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COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT

COMMITTEE REPORT

GAA NO. 013 PCRO 2023-146A

Subject: *AN ORDINANCE MODERNIZING AND HUMANIZING TRADITIONAL COCKFIGHTING, REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF ONLINE SABONG IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF (PCO 2023 – 146A DATED JANUARY 29, 2024)*

The Committee conducted a committee hearing on February 08, 2024 regarding the above – mentioned subject matter with the following attendees (See attached attendance sheet).

FINDINGS:

The committee reports that;

1. Whereas, Section 11 (3) (V) of Republic Act No.10160 ("Charter of the City of Bacoor, Cavite") provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall have the power" authorize and license the establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits, and regulate cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks: Provided, that existing rights should not be prejudiced.";
2. Whereas, there is no law expressly prohibiting the holding of cockfighting in the Philippines;
3. Whereas, many unscrupulous persons have resorted to live-streaming cockfights and accepting bets from cockfighting aficionados online in order to circumvent existing Philippine laws;
4. Whereas, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor believes that, for peace and order to be maintained in the City, all laws must be upheld and implemented by the City government even if it means disrupting traditions connected to cockfighting;



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5. Prohibiting the holding of cockfights that are live streamed over the internet (also known as e-sabong) should be included in the prohibited act.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view thereof, the Committee respectfully **RECOMMENDS** to pass a city ordinance Modernizing and Humanizing traditional cockfighting, regulating the conduct of online sabong in the City of Bacoor, Cavite and providing penalties for violations hereof.

COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT

COUN. MICHAEL E. SOLIS
Chairman

COUN. ROBERTO L. ADVINCULA
Vice Chairman

COUN. ADRIELITO G. GAWARAN
Member

COUN. ALDE JOELITO PAGULAYAN
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COMMITTEE MINUTES

GAA NO. 013 PCO 2023 – 146A

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The Committee on Games and Amusement conducted a committee hearing on February 08, 2024 1:00 PM at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, 6th Floor, Bacoor legislative and Disaster Resilience Building, Bacoor Government Center, Barangay Bayanan City of Bacoor, Cavite. Coun. Solis started the members of the committee, resource person and other attendees.

Si Coun. Pagulayan ay nagtanong kay Atty. Gutierrez kung ano ilalagay

Atty. Gutierrez - ah sa whereas po yung section 458 ng local government code paragraph three or five authority po ng LGU to act an ordinance and license to regulate the cockfighting.

Coun. Pagulayan - panpadagdag lang sa amendment

Atty. Gutierrez – Opo at least meron po tayong proteksyon pag tayo po kinuwestyon lastly gusto po natin prohibit yung life streaming ng cockfight or e-sabong siguro po ilagay natin sya sa prohibitid act kasi nasa purposes ng ordinance ilagay na lang po natin sya sa prohibit, section 2 – 2.3 prohibi the holding of cockfights that are live streamed over the internet (also known as e-sabong) suportado po ito ng executive order no. 09 series of 2022 na ipinasa po ni President Marcos na meron pong operation ng suspension ng e-sabong nationwide.

Sir Christian Gawaran – Atty. yung sa soltada na seven minutes siguro gawin nating ten minutes sa section 4 holding a soltada.

After a thorough review of the proposed city ordinance Councilor Michael E. Solis then moved for the approval of the PCO 2023 – 146A An Ordinance Modernizing



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and Humanizing Traditional Cockfighting, Regulating the conduct of online Sabong in the City of Bacoor, Cavite, and Providing penalties for Violations hereof.

The committee hearing was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Prepared By:

Rosette M. Larua
Local Legilative Staff 1

Attested By:

Hon. Michael E. Solis
Chairman
Committee on Games and Amusement

10/20/2023



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COMMITTEE HEARING SCHEDULE

COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT

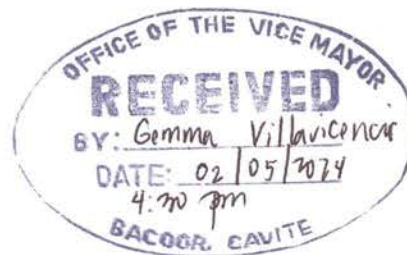
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Venue: Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, 6th floor, Bacoor Legislative & Disaster Resilience Building


PCO 2023 – 146A – AN ORDINANCE MODERNIZING AND HUMANIZING TRADITIONAL COCKFIGHTING, REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF ONLINE SABONG IN THE CITY OF BACoor, CAVITE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

Prepared by:


ROSETTE M. LARUA
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Noted by:


HON. MICHAEL E. SOLIS
 City Councilor
 District 1

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PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-146A
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**AN ORDINANCE MODERNIZING AND HUMANIZING TRADITIONAL COCKFIGHTING,
REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF ONLINE SABONG IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE,
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.**

Sponsored by:

Hon. _____

Co-Sponsored by:

Hon. _____

WHEREAS, Section 11 (3) (v) of Republic Act No. 10160 (the "Charter of the City of Bacoor, Cavite") provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall have the power "authorize and license the establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits, and regulate cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks: *Provided*, That existing rights should not be prejudiced."

