



"... PARA SA TUNAY NA PAGBABAGO"

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39
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**AN ORDER CREATING THE MUNICIPAL TASK FORCE FOR "OPLAN
LIGTAS-UNDAS 2020" TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF
CEMETERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUPAX DEL NORTE**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation 1021 extending the State of Calamity in the country until September 12, 2021;

WHEREAS, medical specialists identify mass gatherings as a potential source of the spread of the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, there is a need to regulate wakes and burials to avoid mass gathering during these activities;

WHEREAS, Filipino customs and tradition greatly manifest the nation's affection for our ancestors, deceased family members and friends by showing close family ties and communitarianism as part of our culture;

WHEREAS, the annual celebration of "Undas" entails visiting public and private cemeteries to relive and commemorate memories of our deceased family members and friends which is one of the traditional events in the country;

WHEREAS, the current situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic call upon Local Government Units to implement rules and regulations which will ensure the safety and security of our constituents when visiting public cemeteries;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ATTY. TIMOTHY JOSEPH E. CAYTON, by the power vested in me by law do hereby order and direct the following:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION – The **Municipal Task Force for Oplan "Ligtas-Undas" 2020** is further organized as follows:

Chairman:	ATTY. TIMOTHY JOSEPH E. CAYTON	- Municipal Mayor
Chief Implementer:	SF04 RICHARD D PATAWEG	- OIC, Mun. Fire Marshal
Asst. Implementer	PMAJ MYLA R. PAGUYO	- OIC, Chief of Police
Area Implementer:	ALL PUNONG BARANGAY BARANGAY TANOD	
Support Group:	CATALINO V. ABBAGU JR. MDRRMO STAFF ARMY RESERVIST GROUP RHU STAFF	- MDRRMO Designate

The barangay shall establish a management system within their respective area of responsibility.

SECTION 2. GENERAL GUIDELINES. The OPLAN LIGTAS-UNDAS 2020 shall be directed by the following guidelines:

- a. All cemeteries, columbarium and mausoleums within the municipality shall be closed to visitors from October 29, 2020 to November 4, 2020 except for the burial of dead.
- b. Clearing activities in cemeteries, columbarium and mausoleums, shall be from September 24, 2020 to October 14, 2020.
- c. Visiting activities in cemeteries, columbarium, and mausoleums shall be from October 15, 2020 to October 28, 2020 and November 5, 2020 onwards.
- d. All cemeteries shall provide logbook for records purposes and contact tracing, alcohol for disinfection and thermal scanners for monitoring.
- e. The mandatory wearing of face masks shall likewise be observed. Meanwhile, the wearing of face shields is highly encouraged alongside proper social and physical distancing.
- f. Barangay Officials are encouraged to issue a gate pass to individuals with consideration of the venue capacity limit of 30% for the purpose of entering in cemeteries, columbarium and mausoleums on a specified schedule.
- g. The chief implementer shall oversee the overall implementation of the "Oplan Ligtas-Undas 2020".
- h. The chief Implementer shall inform and update the Local Chief Executive on the implementation of the "Oplan Ligtas-Undas 2020" regularly.
- i. Barangays shall have established its own implementation arrangement within their area of responsibility in accordance with guidelines issued by the IATF and policies and/or ordinances of the municipality.
- j. Barangays may adopt a "By Purok" schedule in visiting their cemeteries to observe proper health protocols.
- k. Owners of private cemeteries, columbarium and mausoleums shall likewise establish its own implementation arrangement in coordination with the Chief Implementer of the "Oplan Ligtas-Undas 2020".
- l. Travel Pass shall be required to persons coming from outside the municipality.
- m. Persons who are allowed to visit cemeteries must be **at least 21 years old up to 59 years old ONLY.**

SECTION 3. PROHIBITED ACTS. The following activities are hereby prohibited during the UNDAS 2020:

- Drinking Liquor;
- Any form of Gambling;
- Usage of "Videoke";
- Selling of Goods and or items inside cemeteries, columbarium and mausoleums either private or public;
- Other acts contrary to the existing laws and ordinances;
- Other related activities.

SECTION 4. VENUE CAPACITY.

- a. The number of visitors allowed before October 29, 2020 and after November 4, 2020 in cemeteries, columbarium and mausoleums is 30% of venue capacity.
- b. Venue Capacity as used in this guideline shall be the actual number of existing plots in a particular cemetery or columbarium and or mausoleums.

SECTION 5. WASTE MANAGEMENT.

It shall be the responsibility of the Area Implementer to manage waste generated during the visit in cemeteries, columbarium and mausoleums of their area of jurisdiction.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY AND COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT.

Municipal Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office shall be held responsible to attend to emergency situations and for the effective management of communication channels.

SECTION 7. PENAL CLAUSE.

All concerned who will violate any of these guidelines shall be dealt in accordance to existing laws, policies, rules and regulations.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. All previous issuances and orders, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order as well as other existing policies, rules and regulations, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision(s) of this Executive order shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 26th day of October 2020 at Dupax del Norte, Nueva Vizcaya.


ATTY. TIMOTHY JOSEPH E. CAYTON
Municipal Mayor