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Begun and held in the City Council on Thursday,  
the twentieth day of July, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

**ORDINANCE NO. 9019**

**AN ORDINANCE** PROVIDING DEATH BENEFIT WELFARE ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP. 3,000.00) TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES OF ALL BONA FIDE RESIDENTS OR REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MANILA

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Stated on Section 16 of the Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as "The Local Government Code of 1991" states that: "every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things..."

In the last three (3) years (2020-2022), the Manila City Civil Registry Office has recorded an average of eleven thousand (11,000) Death Certificates applications per annum, which are mostly bona fide residents of the City of Manila.

To express sympathy and gratitude to its dearly departed constituents, and considering the escalating costs of burial services nowadays, the City Government of Manila recognizes the need to further support its citizens by providing primary financial assistance as well as emotional support to their bereaved families.

  
**HON. SALVADOR PHILIP H. LACUNA**  
Minority Floor Leader  
Councilor, 6<sup>th</sup> District  
Manila

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Ordinance shall be known as the "UNANG ABULOY NG MAYNILA" - DEATH BENEFIT ORDINANCE OF 2023.

**SEC. 2. Definition of Terms.** – As used in this Ordinance the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. Financial Assistance - any form of grant or other form of direct or indirect assistance extended by any agency.
- b. Bona Fide - genuine; legitimate.
- c. Decedent - a person who has died.
- d. Bereaved - deprived of a close relation through their death.
- e. Claimant - a person making a claim for a government-sponsored benefit.

**SEC. 3. Coverage.** – The City of Manila shall allocate and appropriate Funeral Assistance in the amount of Three Thousand Pesos (PhP. 3,000.00) plus and/or Sympathy Card or any token equivalent to/or amounting not more than One Thousand Pesos (PhP. 1,000.00).

**SEC. 4. Beneficiary.** – The "Unang Abuloy ng Maynila" death benefit shall be primarily given to the legal spouse of the deceased. Should there be no spouse who survives the decedent, the benefit granted under this Ordinance shall be given to relatives in the following order of degree of kinship: children, parents, siblings, grandchildren, aunts and uncles.

**SEC. 5. Eligibility for Availment.** – The deceased shall be established by competent documents of residency, who, at the time of death, was a bona fide resident of the City of Manila or duly registered voter of the City of Manila. And for minors, aged under 18 years who met their untimely deaths, any of the parents should be a registered voter or a resident of the City of Manila.

**SEC. 6. Processing of Claim.** – The following shall be submitted by the claimant of the "Unang Abuloy sa Maynila" Death Benefit:

- a. Duly filled-up Claimants' Form issued by the Manila Department of Social Welfare (MDSW);
- b. Certified true copy of Death Certificate;
- c. Valid government issued identification card of the relative/representative.
- d. Barangay Certificate of Residency of the deceased.

**SEC. 7. Implementing Department.** – The Manila Department of Social Welfare (MDSW) shall be the lead department in the implementation of this Ordinance with assistance from the Civil Registry Office of Manila. The MDSW will also be tasked to draft the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance.

Moreover, The Manila Barangay Bureau (MBB) together with the officers of the Liga ng mga Barangay ng Maynila will provide assistance in gathering pertinent data such as reports of death from Barangays and assist in the distribution of said "Unang Abuloy" benefits.

**SEC. 8. Appropriation.** – The City of Manila shall allocate a substantial amount for the implementation of this Ordinance under its Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE).

**SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** - All ordinances, rules and regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and modified or amended accordingly;




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**SEC. 10. Effectivity Clause.** - This Ordinance shall take effect in the next Fiscal Year budget after its public hearing and posting requirements in newspaper of general circulation.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on December 14, 2023.


PRESIDED BY:

  
**MACARIO M. LACSON**  
President Pro-Tempore and  
Acting Presiding Officer  
City Council, Manila

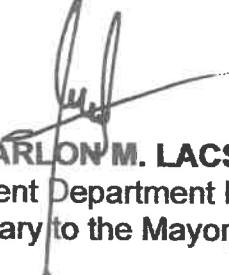
ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED BY HER HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON JAN 19 2024.

  
**MARIA SHEILAH "Honey" H. LACUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS**  
Mayor  
City of Manila

ATTESTED:

  
**ATTY. MARLON M. LACSON**  
City Government Department Head III  
(Secretary to the Mayor)

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