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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 86th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF PIÑAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE HELD ON MARCH 18, 2024 AT THE SB SESSION HALL

Present:

Honorable Ricardo R. Sabandal

Honorable Glecerio Y. Redillas, Jr.

Honorable Benedicto C. Cainta II

Honorable Gina R. Aleta

Honorable Celso M. Montemayor

Honorable Jose Antonio L. Galan

Honorable Greg C. Belangoy

Honorable Ignacio L. Galan

Honorable Joel Audrey Cristal P. Galvez

Honorable Jodilyn P. Tatad

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Temporary *Presiding Officer*

Sangguniang Bayan Member

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Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member

(*Liga ng mga Punong Barangay- President*)

Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member

SKF *President*

Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member

IPMR

Absent: None

On Official Business:

Honorable Rommel I. Gudmalin

Honorable Al Immanuel U. Cantila

Municipal Vice-Mayor

Sangguniang Bayan Member

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-006

Series of 2024

AN ORDINANCE LICENSING THE OWNERSHIP, ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF COCKPIT; REGULATING COCKFIGHTING OPERATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsored by: Honorable Celso M. Montemayor
Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Glecerio Y. Redillas, Jr.

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte, in a session duly assembled, to ordain:

SECTION 1. Title.—This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Cockfighting Ordinance of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte**".

SECTION. 2. Scope and Authority.—This Ordinance shall, govern the ownership, establishment, and maintenance of cockpit; and, regulate cockfighting operation, pursuant to, and in conformity with, Presidential Decree No. 449 and other related laws and

issuances. In accord with Section 22 of the Local Government Code, R.A. 7160, this Body shall, subject to the provisions of Book II of R.A. 7160, enact ordinances authorizing the issuance of licenses or permits, and for such purposes intended to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality; and pursuant to this legislative authority, shall authorize to issuance of license to own, establish, and maintain a cockpit; and, to regulate cockfighting operation: Provided, that existing rights should not be prejudiced.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. — As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall be understood, applied, and construed as follows:

- a. *Bet manager (Kasiador)* - a person who calls or takes care of bets for every cock from the owner of the gamecocks or from the cockfight and thereafter distributes winning bets to the winner after deducting certain commission; except in the case of draw where the bets of both sides shall be returned in full amount.
- b. *Bettor (Tayador)*—A person who participates in cockfights and with the use of 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 cockfight as announced by the Referee or *Koyme*.
- c. *Carambola*- an actual combat of three (3) or more cocks and each cock is armed with gaff; with or without bets.
- d. *Cockpit (Bulangan)* - Includes any place, compound, building or portion thereof, where cockfights are held, whether or not money bets are made on the results of such cockfights.
- e. *Cockfighting (Tari)* - shall embrace and mean the commonly known game or term "cockfighting derby, pintakasi or tupada", or its equivalent terms in different Philippine localities.
- f. *Derby*- commonly accepted term of cockfighting where cocks are properly weighed and matched in proportion of its weight, pot money, other than the minimum bet prescribed by the management or promoter, or a cock fighting other than an ordinary cockfight or carambola.
- g. *Gaffer (Mananari)*—A person knowledgeable in the art of arming fighting cocks with gaff or gaffs on either or both legs.
- h. *Gamecock*- refers to the domesticated fowls whether imported or locally bred, as well as the native fighting cocks indigenous to the country especially bred, trained and conditioned for cockfighting of, or propagation, and breeding purposes for eventual use in cockfighting.
- i. *Handler (Sultador)* - a person who personally takes custody and control of the gamecock inside the arena and who actually releases the gamecocks for the actual fight.
- j. *International Derby* - refers to an invitational cockfight participated in by local and foreign gamecockers or cockfighting "afficionados" with "pot money" awarded to the proclaimed winning entry.

- k. *Local Derby* - is an invitational cockfight participated in by gamecocks or cockfighting "afficionados" of the Philippines with "pot money" awarded to the proclaimed winning entry.
- l. *Regular cockfight* means a cockfight held on Sundays and/or legal holidays, not otherwise prohibited by law, proclamation or order from duly constituted authority.
- m. *Referee (Koyme)*—A person who watches and oversees the proper gaffing of fighting cocks, determines the physical condition of fighting cocks while cockfighting is in progress, the injuries sustained by the cocks and their capability to continue fighting and decides and make known his decision by word or gestures the result of the cockfight by announcing the winner or declaring a tie or no contest game.
- n. *Special Cockfights* means a cockfight held on the days other than Sundays and legal holidays and for special purpose.
- o. *Cockfighting Permit* - a permit issued by the Municipal Mayor to hold a cockfight on Sundays and lawful legal holidays, as regular permit. All other cockfighting permits allowed by law or ordinance shall be special permit.
- p. *Cockfighting Operation* - All cockfighting activities and events to be covered by an appropriate permit intended to be, or actually being done in a licensed cockpit.
- q. *Zoning Ordinance*— A municipal legislation which logically arranges, prescribes, defines and apportions a given subdivision into specific land uses as present and future projection of needs warrant.

