



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Zamboanga del Norte
MUNICIPALITY OF LA LIBERTAD

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-10-017
Series of 2020

**AN ORDER IMPOSING A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL CEMETERIES
DURING THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS'
DAY.**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte, recognizing that the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health event constitutes a threat to national security, declared a state of calamity throughout the Philippines through Proclamation No. 929;

WHEREAS, under the Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine issued by the National Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-MEID), mass gatherings should be regulated so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of La Libertad is currently under a state of Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) for the entire month of October;

WHEREAS, we have unfortunately seen a surge of probable and COVID-19 suspects as well as positive cases in the past few days in view of the reported local and community transmission in our Cities and Municipalities within and outside the province;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Local Government of La Libertad to temporarily close all cemeteries in the Municipality during the All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, as well as the days leading to and after these events so as to prevent the expected influx and gathering of people inside the areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROMEO J. MEJIAS, Municipal Mayor of La Libertad, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY CLOSURE. In light of COVID-19 outbreak, a temporary closure of all cemeteries is hereby imposed effective on October 31 until November 3, 2020.

SECTION 2. GUIDELINES AND POLICIES. In observance of *Kalag-Kalag 2020*, the following guidelines shall be observed by all persons who wish to visit cemeteries within the Municipality prior to and after the temporary closure from October 31 to November 3, 2020.

- A. All persons who wish to visit public cemeteries shall be allowed to do so from October 21, 2020 to October 30, 2020 and from November 4, 2020 to November 15, 2020, subject to the succeeding rules and regulations;

- B. Cemeteries shall only be allowed to accept visitors from 6 A.M to 6 P.M during the dates specified in Section 2.A. of this order;
- C. The number of persons allowed inside the cemetery at any given time should not exceed thirty percent (30%) of its total capacity. In this regard, the cemetery management shall ensure that social distancing shall be strictly observed;
- D. Wearing of Face masks and Face shields shall be mandatory;
- E. Senior citizens or persons 60 years old and above, those below 21 years old as well as those with immunodeficiencies, comorbidities or other health risks, and pregnant women, are prohibited from visiting cemeteries;
- F. No food and drinks/liquor shall be allowed inside and within the vicinity of cemeteries from October 21, 2020 to November 15, 2020. As such, it shall be prohibited for any person to bring and sell food and drinks/liquor;
- G. Selling of candles, flowers and such other complements inside the premises of cemeteries from October 21, 2020 to November 15, 2020 shall be absolutely prohibited;
- H. The holding of Holy Mass shall be allowed inside cemeteries. As such, only priests, their sacristan and technical staff (for livestreaming) shall be allowed.

SECTION 3. EXEMPTION. Interment shall be allowed to continue within the abovementioned dates.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT. The Municipal Police Station (MPS), Rural Health Unit (RHU), Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), cemetery administrators, with the assistance of Barangay officials and public safety officers are hereby directed to implement this order.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof and shall remain effective until revoked.

Done in the Municipality of La Libertad, this 21st day of October in the year 2020.

Romeo J. Mejias
ROMEO J. MEJIAS
 Municipal Mayor

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