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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Council meeting on 17 and 18 April 2019**

**Revised debate and voting arrangements for  
Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees)  
(Amendment) Regulation 2019**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 542/18-19 issued earlier today, I attach for Members' information the revised debate and voting arrangements for the captioned subsidiary legislation.

2. Hard copy of the revised debate and voting arrangements (as an Appendix to the Script for the captioned Council meeting) will be placed on Members' desks in the Chamber before the start of the Council meeting.

(Dora WAI)  
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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**Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2019  
("the Amendment Regulation")**

**Debate and voting arrangements**

- Object of the Amendment Regulation** : To amend the Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 132CJ) to:
- (a) introduce new fees for depositing ashes for a fixed period;
  - (b) reduce the fees for permanent deposit of ashes to a nominal sum of \$1; and
  - (c) prescribe a fee for depositing an additional set of ashes in a niche.

The Amendment Regulation seeks to set out the fees for deposit of ashes in order to effect an extendable arrangement for niche allocation. Currently, the one-off fee levels for permanent deposit of ashes in a standard and large niche are \$2,800 and \$3,600 respectively. The extendable arrangement is to introduce an initial deposit period of 20 years to newly allocated public niches, followed by extension for 10 years recurrently on application and payment of the prevailing prescribed fees. The Amendment Regulation proposes, among others:

- (a) pitching the fees at \$120 per year and \$150 per year for a standard niche and a large niche respectively, i.e. charging a standard niche at \$2,400 and a large niche at \$3,000 for the initial deposit period of 20 years; and
- (b) retaining the fee for permanent deposit of ashes in Schedule 6 to Cap. 132CJ as proposed in section 3(4) of the Amendment Regulation and setting it at a nominal sum of \$1 (irrespective of the type of niche) to cater for exceptional circumstances in which permanent deposit is justified and accepted at the discretion of the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene ("DFEH").

**Dr Hon Helena WONG's proposed resolution**

Dr Hon Helena WONG's proposed resolution seeks to delete section 3(4) of the Amendment Regulation to repeal the above Administration's proposal in (b) and retain the existing fees for permanent deposit of ashes in standard and large niches.

A comparison among Dr WONG's proposed resolution, the existing arrangement and the major proposals of the Amendment Regulation is as follows:

	Existing arrangement		Major proposals of the Amendment Regulation		Dr Hon Helena WONG’s proposed resolution	
	Fee		Fee		Fee	
	Standard niche	Large niche	Standard niche	Large niche	Standard niche	Large niche
Extendable arrangement	No extendable arrangement		\$120 per year (\$2,400 for the initial deposit period of 20 years)	\$150 per year (\$3,000 for the initial deposit period of 20 years)	No amendment to the extendable arrangement proposed by the Amendment Regulation	
Arrangement for permanent deposit	\$2,800	\$3,600	nominal sum of \$1		Repeal the nominal sum of \$1 as proposed by the Amendment Regulation and retain the existing fee arrangement for permanent deposit	
	(one-off fees)		(only applicable to exceptional circumstances under DFEH’s discretion)			
Voting : Vote on Dr Hon Helena WONG’s proposed resolution						

### **Dr Hon Helena WONG's proposed resolution**

(set out in LC Paper No. CB(3) 530/18-19 issued on 11 April 2019)

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