SECTION 4. Cockpit and Cockfighting:

a. Ownership, Establishment, and Maintenance of Cockpit. Only Filipino citizen or juridical person fully-owned by Filipinos, not otherwise disqualified by existing law, shall be allowed to own, establish, and maintain a cockpit. Cooperative venture of Filipino citizens is encouraged.

b. Cockpit Site and Construction. Cockpits shall be constructed and operated within the appropriate areas as prescribed in the Zoning Ordinance; pursuant thereto, no cockpit shall be constructed within or near existing residential or commercial areas, hospitals, school buildings, churches or other public buildings. Owners, lessees, or operators of cockpits which are now in existence and do not conform to this requirement are given three [3] years from the date of effectivity of this Ordinance to comply herewith. Approval or issuance of building permits for the construction of cockpits shall be made by the municipal engineer in accordance with their respective building codes, ordinances or engineering laws and practices. However, temporary structure/building may be utilized as licensed cockpit at the beginning of the operation, not exceeding two [2] years therefrom, to determine its viability. Thereafter the building must be completed or furnished in accordance with the provisions of the applicable building regulation.

c. Holding of Cockfights.—Except as provided by law, cockfighting shall be allowed only in licensed cockpit during Sundays and legal holidays and during local fiesta for not more than three days, it may also be held during municipal agricultural, commercial or industrial fair, carnival or exposition for a similar period of three days

upon resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan: Provided that, no cockfighting on the occasion of such a fair, carnival or exposition shall be allowed with the month of a local fiesta or for more than two occasions a year: Provided, further, That no cockfighting shall be held on Rizal Day, Philippine Independence Day, National Heroes' Day, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Election or Referendum Day, and during Registration Days for such election or referendum.

d. Cockfighting for Entertainment of Tourists or for Charitable Purposes.— Subject to the preceding subsection hereof, holding of cockfighting may be held for the entertainment of foreign dignitaries or for tourists, or for returning Filipinos, commonly known as "*Balikbayan*", or for the support of national fund-raising campaigns for charitable purposes as may be authorized by the Office of the President, upon resolution of the municipal council, in licensed cockpits: Provided, That this privilege shall be extended for only one [1] time, for a period not exceeding three [3] days within a year.

e. Other games during cockfights proscribed.—No gambling of any kind shall be permitted on the premises of the cockpit or place of cockfighting during cockfights.

SECTION. 5. Licensing of Cockpit and Cockfighting Permit.— The Municipal Mayor is authorized to issue a license for the ownership, establishment, and maintenance of a cockpit, for a period of twenty [20] years, in accordance with this Ordinance. The Municipal Mayor is likewise authorized to issue a permit to any applicant for regular and/or special cockfighting operation in accordance herewith.

SECTION 6. Cockfighting Officials.—Gaffers, referees, bet takers or promoters shall not act as such in any cockfight herein authorized without first securing a license, renewable every year on their birth month from the treasurer's office. Only licensed gaffers, referees, bet takers or promoters shall officiate or take part in any kind of cockfighting activity in all cockfighting events authorized in this Ordinance. The official receipt of payment of a current license fee shall be equivalent to a valid license for purposes of this section.

SECTION 7. Penalties. Any violation of Sections 4, 5, and 6 hereof shall be penalized in accordance with the penal jurisdiction of a municipality under R.A. 7160, at the discretion of the Court. Every penal violation hereof shall carry with it civil and administrative sanctions, if warranted.

SECTION 8. Enforcement. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Office of the Municipal Mayor in coordination with the Philippine National Police and other law enforcement agencies stationed in Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte.

SECTION 9. Review. The Sangguniang Bayan Secretary is hereby ordered to furnish a copy of this Ordinance to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Norte in Dipolog City for review.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. This Ordinance repeals Municipal Ordinance No. 2019-011, Series of 2019, for being pre-mature to enforce, insufficient in standard, and inconsistent with law and this measure. All other municipal ordinances, rules and

regulations, and executive orders, or parts thereof, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


CARRIED BY THE MAJORITY VOTES.
Ayes: Hons. Redillas, Aleta, Montemayor, J. Galan, Belangoy, I. Galan, Galvez and Tatad
Nays: None
Abstained: Hon. Cainta

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance.


MARIA CELESTE B. CANOY
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

**CERTIFIED CORRECT AS TO ITS PASSAGE
ON THE THIRD AND FINAL READING.:**


RICARDO R. SABANDAL
*Sangguniang Bayan Member
(Temporary Presiding Officer)*

APPROVED:


CECILIA J. CARREON
Municipal Mayor
22 MAR 2024



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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM IT MY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that pursuant to Section 59, Chapter 3, Title Two, Book 1, of the Local Government Code of 1991, the undersigned had caused the posting of copies of Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-006, Series of 2024 entitled **“AN ORDINANCE LICENSING THE OWNERSHIP, ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF COCKPIT; REGULATING COCKFIGHTING OPERATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**, enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan on March 18, 2024 and approved by the Local Chief Executive on March 22, 2024. Copies of the said ordinance were actually posted on March 26, 2024 in the following conspicuous places in the Municipality of Piñan and SB Piñan website.

- 1) One copy in the bulletin board at the entrance of Piñan Municipal Hall;
- 2) One copy in the bulletin board at the Public Market of Piñan;
- 3) One copy in the bulletin board at Barangay Poblacion North;
- 4) One copy in the bulletin board at Barangay Poblacion South; and
- 5) Posted at sbpinan.net

Issued this 27th day of March, 2024 at SB Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte.


MARIA CELESTE B. CANOY
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan