



Republika ng Pilipinas
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod Mandaluyong

ORDINANCE NO. 854, S-2021

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE ACCESS TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES, MEMORIAL PARKS AND COLUMBARIA IN MANDALUYONG CITY FROM OCTOBER 29, 2021 TO NOVEMBER 2, 2021 IN RELATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE TRADITIONAL *UNDAS*, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Mandaluyong is committed to protect and promote the right to health of the people as enshrined in the 1987 Constitution;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation 922, (s-2020) declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, all government agencies, including Local Government Units (LGUs), are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate COVID-19;

WHEREAS, all citizens, residents, tourists and establishment owners are urged to act within the bounds of the law and to comply with the lawful directives and advisories to be issued by appropriate government agencies to prevent further transmission of the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 112, (s-2020) was issued which confirmed and adopted the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as approved and recommended by IATF under Resolution No. 30, and authorized any amendment or modification thereto subject to the approval of the IATF;

WHEREAS, *Undas* or All Saints Day will be observed nationwide on November 1, 2021 where Filipinos traditionally gather in cemeteries, memorial parks and columbaria with family and friends to remember their dearly departed;

WHEREAS, in order to avoid mass gatherings during the observance of *Undas*, the Metro Manila Council, through MMDA Resolution No. 21-22, urged the LGUs in Metro Manila to enact ordinances and/or adopt resolutions restricting the public access to public and private cemeteries, memorial parks and columbaria for a period of five (5) days starting October 29, 2021 up to November 2, 2021.

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Instead, individuals are encouraged to visit them before or later than five-day period.

WHEREAS, the Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine with Updates as of August 19, 2021 provides that visits to memorial parks, cemeteries and columbaria shall be limited to not more than ten (10) persons per group and not exceeding thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Mandaluyong, in session assembled:

Section 1. All public and private cemeteries, memorial parks and columbaria in Mandaluyong City shall be temporarily closed to visitors from the period from October 29, 2021 to November 2, 2021; Provided that, for the conduct of wakes, necrological services, funerals, interment, cremation and inurnment during this five-day period, the Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine shall govern.

Section 2. The public is hereby encouraged to visit public and private cemeteries, memorial parks and columbaria in observance of the *Undas* on dates earlier than October 29, 2021 or later than November 2, 2021, subject to the following rules or guidelines:

- a) those who are below 18 years old, those who are over 65 years old, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be denied access;
- b) thirty percent (30%) venue capacity;
- c) not more than ten (10) persons per group;
- d) observance of minimum public health standards at all times; and
- e) wearing of facemask and face shield.

Section 3. The owner, manager and administrator of the cemetery, memorial park and columbarium shall be responsible in monitoring the number of visitors to ensure that it will not exceed the prescribed venue capacity. In case the maximum capacity is reached at any time, they shall, likewise, be responsible to ensure that persons waiting outside do not crowd together or violate COVID-19 protocols and minimum public health standards.