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**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH (7<sup>th</sup>) SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON APRIL 29, 2021 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.**

Present : Vice Mayor Josephine Sumangil – Evangelista, Presiding Officer  
S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina  
S.B. Member Geronimo A. Ciceron  
S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio  
S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon  
S.B. Member Cris Dayril B. Bagnes  
S.B. Member Rodora Perez-Loares  
Secretary Dona T. Alborida  
Ms. Jellyn S. De Una, LLSA II

Absent : S.B. Member Janos S. Lapiz (O.B.)  
S.B. Member Marlo PJ A. Alipon (O.B.)  
S.B. Member Arlene P. delos Santos, Liga President (O.B.)  
S.B. Member Jozlyn N. Manansala, SK Fed. President (O.B.)

Visitor(s) : None

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-2146**

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF FUNERAL WAKE OR FUNERAL VIGIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION AND/OR NON-COMPLIANCE THEREWITH.**

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Author :   
**Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon**

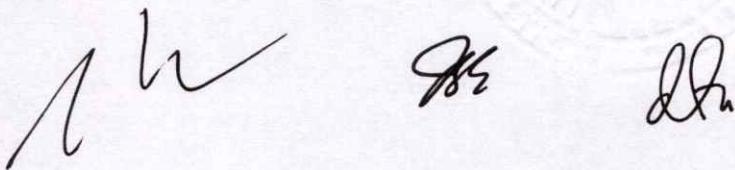
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**WHEREAS**, on November 5, 2020, Executive Order No. 217 Series of 2020 was issued by the Local Chief Executive allowing the conduct of funeral wake or vigil in the Municipality. It was adopted in toto by the sanggunian through Ordinance No. 2020-2074 on November 9, 2020. However, no penalty was provided by the said Ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, the existing guidelines provided in EO No. 217 allows visitors to wake or vigil. Due to the rising cases of COVID-19 in the Municipality, the Sangguniang Bayan, upon recommendation of the Municipal Health Officer, agreed to prescribe new restrictions in the conduct of funeral wake or vigil;

**WHEREAS**, as of April 28, 2021, there is a total of One Hundred Forty-Five (145) active cases in the Municipality;

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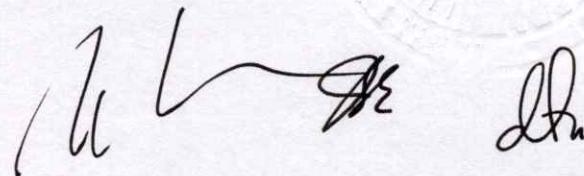


**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon duly seconded by Councilor Miko C. Pelegrina and approved by the councilors present;

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

- SECTION 1.** **TITLE.** This Ordinance is entitled as “**An Ordinance Prescribing the Guidelines in the Conduct of Funeral Wake or Funeral Vigil in the Municipality of Los Baños and Providing Penalties for Violation and/or Non-Compliance Therewith**”.
- SECTION 2.** **COVERAGE.** This Ordinance shall be applicable only within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Los Baños.
- SECTION 3.** **GUIDELINES.** Wake or vigil shall be allowed on the following conditions:
- A. Wake or vigil 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 deceased, 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. Attendance to wake or vigil shall be restricted. Only immediate family of the deceased and ministers or officiants are allowed to attend wakes;
  - G. Family members who are less than 15 years old (children and minors), senior citizens and those with underlying conditions or comorbidities are discouraged to attend wake or vigil;
  - H. Individuals who have fever or respiratory symptoms shall not be allowed to attend the wake or vigil. Funeral chapels are required to check the temperature of attendees using thermal scanner;
  - I. Funeral chapels are required to use the MGLB contact tracing system in logging-in and screening of attendees in the wake or vigil;

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- J. Wearing of mask, face shield and physical distancing must always be observed. Hand disinfectant must be available;
- K. Serving of food using reusable plates, drinking cups or glass and utensils shall be discouraged in the wake or vigil;
- L. Serving of food that is intended to be shared with other family members shall be prohibited in the wake or vigil;
- M. Drinking alcoholic beverages shall not be allowed in the wake or vigil;
- N. Gambling shall not be allowed in the wake or vigil;
- O. Use and operation of videoke, karaoke, radio, loudspeakers and other sound devices shall not be allowed in the wake or vigil;
- P. Viewing of the body shall be allowed however opening of casket shall not be allowed;
- Q. 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.

**SECTION 4. PENALTY.** Any person violating Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be meted and penalized as follows:

- A. FIRST OFFENSE: A fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1, 000.00) or rendering of community service of at least three (3) hours as conducted by the barangays and other local government offices.
- B. SECOND OFFENSE: A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1, 500.00).
- C. THIRD OFFENSE: A fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2, 500.00).
- D. For Funeral Parlors, the Local Chief Executive/Mayor may suspend or revoke the Mayor's Permit and/or Business Permit to operate its business in the municipality for any violation of this Ordinance, until compliance therewith.
- E. In case of minor offenders who shall be taken in custody, the authority which will have an initial contact with the child shall be mandated to immediately release the child to the custody of his/her parents or guardian, or in the absence thereof, the nearest relative to the child. The said authority shall give notice to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) which shall determine the appropriate Intervention Program.

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**SECTION 5.** **IMPLEMENTATION.** The Local Chief Executive, the Los Baños Inter-Agency Task Force Sub-Committee for the Implementation of COVID-19 Ordinances and Other Issuances, the Philippine National Police – Los Baños (PNP-LB), Barangay Officials and Barangay Tanods and other law enforcement agents, person or entities duly recognized by the LGU and the Barangay are the authorized persons to implement and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

The Municipal Health Office (MHO) and the Public Information Office (PIO) are hereby requested for the widest dissemination of the provisions of this Ordinance.

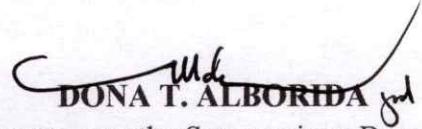
**SECTION 6.** **REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts not consistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7.** **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.

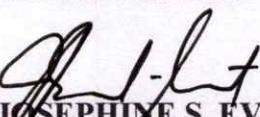
**SECTION 8.** **EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall remain in force until repealed or amended by another Ordinance.

**ENACTED :** April 29, 2021

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

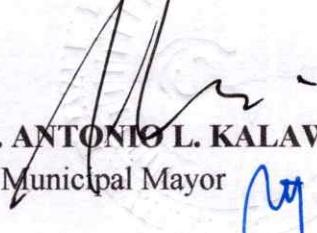
  
DONA T. ALBORIDA  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:

  
HON. JOSEPHINE S. EVANGELISTA  
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

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HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW  
Municipal Mayor