



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11
Series of 2021

**AN ORDER REGULATING THE OPERATION OF FUNERAL PARLORS
CEMETERIES, MEMORIAL PARKS AND COLUMBARIUMS EFFECTIVE
UNTIL THE STATE OF CALAMITY (PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 1021
SERIES OF 2020) 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 (1) meter and alcohol must be required of the visiting family members. This rule applies to 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 to those who are to be buried according to the Muslim faith and other faith-based groups.

SECTION 3. DEGREE OF KINSHIP. A family member is a person that is within the fourth degree of affinity or consanguinity of the deceased.

SECTION 4. VULNERABLE SECTOR. Any person below fifteen (15) years old, those who are sixty-five (65) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and 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 5. 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 6. 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 7. LIQUOR BAN. All cemeteries and funeral parlors shall implement a 24-hour liquor ban for the duration of the State of Calamity.

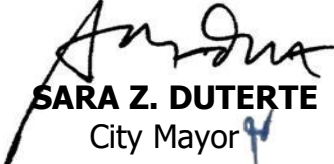
SECTION 8. CEMETERIES OCCUPANCY. Cemeteries are allowed to make their own guidelines to avoid overcrowding provided that the distancing between all individuals shall not be less than one (1) meter.

SECTION 9. 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 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately and until the State of Calamity (Presidential Proclamation 1021 series of 2020) is lifted.

Done this 10th day of March 2021 in Davao City, Philippines.


SARA Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:


ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator