

Republic of the Philippines
Quezon City
CITY COUNCIL

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ORDINANCE

PROHIBITING THE RELEASE OF CADAVERS TO FUNERAL PARLORS OR TO ANY PERSON, JURIDICAL OR NATURAL, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE RELATIVES OF THE DECEASED AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced and Sponsored by Councilor Eduardo F. David.

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WHEREAS, dying has been a very emotionally painful and financially burdensome experience of relatives of the deceased;

WHEREAS, grieving relatives of the deceased especially the poor, who, due to lack of education, often are the victims of some stone-hearted hospitals and funeral parlor personnel;

WHEREAS, it has been noted that unscrupulous hospital personnel often release cadavers to funeral parlor representatives without the written consent of grieving relatives of the deceased;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of Quezon City in session assembled:

SECTION 1. All hospital officials and/or personnel shall not release cadavers of patients to funeral parlors or to any person, juridical or natural, without the written consent of the nearest of kin of the deceased in the order of priority, as follows: