirty (30) days where relatives of missing persons or parties interested in their whereabouts can have access thereto. The pictures of the unidentified cadavers shall also be published in a newspaper of general circulation. The Division of Preventable Diseases, Manila Health Department shall take charge of the posting.

SEC. 4. That in case of failure on the part of any relative or friend to identify and claim the cadaver within sixty (60) days, the body will be turned over to the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila Medical School which in turn shall pay the minimal cost of the preservation of the cadaver.

SEC. 5. Any government officials or employees violating any provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be reprimanded for the first violation, suspended for the second violation and dismissed from the service for the third violation, in addition to administrative sanctions in accordance with the Civil Service rules and regulations: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in case of private persons, the penalty shall be imprisonment of not more than six (6) months and a fine of not more than ONE THOUSAND (P1,000.00) PESOS: PROVIDED, Further, that in case of juridical persons, the president, manager or other person in charge of the operation thereof shall be liable.


SEC. 6. That the necessary amount of THIRTY THOUSAND (P30,000.00) PESOS is hereby appropriated out of the unappropriated fund existing in the City Treasury to be made available for the construction and maintenance of the posting places herein-above mentioned.

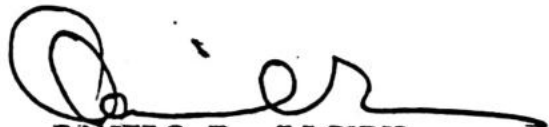
SEC. 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session today, May 9, 1989.


Approved by His Honor, the Mayor on May 28, 1989.

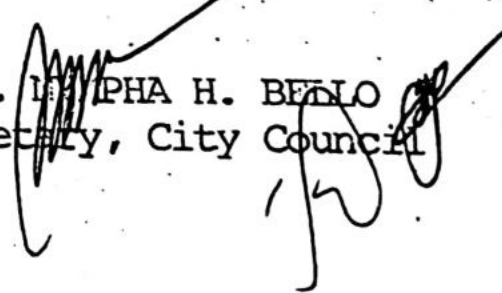
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