

ORDINANCE NO. 7880

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CITY FUNERAL SERVICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE "PUNERARYANG PAMBAYAN NG MAYNILA" PROVIDING THE ORGANIZATION, MECHANICS, AND FUNDING THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, THAT:

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government to provide, in times of extreme need, Manila residents, as certified by the Barangay Chairman concerned, with social assistance and services, including funeral and interment services for departed loved ones.

SEC. 2. Pursuant to the above policy, there is hereby established a City Funeral Service to be known as the "PUNERARYANG PAMBAYAN NG MAYNILA".

SEC. 3. The "PUNERARYANG PAMBAYAN NG MAYNILA" shall be under the Manila Barangay Bureau, Office of the Mayor: Provided, That the City Department of Social Welfare and the City Department of Health shall provide coordination, technical assistance and support thereto.

SEC. 4. The "PUNERARYANG PAMBAYAN NG MAYNILA" shall undertake the following services:

- a. Embalment and preparation of the dead;
- b. Provision of casket, lighting and other supporting requirements;
- c. Funeral and necrological assistance;
- d. Interment and burial assistance at the City's North and South Cemeteries: Provided, that expenses for interment outside City limits shall be borne by the party/ies concerned; and
- e. Other related and allied services.

SEC. 5. The "PUNERARYANG PAMBAYAN NG MAYNILA" shall have a central funeral house to be situated in an appropriate site at the North Cemetery. It shall likewise have at least one branch or extension funeral parlor in each of the six (6) districts of Manila.

SEC. 6. The "PUNERARYANG PAMBAYAN NG MAYNILA" shall determine the design and production of caskets that will be available to concerned party/ies at cost. For this purpose, it may set up casket production shops in suitable sites where skilled carpenters and craftsmen of non-governmental organizations, cooperatives and other groups may work.

SEC. 7. The "PUNERARYANG PAMBAYAN NG MAYNILA" is authorized to avail and make use of any available serviceable vehicles, equipment, supplies, materials and instruments of the City which are necessary to carry out its functions.

SEC. 8. The "PUNERARYANG PAMBAYAN NG MAYNILA" shall have an interim organization to be manned initially by existing personnel from the various City departments and offices upon designation by the City Mayor. The staffing pattern and regular plantilla positions as may be determined by the City Mayor shall be incorporated in the annual budget of the City.

SEC. 9. The "PUNERARYANG PAMBAYAN NG MAYNILA" shall recommend to the Mayor, thru the Head of Manila Barangay Bureau, affordable pricing of casket, funeral and interment services. However, in highly exceptional cases involving paupers and other indigent residents needing assistance, as recommended by the Department of Social Welfare, free services may be rendered and charged to the City Government.

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SEC. 10. The "PUNERARYANG PAMBAYAN NG MAYNILA" shall likewise encourage families to cause the cremation of their dead loved ones and providing free casket as incentive.

SEC. 11. There is hereby appropriated from any available funds including budgetary savings, the sum of NINE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P9,500,000.00), to be allotted as follows:

- a. FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00) for the construction of one (1) central funeral house and six (6) district funeral parlors;
- b. ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) for the purchase of necessary equipment, tools, instruments, and other operating expenditures;
- c. FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) as revolving fund for the procurement of caskets; and
- d. THREE MILLION PESOS (P3,000,000.00) for personnel and other operating costs for funeral services.

The subsequent funding requirements of the City Funeral Service shall accordingly be incorporated in the annual budget of the City Government.


SEC. 12. The Office of the Mayor shall formulate and issue the specific implementing guidelines and procedure to carry out the goals and objectives of this Ordinance.


SEC. 13. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session today, January 19, 1995.


Approved by His Honor, the Mayor, on *Feb. 2, 1995*


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