ORDINANCE NO. 11 S-98

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE J. OF THE REVISED
REVENUE TAX CODE OF BACOOR (1993) CONCERNING COCKFIGHTS
RULES AND REGULATIONS AND FIXING THE RATE OF FEES AND
CHARGES THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, each Local Government Unit shall exercise its power to
create its own sources of revenue and to levy taxes, fees and charges subject
to the provision herein consistent with basic policy of local autonomy.

WHEREAS, each Local Government Unit is empowered to regulate
cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamefowl.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to regulate cockfighting so as to minimize
the ill effects brought by it, thereby uplifting the moral standards of the
general public;

WHEREAS, the existing rates and fees being imposed by the
Municipality of Bacoor is the lowest among the municipalities which operate
cockpit arenas.
SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

a. Cockfighting (Sabong) — shall embrace and mean the commonly known or term “cockfighting derby”, “pintakasi”, “tupada”, or its equivalent term in different localities.

b. Cockfight (sultada) — the actual fight or physical combat of two (2) pitted or either or evenly-matched gamecocks, where bets on either side are laid.

c. Promoter — A person engaged in the convening, meeting, holding and celebration of specially programmed and arranged cockfighting.

d. Pit manager — A person who professionally, regularly and habitually manages a cockpit and cockfights therein.

e. Bet manager (kasador) — A person who calls and takes care of bets from owners of both gamecocks and those of other bettors before he orders commencement of the cockfight and thereafter distributes winning bets to the winners after deducting a certain commission.

f. Referee (sentenciador) — A person who watches and oversees the progress of the cockfight and decide its results by announcing the winner or declaring a draw or no contest game.

g. Bet taker (Kristo) — A person who participates in cockfights and with the use of money or other things of value, bets with other bettors or through other bet takes and wins or losses his bets depending upon the results of the cockfights as announced by the referee or sentenciador.

h. Gaffer (mananari) — A person knowledgeable in the technique of arming fighting cocks with a gaffs on either or both legs.

i. Handler (sultador) — A person who personally takes physically custody and control inside the arena of a pitted gamecock and who actually releases the same for actual fight and combat in a cockfight.

SECTION 2. COCKFIGHTING RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOOR.

2.1 PLACE AND TIME OF HOLDING COCKFIGHTS

a. Cockfights may be held in licensed cockpits during Sundays and legal holidays, except on the following days when no cockfighting shall be held:
Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

1. New Years Day – January 1
2. Holy Thursday
3. Good Friday
4. Philippine Independence Day – June 12
5. All Saints Day – November 1
6. Christmas Day – December 25
7. Election / Referendum Day
8. Registration Day on such Election / Referendum

b. The Municipal Mayor may approve Special Permits for Special cockfights upon the recommendation of the Gamefowl Office.

c. Application to hold special cockfights shall be filed to the Gamefowl Office three (3) days before the event.

2.2 COCKFIGHTING OFFICIAL / EMPLOYEES

The following official / employees are required to register at the GameFowl Office:

1. Promoters, operators, general managers or hosts
2. Pit manager
3. Referees
4. Bet managers
5. Bet takers (Kristo)
6. Gaffers
7. Cashier
8. Matchmakers
9. Cock doctor
10. Gaters
11. Handlers (sultador)

No officials / employees are allowed to work / officiate in a cockfight without securing a certificate for registration from the Gamefowl Office.

SECTION 3. - FEES:

The following fees shall be paid to the Municipal Treasurer’s Office of Bacoor:

a. For Cockpit (annually)
   1. Mayor’s Permit
      P 5,000.00
   2. Business Tax
      P 10,000.00
   3. Registration Fee
      P 5,000.00
b. Cockpit Officiating Personnel (Registration Fee)
   1. Operator, promoter
      P 1,000.00
   2. Pit manager
      P 500.00
   3. Bet manager
      P 500.00
   4. Cashier
      P 200.00
   5. Referee
      P 300.00
   6. Bet taker
      P 200.00
   7. Gaffer
      P 200.00
   8. Matchmaker
      P 200.00
   9. Gater
      P 200.00
  10. Cock doctor
      P 200.00
  11. Handler
      P 200.00

c. Special Permit (Per day)
   1. Special Cockfight
      P 1,500.00
   2. International Derby
      P 10,000.00

d. Promoters of derby
   1. 2-cock derby
      P 500.00
   2. 3-cock derby
      P 1,000.00
   3. 4-cock derby
      P 1,500.00

e. For special assessment fees
   In derbies with winning bet
   200.00

f. Resetting or rescheduling of special cockfights
   200.00

g. Sultada Fee (per sultada)
   a. Regular / Ordinary
      50.00
   b. Special P 75.00

h. Plasada Fee 1% of total bets
SECTION 4 - TIME AND MANNER OF PAYMENT

1. Cockpit Personnel – shall secure registration certificate from the Gamefowl Office and pay the registration fee at the Treasurer’s Office on the birth month of the permit.

2. Renewal of cockpit license / registration – shall renew / register on or before January 30 every year.

3. Special Permit for Cockfighting – shall pay Permit fee three (3) days before the event.

4. Derby Fees and Sultada Fees – shall be paid at the Treasurer’s Office five (5) days after the event.

SECTION 5 - PENALTY

Any violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Thousand (P 1,000.00) pesos but not more than Five Thousand (P 5,000.00) pesos or imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in a Newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

ENACTED on December 02, 1998 at the Municipality of Bacoor, Province of Cavite.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

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