



Republic of the Philippines
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Municipality of Santa Ana

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 35
Series of 2021

“ORDER STRICT COMPLIANCE TO THE “INTERIM GUIDELINES ON THE MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN REMAINS FOR PATIENT UNDER INVESTIGATION (PUI) AND CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES AT SANTA ANA, CAGAYAN”

WHEREAS, DILG MC. No. 2020-063 issued the Interim Guidelines on the Management of Human Remains as a precautionary measure against contamination from virus that may affect health welfare of citizens;

WHEREAS, the Regional IATF for COVID-19 further emphasized that adherence to protocols thru the issuance of advisory No. 03 dated March 26, 2020, advising all concerned on the proper handling/disposal of human remains infected with Corona Virus;

WHEREAS, this LGU in its pursuit to promote and safeguard the health and safety of people had designated and commissioned the local funeral parlors in handling the remains of confirmed COVID 19 cases;

WHEREAS, LGU-Santa Ana, Cagayan thru the various departments shall continue to comply/adhere to guidelines and exhorts everyone to cooperate;

NOW THEREFORE, I NELSON P. ROBINION, MUNICIPAL MAYOR OF SANTA ANA, CAGAYAN, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION I – All human remains for burial shall undergo testing whether COVID -19 infected, or not, prior to any other funeral/burial activity. Rest the test shall be the basis in determining the duration of wake for the dead. For COVID-19 infected human remains, burial must be within 12 hours after death and embalming shall NOT BE ALLOWED. Non-infected may undergo normal funeral procedures, subject to observance of protocols within a five (5) day period of wake.

SECTION II – HANDLING OF REMAINS

It shall be undertaken by the funeral establishment subject to the Interim Guidelines on the Management of Human Remains, and in consonance with the MOA between LGU-Santa Ana, Cagayan and Jovellanos/Del Castillo Funeral Service.

SECTION 111 – PROHIBITIONS

- a) It shall be unlawful to disclose personal identity of the deceased, however, disclosure of personal information may be allowed on the following:
- Consent is given by the rightful claimant
 - For contact tracing purposes
 - Social status needing disclosure to public





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- b) It shall be unlawful to take, capture, upload, or share a photo/video of the last image of the human remains of the person
- c) No remains, whether claimed or unclaimed shall be permitted be used for scientific/medical purposes/studies
- d) No health care facilities and its personnel shall withhold the release and burial of the remains of those who died of COVID-19, and his/her Certificate of Death
- e) Be unlawful to defame or blacken the image of those who died due to COVID-19

SECTION IV – COST OF BURIAL

The cost of burial of a dead person shall be borne by the nearest kin. If the kin is financially incapable of defraying the expenses, or if the deceased has no kin, the cost shall be borne by the municipal government.

SECTION V - EFFECTIVITY

THIS ORDER shall take effect immediately and in force until amended or repealed.

DONE this 28th day of September 2021 at Santa Ana, Cagayan.


NELSON P. ROBINION
Municipal Mayor