

Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPAL BOARD
Office of the Secretary
Ormoc City

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH
MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ORMOC CITY, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT
ITS SESSION HALL ON JULY 10, 1968

PRESENT:

Hon. Jesus B. Lladoc,	Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Gregorio C. Yrastorza,	Floor Leader
Hon. Juanito T. Kangleon,	City Councilor
Hon. Jose C. Aviles,	City Councilor
Hon. Cesar Samson,	City Councilor
Hon. Albino P. Porcadilla,	City Councilor
Hon. Jose G. Navarro,	City Councilor
Hon. Rafael M. Mejia,	City Councilor

ABSENT:

Hon. Eduardo P. Tan,	City Councilor
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RESOLUTION NO. 191

"The Board, on motion of Councilor Porcadilla, seconded by
Councilors Kangleon and Samson;

"RESOLVED, to adopt:

ORDINANCE NO. 56

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE
OF COCKPITS IN THE CITY OF ORMOC

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Municipal Board of Ormoc City, That:

SECTION 1. No person, corporation, or association of persons
shall own, maintain or conduct any cockpit within the City of Or-
moc without first having obtained a license therefor and without
first having observed the following regulations:

(a) There shall be paid in advance to the City Treasurer
for every license granted the sum of One Hundred Pesos (P100)
per quarter payable quarterly or annually, at the option of
the licensee, and in the case of barrios, Fifty Pesos (P50)
each per quarter;

(b) The establishment, maintenance and operation of
cockpits are allowed only in specified areas or places
where they are now existing, as in Nadungholan, and such
other places as the Board may designate by means of reso-
lutions upon applications filed with it by private indi-
viduals, provided that such places are outside the city
proper;

(c) No two cockpits shall be established between a
distance of less than five hundred (500) lineal meters
from each other, and no cockpit shall be constructed or
permitted to operate within a radius of five hundred
(500) lineal meters from the city hall, provincial capi-
tol, public plaza, public schools, churches, hospitals,
athletic stadia, public parks, or any institution of
learning or charity;

(d) The holding of cockfights are allowed on Sundays
and holidays from seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 A.M.)
to ten o'clock in the evening (10:00 P.M.); and



Amended
Ord 3
Rev. 12, 8-1969

(e) All persons, corporations, or associations maintaining or conducting any cockpit, any any person directly or indirectly participating in the cockfights shall abide by and obey the following internal rules and regulations of cockfighting, viz:

Article 1. It is prohibited for any person to accept any bet without the corresponding money at his disposal to respond to the bet in case he loses.

Article 2. No person shall talk to, interfere with, or in any way obstruct the acts of, the starters while releasing their respective cocks; neither shall any person talk to, interfere with, or in any way hamper, the referee while a cockfight is in progress, specially when the referee is in the act of rendering his decision on any match.

Article 3. Any violation of the provisions of the two preceding articles shall give the management of the cockpit the right to eject the person or persons responsible therefor and in addition to such criminal action the management may see fit to file against them.

REFEREE, ASSISTANT REFEREE, STARTERS AND BET FIXER

Article 4. There shall be a referee (sentenciador) appointed by the management of the cockpit who shall be at least thirty (30) years of age, of good moral character and of undoubted honesty, and shall be well-versed in the rules, customs and usages of the game. The referee shall have the following duties:

- a. To direct and supervise the fight of game cocks in the ring and enforce all the rules on cockfight as herein prescribed;
- b. To see to it, before the cocks are ordered released to fight, that their gaffs are genuine, placed in the correct positions and in the right angle, and properly stringed;
- c. To see to it that the contending cocks are in good physical condition - holding the cocks one after another at a reasonable height from the ground and releasing them so that they may alight freely - and that none of the cocks has been fixed (tiope), poisoned, injured, wounded or is unable to contend in a fight due to any physical defects intentionally inflicted upon it. In case any of the cocks suffers from any of these defects, the match shall be nullified;
- d. To keep the two roosters in constant fight until one is outfought in the encounter or the two cocks are dead or refuse to fight any longer; and
- e. To decide each fight immediately and publicly and his decision shall be FINAL.

Article 5. There shall be an assistant referee possessing the same qualifications as the referee who shall act in the absence or sickness of the referee or discharge such duties as may be assigned to him by the referee.

Article 6. In case the referee needs assistance in carrying out any of the rules herein prescribed, as in the act of performing the confrontation and in the removal of the cocks to the center of the ring, he shall ask the assistant referee to render to him the necessary aid.

Article 7. The contending sides may, in a particular match, agree to designate a third part to act as referee who shall, however, be subject to all the rules herein prescribed.

Article 8. The referee and assistant referee, including the members of their families, are absolutely prohibited to have a game cock of their own in any cockpit where they are the referee or assistant referee. Neither shall both be allowed to place a bet or side bet during matches (soltadas). Any violation of this rule or article shall disqualify permanently the referee or the assistant referee, as the case may be, from acting as such in any cockpit.

Article 9. There shall be two starters (soltadores) in each fight whose duties shall be to release the contending cocks and to go to their respective places opposite each other after the two cocks have met and are in actual fight. They shall not leave these places, except when their persons are endangered by the fighting cocks, remaining, however, always apart.

The management shall provide places where the starters shall be located after releasing their respective cocks which places shall be adjacent to the ring with free access thereto.

Article 10. The starters shall not take back their respective cocks after releasing them to fight, except when so ordered by the referee or when their respective cocks peck on the ground or are out of position.

Article 11. The starters shall not interfere with the referee by either preventing the latter from taking the two cocks to perform the necessary confrontation (careo) or from rendering the decision in favor of one cock. Any starter violating this rule shall lose the matched money delivered by him or by the owner of the cock released by him to the bet fixer: Provided, However, That the bettings of the general public shall be decided in accordance with the result of the fight. The said starter shall furthermore be disqualified permanently from releasing any cock in the ring of any cockpit.

Article 12. There shall be a bet fixer (casador) appointed by the management with such number of assistants as may be required by the management, whose duty shall be to take possession of the matched money from the starters or owners of the two contending cocks before the fight, delivering the money to the corresponding winners after the fight and after deducting the participation to which the management and the owners agree when the fight is declared a draw.

Article 13. The bet fixer shall place the matched money before each fight on a table located within the premises of any cockpit for this purpose and shall advise the referee before the latter orders the release of the game cocks that all arrangements with regard to bettings have been completed.

Article 14. Persons waging a bet may, at their option, change their bet or withdraw their matched money before any fight begins; but once the fight has started, no such change or withdrawal shall be permitted. Any discrepancy or shortage in the amount of bets delivered to the bet fixer shall be paid by the management.

Article 15. The management has the right and power to oust with the assistance of peace officers or policemen or to bar any person or persons who are considered a nuisance or tend to create disturbance in the cockpit premises during the cockfighting season.

Article 16. The ring of any cockpit shall be at least seven (7) meters long and seven (7) meters wide which shall be maintained clean at all times.

Article 17. Two circles with a diameter of forty (40) centimeters each shall be drawn in the middle of the ring with a distance of eight (8) centimeters between them. In the middle of each circle, a smaller circle with a diameter of ten (10) centimeters shall be drawn from which a cock matched to meet another shall be released by its starter.

Article 18. The game cocks shall each have a gaff of such form or length and placed in such manner as may be agreed upon between the opposing sides. The gaffs shall be smooth, clean, pointed at the end and sharpened at one side. During the fight, the position of each gaff shall not be changed nor the said gaff touched even if it breaks or drops down or is loosened from the leg.

Article 19. The referee may, however, interfere in any match for the purpose of allowing the contending cocks to continue the fight:

- a. When the gaffs of both cocks are entangled with one another thereby preventing the continuance of the fight; and
- b. When the gaff of any fighting cock gets entangled with the railing of the ring or any object and its adversary does not take the initiative to attack.

Article 20. Only seven (7) persons shall remain in the ring when the two contending cocks are released to fight: the referee, the two starters and other employees not exceeding three, provided that if it is necessary to maintain peace and order, any peace officer may enter or stay in the said premises.

Article 21. After arrangements have already been made with regard to bets waged on each fighting cock and after having complied with the requirements of the preceding articles, the starters, upon the direction of the referee, shall cause their respective cocks to peck on each other, remove the sheath of the gaffs and forthwith release the contending cocks.

Article 22. Any match shall be deemed terminated:

- a. When one or both cocks are killed in a fight; and
- b. When any one of them flees or runs away as a sign of giving up the fight.

The referee shall render his decision by raising the winning cock in his hand and delivering the same to the corresponding starter.

Article 23. If in an encounter a cock flees or runs away but does not quackle or give signs that it gives up the fight, it should be left undisturbed until it quackles and shows signs that it refuses to fight any longer.

Article 24. The match shall be deemed terminated and considered a draw whenever any of the game cocks, at the start, without being attacked by its adversary, flees or runs away and refuses to fight.

Article 25. In no case shall a cockfight be allowed to last more than fifteen (15) minutes from the start of the fight. After fifteen (15) minutes the referee shall declare the said match a DRAW (tabla). However, the referee must count ten (10) seconds from the termination of fifteen (15) minutes from the start of the fight. The count must be made public. For this purpose, the management shall provide a timepiece situated at a conspicuous place for the general public to see.

Article 26. Confrontation shall be effected by the referee in the following cases:

a. When neither of the contending cocks does initiate a fight or pursue its adversary;

b. When the cock that pursues its adversary in the ring stops in its pursuit or departs from its course and the fight is not resumed when seen by its adversary;

c. When one of the cocks does not fight back after receiving a blow from its adversary and it is not certain that it refuses to fight any longer;

d. When the cocks are seriously wounded after an encounter and cannot attack each other;

e. When one of the cocks or both of them appear to be dead;

f. When one of the fighting cocks attacks the other and cannot pull off its gaff from its adversary; and

g. When one of the cocks falls on top of the other and remains in this position or in any case when the two cocks are close to each other that each is unable to make any movement to attack each other.

Article 27. Whenever a contending cock abandons its position after confrontation and takes to flight with its feathers near its head raised as an indication of giving up the fight, the said cock shall be deemed to have lost although it walks slowly in leaving such position.

Article 28. If during an encounter one of the contending cocks falls on the ground and then flees, leaving behind its adversary, the match shall not be deemed terminated whenever the fleeing cock stops and shows signs to fight in which case confrontation shall be effected. If it retreats or refuses to fight, the match shall be declared in favor of the adversary.

Article 29. It shall be the duty of the referee to render his decision in favor of one cock only if this cock has pecked its adversary twice clearly. If the cock refuses to, or cannot, clearly peck twice, or make one peck and one shuffle, the referee shall declare the fight a draw.

Article 30. When both cocks are seriously wounded and if after confronting with each other are no longer in a fighting mood, the referee shall observe closely which of them shows signs of dying such as twisting the head and pecking on the ground. The cock thus making these signs and after it has been shuffled or pecked once by its adversary, shall be considered the loser.

Article 31. When one of the contending cocks, without being attacked by its adversary, walks away from its position and there is doubt as to its desire to fight, the referee shall effect the necessary confrontation. If in the act of performing the confrontation the cock referred to instantly dies at the hands of the referee, it shall be considered as the loser after it is pecked twice by its opponent. Should the other cock die instead, confrontation shall be effected just the same and if its adversary refuses to fight, it shall be considered as having run away, and the match shall be considered a draw.

Article 32. In the event that the cock referred to in the preceding article which walks away from its position shows signs of dying in the same manner as its adversary, the referee shall immediately lift and hold it in his hands and place it in front of the other which might be lying on the ground or standing still to determine which of them shall be declared the loser in accordance with Article 28.

Article 33. A cock which is seriously wounded shall not be considered the loser although it sticks its beak on the ground:

- a. When it continues to stand on its legs; or
- b. When it sticks its beak on the ground as a result of its attempt to rise due to an injured leg or broken wing or to any wound; or
- c. When it does so because of its having been pecked by its adversary.

In the last case, the referee shall again place them in front of each other, except when the one which stuck its beak on the ground continues on the same condition.

Article 34. When one of the cocks pierces itself with its own gaff and remains lying on the ground, the referee shall not disturb the cock until he is satisfied that the wounded cock is already dead, in which case he shall pull out the gaff of the dead cock and shall hold its adversary in his hand. The dead cock shall be considered the loser. If on the other hand, it is found that the wounded cock is alive, the referee shall cause them to resume the fight.

Article 35. If the cock which pierces itself with its own gaff remains alive and its adversary walks away from it, confrontation shall be effected by the referee after pulling out the gaff of the wounded cock.

Article 36. If the cock which was not wounded by its own gaff dies, the referee shall proceed to the confrontation and should its adversary peck or attack, the latter shall be declared the winner. But should it quackle and refuse to fight, the match shall be declared a draw.

The match shall likewise be declared a draw if after pulling out the gaff which stuck into a cock the same dies thereafter and its adversary does not peck it.

