



Republika ng Pilipinas
Lungsod Quezon
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(City Council)

PO99-88

43rd Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP - 816 - 99

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING AGENTS OR PERSONNEL OF FUNERAL PARLORS FROM LOITERING AND SOLICITING CONTRACT OF FUNERAL SERVICE TO AN EXTREMELY CONFUSED MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OR RELATIVES OF PATIENTS INSIDE THE HOSPITAL PREMISES, MEDICAL CLINICS, AND OTHER SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS SITUATED IN QUEZON CITY, AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilors ERIC Z. MEDINA, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II and WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Wilma Amoranto-Sarino, Vincent P. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Rommel R. Abesamis, Jesus C. Suntay, Marcel C. Rillo, Ramon G. Mathay and Bayani V. Hipol.

WHEREAS, it has been the practice of some unscrupulous agents or personnel of funeral parlors to loiter or roam around inside the hospital premises, especially in the emergency room, to look for a potential client by distributing business/calling cards to the family or relatives of patients;

WHEREAS, instead of improving the condition of the ailing patient is getting worse upon learning that there are people in the hospital who are negotiating with their family or relatives for their funeral service;

WHEREAS, due to lack of education or extreme state of emotional shock, the bereaved family or relatives of the patients who died while undergoing medical treatment are oftentimes victims of the said unscrupulous and dishonest agents or personnel of funeral parlors by not informing them of the price of casket, which is usually beyond their capacity to pay, before rendering the actual funeral service to the deceased;

WHEREAS, to allay the doubts that there are some personnel or physician in the hospital conniving with the aforesaid agents of funeral parlors in exchange of a certain percentage or commission, it is necessary to prohibit the agents or personnel of funeral parlors from loitering and soliciting contract of funeral services to an extremely confused member of the family or relatives of patients inside the hospital premises.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. It is hereby prohibited for any agent or personnel of funeral parlors to loiter or roam around and solicit contract of funeral service to an extremely confused member of the family or relatives of patients inside the hospital premises, medical clinics and other similar institutions.

Res. 99-162-1

Handwritten signatures and initials on the right margin.


SECTION 2. Agents or personnel of funeral parlors may only be allowed to loiter or stay or solicit contract of funeral service inside the hospital premises, medical clinics, and other similar institutions when permitted by the authorities of the hospital concerned and upon request of the bereaved family to collect or pick up the cadaver/corpse/dead body of the patient.

SECTION 3. Any person or persons found distributing business/calling cards of any funeral parlor inside the hospital premises or inducing/convincing the family or relatives of the patients or deceased to contract/engage their funeral services shall be presumed agent or personnel of funeral parlors.


SECTION 4. Any violation of the provision of this ordinance shall be punished by an imprisonment of five (5) days or a fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00), or both such imprisonment and fine at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval

ENACTED : November 9, 1999.


CONNIE S. ANGELES
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED :


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

APPROVED : DEC 27 1999


ISMAEL A. MATHAY JR.
City Mayor



