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Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Secretary for Food and Health under section 124I of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 26 April 2019.

- 2. Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees) Regulation amended
 The Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees) Regulation
 (Cap. 132 sub. leg. CJ) is amended as set out in section 3.
- 3. Schedule 6 amended (fees relating to Government crematoria, columbaria or public cemeteries, etc.)
 - (1) Schedule 6, English text, Part 1, section 1, definition of *public cemetery*—

Repeal the full stop

Substitute a semicolon.

(2) Schedule 6, Chinese text, Part 1, section 1, definition of 紀念花園—

Repeal the full stop

Substitute a semicolon.

(3) Schedule 6, Part 1, section 1—

Add in alphabetical order

"ashes (骨灰) has the meaning given by section 3 of the Cremation and Gardens of Remembrance Regulation;

large niche (大型龕位) means a niche—

- (a) that is located at a Government crematorium or columbarium; and
- (b) that is capable of holding 4 containers;

standard niche (標準龕位) means a niche—

- (a) that is located at a Government crematorium or columbarium; and
- (b) that is capable of holding 2 containers.".
- (4) Schedule 6, Part 2—

Repeal item 2

Substitute

- "2. The permanent deposit of ashes under section 13 of the Cremation and Gardens of Remembrance Regulation in a standard niche or a large niche
- (5) Schedule 6, Part 2, after item 2—

Add

- "2A. The deposit of ashes for a period stipulated by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene under section 13 of the Cremation and Gardens of Remembrance Regulation—
 - (a) in a standard niche

\$120 per year

(b) in a large niche

\$150 per year

2B. The deposit of an additional set of ashes in a standard niche or a large niche

\$140".

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(6) Schedule 6, Part 2, item 3—

Repeal

Section 3

"of human remains at a Government crematorium under section 13"

Substitute

"at a Government crematorium after the expiry of the period allowed by the officer in charge under section 13(2)".

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Explanatory Note

The Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 132 sub. leg. CJ) (*principal Regulation*) provides for the fees payable in connection with the deposit of ashes at Government crematoria and columbaria. This Regulation amends the principal Regulation—

- (a) to introduce new fees for depositing ashes for a fixed period;
- (b) to reduce the fees for permanent deposit of ashes to a nominal sum of \$1; and
- (c) to prescribe a fee for depositing an additional set of ashes in a niche.