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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SECOND (32ND) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

Present : Vice Mayor Antonio L. Kalaw, Presiding Officer
S.B. Member Josephine S. Evangelista
S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina
S.B. Member Janos S. Lapid
S.B. Member Geronimo A. Ciceron
S.B. Member Marlo PJ A. Alipon
S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon
S.B. Member Cris Dayril B. Bagnes
S.B. Member Arlene P. delos Santos, Liga President
S.B. Member Jozylyn N. Manansala, SK Fed. President
Secretary Dona T. Alborida
Ms. Felomina I. Lincallo, LLSO I

Absent : S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio, (O.B.)

Visitors : None

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2074

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 217 SERIES OF 2020, DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2020 ENTITLED " AN ORDER PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE BODY OR REMAINS OF A DEAD PERSON AND THE CONDUCT OF FUNERAL WAKE OR FUNERAL VIGIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA" AND EFFECTIVELY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2016.

Author : Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon

WHEREAS, the Memorandum Circular signed by the Executive Secretary and issued on March 16, 2020 by order of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, provides for the "Enhanced Community Quarantine over the entire Luzon and further guidelines for the management of the Corona Virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) throughout the country";

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) approved Resolution No. 75-A, s. 2020 wherein the Province of Laguna shall be classified under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) until October 31, 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Sangguniang Bayan has adopted the Local IATF Resolution No. 2020-03 dated March 29, 2020 which prescribes the COVID-19 Guidelines, policies, Regulations through Ordinance No. 2020-2001, Section 2, Letter C of the said Ordinance provides for the guidelines in the disposal of the body and restrictions in the conduct

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of funeral wake. The said section was amended by Ordinance No. 2020-2016 dated April 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, On October 13, 2020, the Local Chief Executive requested the Sanggunian to pass an Ordinance amending the said Section to extend the 24 hours limit for burial or cremation of non-covid cases and revert to 48 hours. However, the said request also provides for the inclusion of the prohibition of viewing and conduct of wake in any residential or commercial building other than religious or memorial chapels. As response, Ordinance 2020-2017 was enacted on October 19, 2020;

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2020, Executive Order No. 217 Series of 2020 was issued by the Local Chief Executive allowing the conduct of funeral wake or vigil in the Municipality;

WHEREAS, due to the Covid-19 pandemic that has affected the country, in particular, the Municipality of Los Baños, wherein most have lost their jobs and are struggling to get by day-by-day, not everyone can afford to pay for funeral chapel expenses, the LB IATF for Covid-19 sees it necessary to allow wakes and funerals in the place of residence of the deceased or the residence of a family member of the deceased, subject to compliance with relevant laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, THE Sangguniang Bayan agreed with the Local IATF and decided to adopt the said Executive Order;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon duly seconded by Councilwoman Josephine S. Evangelista and approved by the councilors present;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, in session assembled, **THAT**:

- SECTION**
1. The following shall be the guidelines for the disposal of body or remains of dead person and in the conduct of wake or vigil in the Municipality of Los Baños, Laguna.
 - A. The body or remains of person who died of Covid-19 or who are suspect or probable covid case shall be buried or cremated within twelve (12) hours after death;
 - B. No vigil or wake for suspect, probable or confirmed covid case;
 - C. Burial or cremation shall be done within forty-eight (48) hours for non-covid cases;
 - D. The funeral establishment shall be responsible for securing the necessary information if the deceased person is a covid case or not. Information must be secured from the hospital where the person expired, or from the Municipal Health Office, if the person expired in his or her home or if unattended by medical or health personnel;
 - E. Embalming shall be allowed ONLY for non-covid cases, provided that, it shall be performed by a licensed embalmer in a DOH-approved embalming facility;
 - F. Proper PPE shall be used by the funeral staff whenever providing services to dead persons;

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G. Vigil or wake shall be allowed on the following conditions:

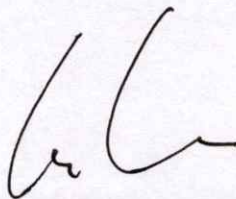
- a) Vigil or wake shall be for non-covid cases ONLY;
- b) Wake or vigil at the community or at home shall be allowed, provided that, it shall be properly coordinated with the Punong Barangay where the wake or vigil will be done;
- c) The funeral service shall be responsible for informing the Punong Barangay about the wake or vigil that will be conducted in their area of jurisdiction;
- d) Coordination by the funeral service to the Punong Barangay shall be done immediately or as soon as possible. Information to be relayed by funeral service shall include name of the diseased, address or place where the wake or vigil will be done, cause of death, and date and time of burial or cremation;
- e) The Barangay shall monitor the wake or vigil and ensure that health and safety protocol are observed and implemented;
- f) Maximum of five (5) visitors at any given time shall be observed at the wake or vigil;
- g) Children (less than 15 years old) shall not be allowed as visitors. Senior citizens shall be discouraged to visit or go to wake or vigil;
- h) Individuals who have fever or respiratory symptoms shall not be allowed to visit in the wake or vigil. Funeral chapels are required to check the temperature of visitors using thermal scanner;
- i) Funeral chapels are required to use the MGLB contact tracing system in logging-in and screening visitors in the wake or vigil;
- j) Visitors shall be allowed maximum of one (1) hour to stay at the wake or vigil;
- k) Wearing of mask and physical distance must always be observed. Hand disinfectant must be available;
- l) Serving of food using reusable plates, drinking cups or glass and utensils shall be discouraged in the wake or vigil;
- m) Serving of food that is intended to be shared with other visitors shall be prohibited in the wake or vigil;
- n) Drinking alcohol shall not be allowed in the wake or vigil;
- o) Gambling shall not be allowed in the wake or vigil;
- p) Videoke shall not be allowed in the wake or vigil;
- q) Opening of casket shall not be allowed;
- r) The Punong Barangay may hold or stop the conduct of wake or vigil in his or her area of jurisdiction if health and safety protocols or the guidelines for holding wake or vigil are not properly observed; and

H. The funeral service shall be responsible for informing the family or caretakers of the deceased about the guidelines and regulations in the conduct of wake or vigil

SECTION

2. **REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts not consistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.


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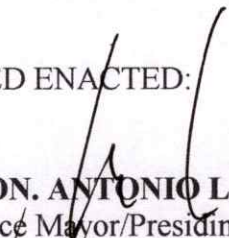


- SECTION 3. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid, any part or provision not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.
- SECTION 4. **EFFECTIVITY.** This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until lifted or amended by another order or superseded by law or ordinance.



ENACTED : November 09, 2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Ordinance.


DONA T. ALBORIDA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:

HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. CAESAR P. PEREZ
Municipal Mayor 

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