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 8485 (the "Animal Welfare Act of 1998") as amended by Republic Act No. 10631 provides that "(i)t is the purpose of this Act to protect and promote the welfare of all terrestrial, aquatic and marine animals in the Philippines by supervising and regulating the establishment and operations of all facilities utilized for breeding, maintaining, keeping, treating or training of all animals either as objects of trade or as household pets. For purposes of this Act, pet animal shall include birds.

"For purposes of this Act, animal welfare pertains to the physical and psychological well-being of animals. It includes, but not limited to, the avoidance of abuse, maltreatment, cruelty and exploitation of animals by humans by maintaining appropriate standards of accommodation, feeding and general care, the prevention and treatment of disease and the assurance of freedom from fear, distress, harassment, and unnecessary discomfort and pain, and allowing animals to express normal behavior." (Emphasis supplied.)

WHEREAS, according to an article released by phillife.co on 14 May 2015, an estimated thirty million roosters are killed each year in the 2,500 cockpits all over the Philippines during cockfights.

WHEREAS, there is no law expressly prohibiting the holding of cockfighting in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, many unscrupulous persons have resorted to live-streaming cockfights and accepting bets from cockfighting aficionados online in order to circumvent existing Philippine laws.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor believes that, for peace and order to be maintained in the City, all laws must be upheld and implemented by the city government even if it means disrupting traditions connected to cockfighting.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite THAT:

Section 1. **Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Cockfighting Regulation Ordinance of the City of Bacoor**".

Section 2. **Purposes.** This Ordinance aims to:

- 2.1. Minimize the loss of blood and animal life during cockfights;
- 2.2. Improve the compliance of the City Government to the pertinent provisions of the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 as amended;
- 2.3. Prohibit the holding of cockfights that are live streamed over the internet (also known as e-sabong);
- 2.4. Improve public sanitation and prevent the spread of airborne pathogens during cockfights;
- 2.5. Generate additional revenue for the city government; and
- 2.6. Promote peace and order in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Section 3. **Definition of Terms.** The meaning of the following terms as used in this Ordinance are:

1. **Cockfighting** – a blood sport where roosters (also known as gamecocks) fight to the death in front of spectators who placed bets on the animal that will survive.
2. **Cockpits** - - a building authorized by the City Government to hold cockfighting and the placement of bets by spectators.
3. **E-Sabong or Online Sabong** - cockfighting done via the internet where bets are placed and winnings are collected online.
4. **Cristo/Bet Taker** – the person who accepts bets during cockfights.
5. **Soltada**- a round of cockfighting.

Section 4. **Scope.** This Ordinance applies to all cockpits and cockfighting practices in the City of Bacoor, Cavite. This Ordinance also applies when the cockfight/s, betting on cockfights, training of fighting cocks or roosters, and/or the raising of fighting cocks is conducted or held in the City of Bacoor, via the internet, or in other jurisdictions.

Section 5. **Prohibited Acts.** The following acts are hereby prohibited:

- 5.1. Holding a soltada lasting more than seven (7) minutes.
- 5.2. Allowing roosters that are already injured or ill even before the start of a cockfight to compete.
- 5.3. Allowing cristos or bet takers to accept bets during cockfights.
- 5.4. Allowing spectators to spit, urinate, or scream while placing bets within the viewing areas of the cockpit arena.
- 5.4. Accepting bets from spectators outside of authorized betting stations or using the internet.
- 5.5. Operating a cockfight betting station without a permit from the city government.
- 5.6. Failure to remit taxes on winnings to the city or national government.
- 5.7. Allowing minors to enter, watch, or place bets within a cockpit arena or at a cockfight betting station;
- 5.8. Operating a cockpit in violation of City Ordinance No. 321-2023 otherwise known as the "Bacoor City Gaming Regulation Ordinance of 2023" or other pertinent city ordinances/laws; or
- 5.9. Committing any act that are similar or analogous to the foregoing provisions.

Section 6. **Penalties.** The following penalties shall be imposed against any natural person of legal age who violated any provision of this Ordinance:

First Offense: payment of fine amounting to Php 5,000.00.

Second Offense: payment of fine amounting to Php 5,000.00 plus imprisonment for not less than thirty (30) days but not more than ninety (90) days upon conviction by a court of law.

