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The dead deserves to be buried with respect and dignity. With the current landscape of the economic system, however, this right entails substantial burden to the relatives of the deceased. This burden becomes more cumbersome on the part of a PWD's family, especially since statistics have shown that families with PWD members have lesser net income than those households that have none.

Given that it is the role of the city government to assist the marginalized individuals, providing financial aid to families who have lost their PWD kin is only just and reasonable. If the city government cannot share on the emotional weight, at least it has the capacity to defray interment and burial expenses. Approval of this ordinance is therefore sought.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga
that:

Section 1. Burial Assistance. There shall be a Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) cash assistance to defray the cost of burial expenses of duly-registered Persons with Disabilities. The amount shall be extended to the immediate bereaved family of the deceased.

Section 2. Coverage. The assistance covers all causes of death, except suicide. However, only duly-registered PWDs (i.e. bearer of PWD ID Card issued by the Naga City Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office) shall be eligible to said aid.

Section 3. Requirements and Processing. The immediate bereaved family of the deceased PWD shall comply and submit the following to the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO):

- a. PWD-ID Card of the deceased person;
- b. Certified True Copy of death certificate of the deceased PWD; and
- c. Endorsement from PDAO.

Section 4. Availment of Claims. Availment of this financial assistance shall not prejudice the other benefits/assistance extended by the City Government of Naga.

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Section 5. Funding. The amount of not less than Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 200,000.00) necessary for the implementation of this ordinance shall be charged against the PWD Fund of the City Government of Naga.

Section 6. Repealing Clause - All ordinances, rules, orders and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this code are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


ENACTED: May 9, 2017

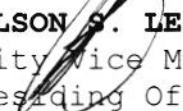
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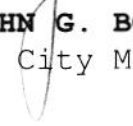
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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


GIL A. DE LA TORRE
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod


NELSON S. LEGACION
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


JOHN G. BONGAT
City Mayor
5/15/17