



Republic of the Philippines
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod
City of Naga



ORDINANCE NO. 92-069

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COCKFIGHTING AND THE REGULATION OF COCKFIGHTING AND COMMERCIAL BREEDING OF GAMECOCKS:

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that: -

SECTION 1. - TITLE - this ordinance shall be known as “The Cockfighting Ordinance”.

SECTION 2. - SCOPE. - This ordinance shall govern the establishment, operation, maintenance and ownership of cockpits and the breeding of game fowls.

SECTION 3. - Purpose- it is the declared purpose of this ordinance to abide by the policy of government in the promotion of wholesome recreation and amusement to bring about the following goals:

- a) To effectivity control and regulate cockfighting towards its establishment as a form or recreation, relaxation and source of entertainment;
- b) To provide additional revenue;
- c) To remove and prevent excessive and unreasonable business operation and profit consideration in the management of cockpits.

SECTION 4. - DEFINITION OF TERMS. - As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall be understood, applied and construed as follows.

- a) Cockfighting derby- Pintakasi- A special cockfight open to all.
- b) Zoning ordinance – shall refer to the existing ordinance of the City of Naga.
- c) Bet taker or Promoter – A person who calls and take care of bets from owners of both gamecocks and those of the bettors before he orders commencement of the cockfight and thereafter distributes won bets to the winners after deducting a certain commission.
- d) Gaffer (Taga Tari) – A person knowledgeable in the art arming fighting cocks with gaffs on their or both legs.
- e) Referee (Sentenciador) – a persons who watches and cover sees the proper gaffing of fighting cocks, determines the physical condition of fighting cocks while cockfighting in is progress, the injuries sustained by the cocks and their capability to continue fighting and decides and make known his decision by word or gestures and result of the cockfight by announcing the winner or declaring a tie or no contest.

- f) Bettor – A person who participates in cockfight and with the money or other things of value, bets with other bettors or through the bet taker or promoter and wins or loses his bet depending upon the result of the cockfights as announced by the Referee of Setenciador. He may be the owner of the fighting cock.
- g) Breeder – A person who raises game fowls for cockfighting or commercial purposes with no less than two rooster and four (4) hens or their hatching eggs.

SECTION 5. - Ownership, operation and management of cockpit- the following persons or entities may own, operate or manage a cockpit:

- a) Filipino citizens not otherwise inhibited by law; and
- b) Cooperative or corporations, the capitalization of which is One Hundred Percent Filipino-owned and formed organization or establishment and licensed or such purposes.

SECTION 6. - Number of cockpits allowed – Considering that the City of Naga has a population of more than 100,000 cockpits may be allowed to operate in the poblacion or urban and one in each district as may hereafter be provided.

SECTION 7. - Site of construction of cockpits.- Cockpits shall be constructed and operated within the appropriate areas as prescribed in the City zoning ordinance. No cockpit however shall be established maintained and/or operated within a radius of two hundred (200) lineal meters from any existing residential or commercial area, hospitals school buildings, churches, or other public buildings. Cockpits may also be established within and / or as an adjunct of resorts, sports and/or recreational project sites duly recognized and registered with the Philippine Tourism Authority, subject to the limitation to the number of cockpits allowable. Approval or issuance of building permits for the construction of cockpits shall be made by the City Engineer in accordance with the National Building Code and the City Building Ordinance.

SECTION 8. - Licensing of cockpits- Upon prior application made, the Sangguniang Panlungsod may authorize the license establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits.

SECTION 9. - Requiring for licensing of Cockpits- the following requirements must be fully complied with before the issuance of licenses:

- a) New License- Every application for new license to operate and maintain a cockpit shall submit to the Sangguniang Panlungsod the following:
 1. The location and vicinity plan of the cockpit;
 2. The cockpit building plan/design as approved by the City Engineer and a certification by him to the effect that the Cockpit was constructed in accordance with such approved plan/design in the area allowed by the Zoning Ordinance, a certification by the building official to the effect that the location / site of the cockpit is not within the radius of 200 lineal meters from any existing residential or commercial area , hospitals, schools buildings, churches or other public buildings;
 3. Official receipts showing payments of city taxes, fees and other levies prescribed by ordinance duly promulgated by the city.
 4. Health care certificate.

- b) Annual renewal – Every application for the annual renewal of all license to operate or manage a cockpit shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Panlungsod not later than December 31 of each year, and shall be accompanied with the following;
1. Official receipts showing payments of City taxes, fees and other levies as prescribed by pertinent City Ordinances; and
 2. In case the cockpit was constructed more than ten (10) years before the date of renewal application, a certification from the City Building Official to the effect that such cockpit is free from material, structural or other physical hazards.

SECTION 10. - Cockfighting Officials - The following cockfighting are required to register with the office of the City Mayor:

- a) Promoters
- b) Pit Managers
- c) Referee (Sentenciador)
- d) Bet Managers (Kasador)
- e) Bet Takers (Kristo)
- f) Gaffers (Mananari)

They shall not officiate as such in any cockfighting herein authorized without first securing a permit from the City Mayor not later than December 31, 1992 and renewable every year on or before December 31. The City Mayor may revoke for cause such permit issued.

SECTION 11. - Holding of cockfights- Cockfighting shall be allowed only in licensed cockpits during Sundays and legal holidays as may allowed upon prior application with the Sangguniang Panlungsod during the City Agricultural, commercial or industrial fair, carnival or exposition for a period of three (3) days, provided that no cockfighting shall be held on December 20 (Rizal Day), June 12, (Philippine Independence Day), November 30 (National Heroes Day), Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Election or Referendum Day and during Registration Days for such election or referendum.

SECTION 12. - Cockfighting may also be allowed upon prior resolution approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod for the entertainment of foreign dignitaries or for tourist , or for returning Filipinos or Balikbayan or for the support of national fund raising campaigns for charitable purposes, in the latter case, as maybe authorized by the office of the President, in licensed cockpits or in playgrounds or parks.

SECTION 13. – Other Games during cockpits- No gambling lord of any kind shall be permitted on the premises of the cockpit or place of cockfighting during cockfights. The owner, manager or lessee of such cockpit shall be held liable hereof.

SECTION 14. – Registration of Breeders – All breeders of game fowl are required to register with the office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 15. – FEES. - The rates of fees imposed are as follows:

a) Application filing fee	P 100.00
b) For cockpit license (annually)	1,000.00
c) For permits of cockpits personnel per annum	
1. Promoter	500.00
2. Pit Manager	300.00
3. Referee	300.00

4. Bet Manager (Kasador)	300.00
5. Bet Taker (Kristo)	200.00
6. Gaffer (Mananari)	200.00
d) For promotion of:	
1. National Derby	5,000.00
2. Regional Derby	3,500.00
3. Special Cockfights (local) derby	2,000.00
e) For Promoter:	
1. For National & Regional Derby	1,000.00
2. Special Cockfights (local derby)	500.00
f) Special Derby Assessments:	
1. In derbies with registered bets (paradas) of P500.00 or less winning cock to be paid by owner	50.00 per winning cock
2. In derbies with minimum bet of more than P500.00 but less than P 2,000.00	200.00 Per winning cock
3. In derbies with minimum bet of P 2,000.00 or more per cock	500.00 Per winning cock

SECTION 16. - PENAL PROVISIONS - Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished as follows:

- a) By imprisonment of six months and/or a fine of Five Thousand (P 5,000.00) pesos when the offender is the owner, manager or operator of a cockpit, or the gaffer, referee or bet taker in the cockfights, or when the offender is guilty of following, promoting or participating in any other kind of gambling in the premises of cockpits during cockpits.
- b) By imprisonment of three (3) months of a fine of Two Thousand (P 2,000.00) pesos or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court in case of any other offender.

SECTION 17. - DATE OF EFFECTIVITY. - This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: December 23, 1992.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

J. ANTONIO A. AMPARADO
City Secretary

LOURDES V. ASENCE
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

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