

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL
MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG
7011
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 9-22-06
**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COCKPITS
AND OPERATION OF COCKFIGHTS CONDUCTED IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF BAYOG, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR.**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Sanggunian Bayan of Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur, on its 94th Regular Session held at the Municipal Session Hall on June 13, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M.

SECTION 1 - REGULATED ACTS - No person shall establish, operate or maintain any cockpit in this Municipality without first securing a License therefore from the Sanggunian and No person shall officiate or take part in any kind of duly authorized cockfights being conducted therein either as "PROMOTER", "PET MANAGER", Gaffers, Referee, Bet Manager, or Bet Taker, without permit therefore from the Municipal Mayor.

SECTION II - DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Section, the term:

- COCKPIT - refers to a place, structure or area for the cockfighting game, strongly built and spacious enough to accommodate appropriate number of spectators who watch the game.
- COCKFIGHTING- refers to the commonly known game or term "cockfighting derby", "Pintakasi" "Concierto" or its equivalent term in different Philippine localities.
- COCKFIGHT - refers to the actual fight or physical combat of two (2) fitted or evenly matched gamecocks, where bets on either side are laid.
- PROMOTER - refers to a person licensed as such, who is engaged in the convening, meeting, holding and celebration of specially programmed and arranged cockfighting like local and inter-National derbies or competitions, special main or matched Sets or encounters, pintakasi, and ordinary cockfights inside a duly licensed cockpit.
- PIT MAKER - refers to a person who professionally, regularly and habitually manages a cockpit and cockfights therein. He may or may not be the owner of the cockpit himself.
- GAFFER - (MANANARI) refers to a person who is knowledgeable in the technique of arming fighting cocks with gaff or gaffs or either or both legs of the cock.
- REFEREE - (SENTECIADOR) refers to a person who watches and oversees the progress of the cockfight and decides its result by announcing the winner or declaring a draw or no contest game.
- BETMAKER - (KASADOR) refers to a persons who calls and takes care of bets from owner of both gamecocks and those of other bettors before he orders commencement of the cockfight and thereafter distribute winning bets after deducting a certain commission.
- BET TAKER - (KRISTO) refers to a person who participates in the cock-fights with the use of money or other things of value, bets with other bettors or through other bet takers and wins or loses his bets depending upon the result of the cockfight as announced by the referee or "SENTENCIADOR".

HANDLER - (SOLTADOR) refers to a person who personally takes physical custody and control inside the arena of a pitted gamecock and who actually release the same for actual fight and combat in cockfight.

SECTION III - RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- a) No operator of a cockpit shall employ or allow to participate in a cockfight any gaffer, referee, bet taker, promoter, bet manager, or pit manager, who has not secured a Mayor's Permit.
- b) No person shall bet in a duly authorized cockfights without corresponding money at his disposal and no person below (18) eighteen years of age shall be allowed to participate in the betting therein.
- c) No person shall talk to, interfere with or in any way obstruct the act of handler (SULTADOR) which the latter is releasing his fighting cock, neither shall any person talk to, interfere with or in any way hamper the referee which the latter is overseeing the cockfight in progress, especially when he is in the act of rendering, or about to render, his decision in consummated cockfighting match.
- d) No person shall be allowed to stay inside the ring during any cockfight, except the duly licensed referee or "sentenciador"; the cock handler or "soltadores" and the Police Officer assigned to maintain peace and order therein.
- e) No intoxicating liquor or wines of any kind shall be sold within the premises of any cockpit; neither shall any firearms or any kind of deadly weapon shall be carried within the premises thereof, except the Police Officers assigned to maintain peace & order therein.

SECTION IV - COCKFIGHTING DAYS

- a) Cockfighting shall take place only in a duly licensed cockpit during Sundays and duly proclaimed legal Holidays except on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Election or Referendum day and during Registration Days for such Election or Referendum.
- b) During the celebration of Town Fiesta or during Agricultural, Commercial or Industrial Fair, Carnival Exposition, it shall be held for a period not exceeding three (3) days upon authorization of the Sanggunian thru Resolution adopted for the purpose. Special cockfighting such as "DERBY", "PINTAKASI" or "CONCIERTO" granted by the Sanggunian during these occasions shall be subject to the payment of fees prescribed in existing tax Ordinance of this Municipality.

SECTION V - LOCATION - The site of the proposed cockpit shall be located outside the town proper (POBLACION AREA) and shall be subject to the following requirements:

- 1.) No cockpit shall be constructed, established, or permitted to operate within a radius of two hundred meters (200 meters)
 - a. From any educational, religious or public institutions such as, school, colleges, universities, hospitals, or clinics, churches or chapels, or government offices.
 - b. From any existing real estate subdivision, cluster or residential dwelling units with at least five (5) houses.
 - c. The lot on which the cockpit proposed to be constructed shall have a minimum distance of two hundred (200 m) away from any national, provincial or municipal road and fifty (50) meters from Barangay Road.
 - d. The lot on which the cockpits is to be constructed shall have sufficient space for parking of motor vehicles including motorized tricycles.

SECTION VI – GENERAL GUIDELINES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COCKPITS.

- a) The minimum setback of the building from properly lot lines shall be in accordance with the provision of the National Building Code.
- b) A planting screen or buffer three (3) to five (5) meters wide along the perimeter of the site shall be provided to protect adjacent land uses from nuisance.
- c) Parking space shall be one (1) slot per fifty (50) square meters of gross floor area
- d) The Arena shall be at least seventy (70) to One Hundred (100) square meters circular square.

SECTION VI - EXEMPTION

Cockpit who is constructed, operated prior to the approval of this Ordinance shall be given a grace period of three (3) years to operate and transfer same upon expiration of his license permit.

SECTION VII - PENALTY - Any violation of the provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

SECTION VIII - EFFECTIVITY - This ordinance shall take effect after three (3) consecutive weeks of publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

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