The following penalties shall be imposed against any juridical person that shall violate this Ordinance:

First Offense: payment of fine amounting to Php 5,000.00 per violation of any provision of this Ordinance. It shall be understood that any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance committed within the premises of a cockpit shall be deemed as one violation for which the operator of a cockpit may be held liable under this Section.

Second Offense: suspension of business permit and other permits issued by the City Government until all unpaid fines are settled in full.

Succeeding Offenses: closure of the cockpit for a period not less than thirty (30) days but not more than ninety (90) days upon final determination by the City Mayor.


Section 7. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The City Administrator, with the assistance of the City Legal Officer, is given sixty (60) days from the date of effectivity of this Ordinance within which to submit the draft implementing rules and regulations hereof for the approval of the City Mayor.

Section 8. **Separability Clause.** In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions hereof not affected by the said judicial declaration shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 9. Repealing Clause. All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after it has been published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

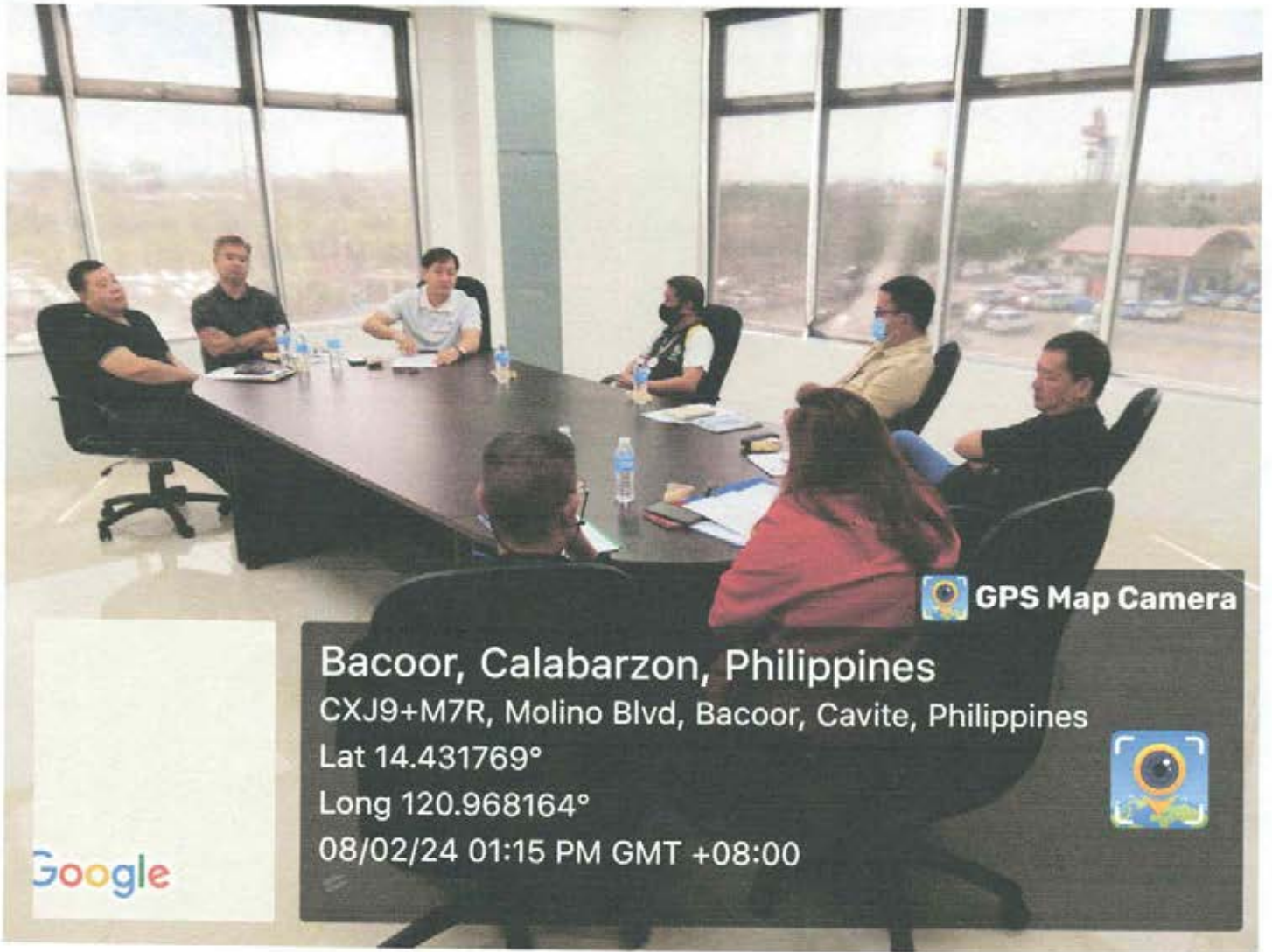



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