



Municipality of Matnog
Province of Sorsogon

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

1st Indorsement
May 26, 2006



Respectfully indorsed to the **SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, Sorsogon, Sorsogon City**, the herein Municipal Ordinance No. 01-2006 "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF COCKPITS AND COCKFIGHTS CONDUCTED THEREIN" for information, guidance and appropriate action.


JOSEPHINE BAUTISTA
SB Secretary

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([unclear] creating MATNIG MULTI-SECTORAL
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON APRIL 5, 2006 AT 1:00 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

Present:

Hon. Carlos G. Estrelon, Jr.	Municipal Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer)
Hon. Jaime G. Gata, Jr.	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Edward Ruel T. Barlin	-do-
Hon. Romeo G. Garalde	-do-
Hon. Noel T. San Pablo	-do-
Hon. Ardelito S. Dejaño	-do-
Hon. Melchor G. Garcera	-do-
Hon. Romeo G. Garrido	-do-
Hon. Julio E. Garduque	-do-(ABC President)
Hon. Marc Ace C. Gacis	-do-(SK Federation President)

Absent:

Hon. Ubaldo M. Ubaldo	Sangguniang Bayan Member
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Municipal Ordinance No. 01-2006

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COCKPITS AND COCKFIGHTS CONDUCTED THEREIN
Author: Hon. Edward Ruel T. Barlin

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Matnog that:

SECTION 1. Title of the Ordinance. This Ordinance shall be known as the Ordinance Regulating the Establishment of Cockpits and Cockfights Conducted therein

SECTION 2. Regulated Acts. No person shall establish, operate or maintain any cockpit in this municipality without first securing a FRANCHISE from the Office of the Sanggunian Bayan and a PERMIT from the Office of the Local Chief Executive. Provided, that the franchise to be granted by the Sangguniang Bayan shall not exceed Twenty Five (25) years. No person shall officiate or take part in any kind of duly authorized cockfights being conducted therein either as a "promoter", "pit manager", "gaffers", "referee", "bet manager", or "bettaker" without a permit therefore from the Mayor, (see sec 447 3-v of RA 7160)

SECTION 3. Definitions of Terms. As used in this Ordinance the following terms are defined:

a. **Cockpit** – refers to a place, structure or area for the cockfighting game, strongly built and spacious enough to accommodate appropriate number or spectator who watch the game.

b. **Cockfighting** – refers to the commonly known game or term "Cockfighting Derby", "Pintakasi" or "Concerto" or its equivalent term in different Philippine localities.

c. **Cockfight** – refers to the actual fight or physical combat of two (2) fitted or evenly matched gamecocks, with bets on either side are laid.

d. **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 international derbies or competitions, special mains or matched sets or encounter, *pintaksi*, and ordinary cockfights inside a duly licensed cockpit.

e. **Pit Manager** – refers to a person who professionally, regularly and habitually manages a cockpit and cockfight therein. He may or may not be the owner of the cockfight himself.

f. **Gaffer** - (Mananari) refers to a person who is knowledgeable in the technique in alarming fighting cock with gaff or gaffs on either or both legs of the cocks.

g. **Referee** – (Sentenciador) 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.

i. **Bettaker** – (Kristo) refers to a person participates in cockfights with the use of money or others 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"

j. **Handler** – (Soltador) refers to a person who personally takes and physical custody and control inside the arena of pitted gamecock and who actually releases the same for actual fight and combat in cockfight

SECTION 4. Rules and Regulations.

1. No operator or cockpit shall employ or allow to participate in a cockfight any gaffer, referee, bettaker, promoter, bet manager, or pit manager who has not secured a Mayor's permit.

2. No person shall bet in a duly authorized cockfights without the corresponding money at his disposal and no person below eighteen (18) years of age shall be allowed to participate in the betting therein.

3. No person shall talk to, interfere with, or in any way obstruct the act of the handler (soltador) while the latter is releasing his fighting cock; neither shall any person talk to, interfere with, or in any way hamper the referee while 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.

4. No person shall be allowed to stay inside the ring during any cockfight, except the duly licensed referee or "sentenciador", assistant "sentenciador", the cock handlers or "soltadores"; and the police officer or barangay tanod assigned to maintain peace and order therein.

5. No intoxicating liquor or any wines of any kind shall be sold within the premises of any cockpit; neither shall any firearm or any kind of deadly weapon shall be carried within the premises thereof, except by the police officers assigned to maintain peace and order therein.

SECTION 5. Cockfighting Days

1. 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.

2. During the celebration of the 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 a resolution adopted for that purpose. Special cockfighting such as "derby", "pintakasi" or "concierto" granted by the Sanggunian during these occasion shall be subject to the payment of the fees prescribed in existing tax ordinances of this municipality.

SECTION 6. 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 (200) lineal meters:
 - from any educational, religious or public institutions such as, school, colleges, universities, hospital or clinics, churches or chapels, or government offices.
 - from any existing real estate subdivision, cluster of residential dwelling units with at least five (5) houses.
- 2) The lot on which a cockpit is proposed to be constructed shall have a minimum distance of two hundred (200) lineal meters away from any national, provincial or municipal road; and fifty (50) meters from the barangay road.
- 3) The lot on which the cockpit is to be constructed shall have sufficient space for parking of motor vehicles including motorized tricycles.

SECTION 7. General Guidelines in the Establishment of Cockpits. Only one cockpit shall be allowed in this municipality until such time that its population exceeded one hundred thousand (100,000.00).

1. The minimum setback of the building from property lot lines shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Building Code.

2. An easement or right-of-way prescribed by the Forestry Code and Water Code must be maintained, if a cockpit is traversed by a water course, drainage way, channel or stream.

3. Parallel plant and strips or green way shall be provided.

4. 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 for nuisance.

5. Parking space shall be one (1) slot per fifty (50) square meters of gross floor area.

6. The arena shall be at least seventy (70) to one hundred (100) square meters, either circular or square.


SECTION 8. Penalty. Any violation of the provision of this Article shall be punished by the fine of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (php2,500.00) or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause- Prior Ordinances, Resolutions, Rules and Regulations which are in conflict with any of the provision of the foregoing Ordinances are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause- If any Section or Provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or void by any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect or impair the provisions, sections or parts thereof which shall continue to be in force and effect.

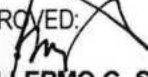
SECTION 11. Effectivity Clause – this Ordinance shall take effect after its posting in three conspicuous places within the municipality or after publication in a newspaper of general circulation for three (3) consecutive weeks.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


NORMITA V. AZUL
Secretary II

ATTESTED BY:


CARLOS G. ESTRELON, JR.
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer


APPROVED:
GUILLERMO G. SO
Municipal Mayor

Laboy, Matnog, Sorsogon
November 10, 2005

HON. CARLOS G. ESTRELON, JR.
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Sangguniang Bayan of Matnog
Matnog, Sorsogon

THRU: The Honorable Members
Sangguniang Bayan of Matnog

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INSUANCE OF FRANCHISE

Sir:

I have the honor to request for the granting of franchise for Escudero Cockpit Arena situated along the Maharlika Highway at Brgy. Laboy, this Municipality. At present it is the only cockpit operating in Matnog due to the closure of the cockpit sites in Barangay Sulangan.

Granting a franchise for the Escudero Cockpit shall polarize cockfighting enthusiasts not only in Matnog but also in neighboring towns of Irosin, Bulan, Sta. Magdalena and even as far as Masbate and Ticao towns. It will also promote tourism and further enhance tax collection due to the busuness opportunities that would be generated by the cockpit.

Should franchise is granted; I request further that the cockpit arena be officially named MATNOG SPORTS COMPLEX. I am willing to attend the next session of August body upon your invitation. Necessary documents are prepared for your perusal and reference.

Hoping that this shall merit your immediate action and sincerest anent this request.

MABUHAY to the Municipality of Matnog.

Very truly yours,

Winfredo Escudero
WINEFREDO B. ESCUDERO
Applicant/Franchise