Article 37. In addition to the cases mentioned in the preceding articles, a match shall be declared a draw:

- a. When both cocks die simultaneously;
- b. When one of the cocks flees from the other which is in the act of dying and no longer pecks or shuffles;
- c. When both cocks show signs of dying and neither pecks nor attacks the other. In this case, the referee shall not wait for one to die ahead of the other, nor hold either of them;
- d. When one of the cocks jumps out of the railing of the ring after the first attack of its adversary and is not wounded;
- e. When both cocks refuse to peck each other before the start of any fight in the absence of a mutual agreement to that effect.

Article 38. Confrontation shall be effected by the referee and the assistant referee without the intervention of the starters or other persons and shall be done precisely at the place where the cocks are found without the necessity of taking them to the middle of the ring. Confrontation between the live cock and the dead one shall be effected in the same place where they are found.

Article 39. Questions arising from any condition not covered by these rules shall be decided in accordance with practices, customs and usages generally established and observed in the locality

SECTION 2. Any person, corporation, or association found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. The rules on recidivism as provided for in the Revised Penal Code now in force in the Philippines shall be applicable to all violators of this Ordinance.

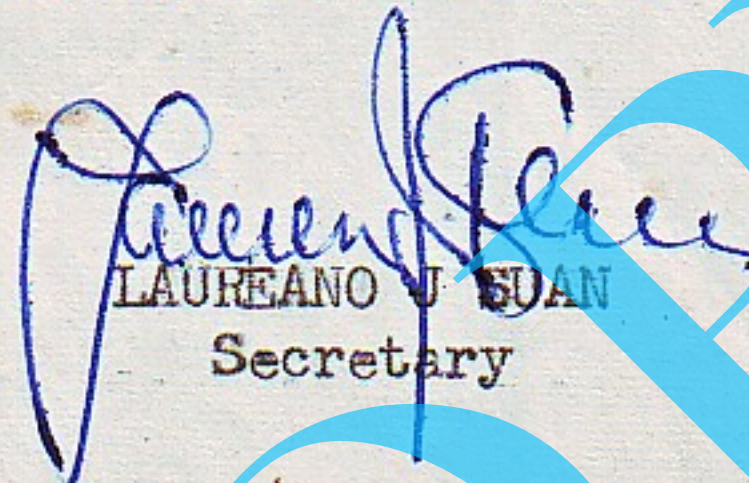
SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED, July 10, 1968.

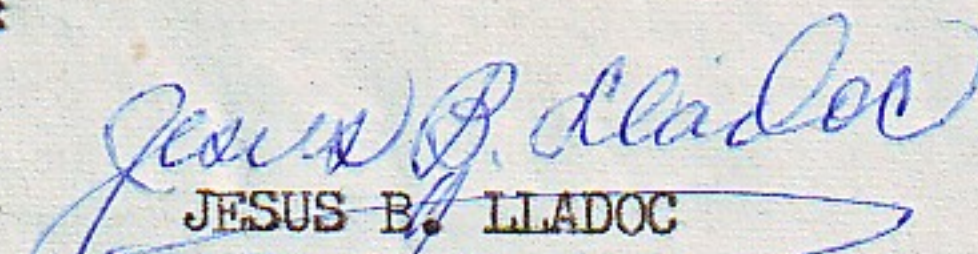
"RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this Ordinance each to the City Judge, the City Fiscal, the City Treasurer, the City Auditor, and all managers of cockpits, in the City of Ormoc;

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution-ordinance.


LAUREANO U. JUAN
Secretary

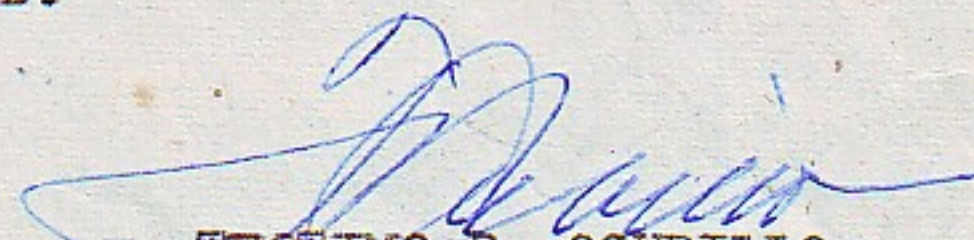
ATTESTED:


JESUS B. LLADOC
Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED, July 22, 1968:


INAKI A. LARRAZABAL
City Mayor

ATTESTED AS APPROVED:


TEOTIMO P. OCUBILLO
Secretary to the City Mayor

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