



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SANGGUNANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF MANDALUYONG



ORDINANCE NO. 1009, S-2025

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES FOR THE DISPOSAL AND REMOVAL OF UNCLAIMED, ABANDONED AND UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS DUE TO THE EXPIRATION OR NON-RENEWAL OF CONTRACT, ABANDONMENT, EXHUMATION, DISINTERMENT AND NON-APPEARANCE OF CLAIMANT IN THE MAKESHIFT STORAGE AREA, NICHES, CRYPTS AND COLUMBARIUM OF THE MANDALUYONG CITY GARDEN OF LIFE MEMORIAL PARK (GOLMP) FOR THE PERIOD OF 2010-2014 AND FOR THE SUBSEQUENT PERIODS THEREAFTER

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that "Local Government Units are authorized to exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare";

WHEREAS, by virtue of Section 458(a)(4)(ix) of the Local Government Code, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, in furtherance of promoting the general welfare, is authorized to enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the purpose of regulating the establishment, operation and maintenance of funeral parlors and the burial or cremation of the dead subject to existing laws, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Mandaluyong enacted Ordinance No. 476, S-2011 establishing the Garden of Life Park (GLP) Funeral Parlor prescribing for the fees, charges and guidelines for the operation of the City-owned public cemetery in providing decent, affordable and accessible funeral services to its constituents;

WHEREAS, the City passed an Ordinance strengthening the management and operation of the Garden of Life Park through Ordinance No. 697, S. 2018, creating the Mandaluyong City GLP Committee to oversee the provision, maintenance, and enhancement of its services and in carrying out relevant laws and ordinances to provide efficient funeral services;

WHEREAS, Sections 11, 12, and 13 of Ordinance No. 697, S. 2018, bestowed upon the GLP Administration to dispose unclaimed, abandoned, unidentified and unrenewed lease contract of the respective remains and those remains which were removed and taken-out from niches or crypts as well as those ashes in the columbarium having the same condition;

WHEREAS, due to the numerous numbers of unclaimed, abandoned and unidentified remains currently stored in the GLP that already exceeded the ten (10)-year period, specifically for the period from 2010 to 2014, and other remains still stored in the GLP storage that exhausted the existing facilities of the public cemetery, there is a need to prescribe guidelines and procedures to decongest these facilities to accommodate other departed and their bereaved families in the City.

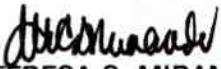
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong, in session duly assembled that:

- SECTION 1. SCOPE AND COVERAGE.** This Ordinance shall cover the handling and disposal of remains stored, buried, or cremated in the Mandaluyong City Garden of Life Memorial Park (GLP) which were abandoned, unclaimed or unidentified, and those with an existing, expired, unrenewed lease contract with the GLP Administration for more than 10 years for the period from 2010-2014 and the subsequent period or years as determined by the GLP Administration.
- SECTION 2. MANNER OF DISPOSAL/REMOVAL.** The disposal and/or removal of remains shall be observed by the GLP Administration under the following mode:
1. Cremation shall be the mode of disposal for unclaimed, abandoned, unidentified remains (bones) located in the makeshift storage area and for unclaimed, abandoned and not renewed contract of remains which were removed and taken-out from niches or crypts and will be stored in the "Wall of Memories" (Ash Repository) in the Garden of Life Memorial Park subject to the procedure herein provided.
 2. For stored ashes in the GLP columbarium with an expired, unrenewed or those which are abandoned or unclaimed shall be removed and deposited in a designated storage designed for such purpose.
- SECTION 3. NOTICE REQUIREMENT.** In no case shall the disinterment, exhumation, and the disposal mentioned in the preceding Section be made without notice to the concerned lessee or nearest of kin of the remains appearing in the records of the GLP and shall be given thirty (30) days grace period within which to claim the same.
- SECTION 4. PUBLICATION.** When there are no longer available records of lessee or nearest kin, or notice was returned and unserved, or the whereabouts of the lessee or nearest of kin are unknown, notices shall be posted in conspicuous places in the City, such as but not limited to, the City Hall Complex, public markets and barangay hall of residence provided by the lessee or nearest of kin as appearing in the records.
- SECTION 5. EFFECT OF APPEARANCE OF CLAIMANT.** Should a claimant appeared to claim the remains, the following guidelines shall be observed:
1. **PRIOR TO CREMATION.** The lessee or nearest of kin may either claim the remains, or give their consent for its cremation mentioned in Section 14 of Ordinance No. 697, S-2018 upon payment of required fees;
 2. **AFTER CREMATION.** The lessee or nearest of kin may claim the cremated ashes upon payment of prevailing cremation fees and storage fees.
- SECTION 6. NON-APPEARANCE OF LESSEE OR NEAREST OF KIN.** In case of non-appearance, absence of communication or confirmation from the lessee or next of kin after due notice or publication, the GLP Administration, after the lapse of the grace period, or within fifteen (15) days from the publication to claim the remains, shall conduct the cremation and removal of their respective remains under the modes mentioned in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

- SECTION 7. STORAGE OF ABANDONED, UNCLAIMED AND UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS. The Garden of Life Memorial Park Administration subject to the existing ordinances, rules, and regulations, shall permanently place the unclaimed, abandoned, and unidentified cremated remains and removed ashes from the columbarium in the Mandaluyong City GLP ash repository or the "Wall of Memories" properly labeled and identified through their existing and available records pertaining to respective stored remains.
- SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In case where any provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions contained hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. Ordinances, issuances, rules and regulations which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be repealed.
- SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation and posting in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within Mandaluyong City.

ENACTED on this 27th day of January 2025, in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
WAS ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
OF MANDALUYONG IN A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON
THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

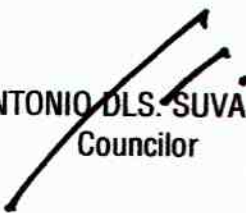
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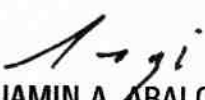

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