



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 52
Series of 2020

**AN ORDER REGULATING THE OPERATION OF FUNERAL PARLORS
CEMETERIES, MEMORIAL PARKS AND COLUMBARIUMS EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 AND UNTIL AFTER THE STATE OF CALAMITY
(PROCLAMATION 1021) IS LIFTED**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation 1021 extending the State of Calamity in the country until September 12, 2021;

WHEREAS, medical specialists identify mass gatherings as a source of the spread of the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, there is a need to regulate wakes and burials to avoid mass gathering during these activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, Mayor of the City of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. WHO MAY ATTEND WAKE. Only family members shall be allowed to attend a wake at home, in a funeral parlor or any other place. The family in charge of the wake and the funeral parlor/venue management must ensure that there is no mass gathering among the family members. Face masks, distancing of at least one meter and alcohol must be required of the visiting family members. This rule applies for all faith-based groups.

SECTION 2. WHO MAY ATTEND BURIAL. Only family members shall be allowed to attend a burial. The family in charge of the burial and the cemetery management must ensure that there is no mass gathering among the family members. Face masks, distancing of at least one meter and alcohol must be required for all the family members. The same rule applies for those who are to be buried according to the Muslim faith and other faith-based groups.

SECTION 3. CONTACT TRACING. The family in charge of the wake and burial must keep a record of the date and time of the visit of all the family members.

SECTION 4. MASS GATHERING. Family members must not occupy more than fifty percent (50%) of the room where the casket is located. Physical distancing must be observed in all areas of the residential house, funeral home and other wake venues.

Family members should observe at least one-meter distancing in the cemetery, memorial park or columbarium during burial.

SECTION 5. LIQUOR BAN. All cemeteries and funeral parlors shall implement a 24-hour liquor ban for the duration of the State of Calamity.

SECTION 6. VULNERABLE SECTOR. Those who are above 60 years old, below 21 years old, immunocompromised, with health risk or pregnant women are allowed to visit the wake or attend the burial of a family member. They shall also be allowed to visit the cemetery, memorial park or columbarium where their family members are buried. They are prohibited from attending wake, burial and visiting the cemeteries, memorial park and columbarium burial sites of non-relatives.

SECTION 7. IATF RESOLUTION 72. Letter B, Nos. 1 and 2 of the IATF Resolution No. 72 dated September 17, 2020 shall be implemented in the following manner:

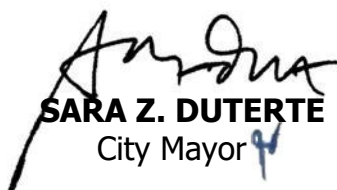
1. September 17 to November 15, 2020 – the number of visitors shall be limited to a maximum occupancy of thirty percent (30%) of the entire area of the cemetery, memorial park or columbarium;
2. October 29 to November 4, 2020 – all private and public cemeteries, memorial parks and columbarium shall be closed the entire day to the general public, except for:
 - A. Groups who will bury their family member during these dates, and
 - B. Groups who will celebrate the birthday or death anniversary of the deceased, that fall on these dates.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 23rd day of September 2020 in Davao City, Philippines.


SARA Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:


ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator