



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 223  
Series of 2023**

**AN ORDER AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON THE  
CONDUCT OF INSPECTION AND INVENTORY OF ALL NICHES, GRAVES/MAUSOLEUMS,  
COFFIN CRYPTS IN THE OLD PUBLIC CEMETERIES OF PANABO CITY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the "State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them," and Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 expressly mandates the local government units to take charge with the promotion of health and safety within their respective jurisdictions;

**WHEREAS**, ideally, cemeteries and memorial parks should be decent and dignified resting places for the dead, where families can be comfortable and at ease while paying their respects to their deceased loved ones in clean and spacious surroundings;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to address concerns about the current state of old public cemeteries or memorial parks due to the degraded and unsanitary state of the graves;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 173, Series of 2023 created the Technical Working Group to address all the problems and issues relating to the state of old public cemeteries in the City and to develop policies, programs, and suggestions thereto;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to amend its composition due to a change in the leadership within the TWG;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS**, City Mayor of Panabo, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. COMPOSITION.** The Technical Working Group to address all issues relating to the old public cemeteries in the City of Panabo is hereby amended and shall be composed of the following personnel:

Team Leader : **NEMESIO L. RASGO, JR.**  
CGDH I, CEEMDO

Assistant Team Leader: **DR. ERANIE L. PANGILINAN**  
CGADH I, Acting City Health Officer

Members : **PEDRITO A. MISOLES**  
CGDH I, City Administrator

**ENGR. FELIX JONASES SENAJON**  
CGDH I, Acting CPDO

**ENGR. BERNARDO C. RABANOZ, JR.**  
CGDH I, City Engineer

**ATTY. CHERVIN C. PACULANANG**  
CGDH I, City Legal Officer

**DR. JOSEPH RAYMUND A. SUMABAL**  
CGDH I, Acting City Envi & Natural Resources Officer



**HON. REYNALDO P. GINSOLA**  
Brgy. Captain, Brgy. Gredu

**HON. MARK EDWARD PEÑAS**  
Brgy. Captain, New Visayas

**SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS.** The Technical Working Group shall perform the following functions:

- a. Conduct site inspection of all existing old public cemeteries in the City of Panabo, adhering to all applicable existing laws and rules and regulations;
- b. Conduct inventory of all existing niches, graves or mausoleums, coffin crypts in all cemeteries or memorial parks;
- c. Formulate plans, programs and policies in dealing with the proper disposition and exhumation of cadavers in consonance with the provisions of the Sanitation Code of the Philippines and other pertinent laws related thereto;
- d. Consult and/or obtain clearance with regards to Section 5 (f) of RA 10066 or the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009 on Structures dating at least fifty (50) years old that are not allowed to be demolished unless cleared by the pertinent cultural agency;
- e. Indorse to the Sanggunian any application on the demolition or removal of burial grounds for endorsement or submission to appropriate agencies;
- f. Perform such other duties and functions necessary to carry out its functions and/or as directed by the City Mayor.

**SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT.** The City Economic Enterprise Management and Development Office shall be responsible for providing overall administrative and secretariat services to the TWG.

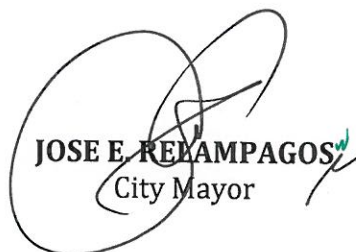
**SECTION 4. OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AND FUNDING.** All costs pertaining to the operations of the Council shall be chargeable against available funds and resources of the City, all subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All other issuances, orders, and directives which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this order shall be held to be invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be full in force and effect.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 at Panabo City, Davao del Norte, Philippines.

  
**JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS**  
City Mayor