



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City of Mandaluyong

ORDINANCE NO. 556, S-2014

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT,
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
COCKPITS IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG

- SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as "The Cockpit Regulations Ordinance of the City of Mandaluyong".
- SECTION 2. SCOPE AND COVERAGE: This Ordinance shall govern the establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits in the City of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila regardless of whatever said cockpits are already existing at the time of its approval.
- SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean and be understood as follows:
- a. COCKFIGHTING (SABONG) – shall embrace and mean the commonly known game or term "cockfighting derby", pintakasi, tupada or its equivalent terms in different Philippine localities;
 - b. COCKPIT (SABUNGAN) – a properly enclosed or fenced premises or compound provided with one or more gates or doors for definite points of entrance and exit and licensed in accordance herewith for the holding of cockfighting derby, pintakasi, tupada or its equivalent terms in different Philippine localities;
 - c. COCKFIGHT (SOLTADA) – The actual fight or physical combat of two (2) pitted or evenly matched game cocks, where bets on either sides are laid;
 - d. LOCAL DERBY – a cockfight promotion participated in by local participants;
 - e. REGULAR COCKFIGHT – a cockfight held on Sundays or Legal Holidays;
 - f. SPECIAL COCKFIGHT – a cockfight held on days other than Sundays and Legal Holidays and for special purposes herein enumerated;
 - g. SPECIAL PERMIT – permit secured from the City Mayor to hold cockfighting on days other than Sundays and Legal Holidays;
 - h. PIT MANAGER – a person who professionally, regularly and habitually manages a cockpit and cockfights therein held. He may or may not be the owner of the cockpit himself.
 - i. REFEREE (SENTENCIADOR) - 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.
 - j. BET MANAGER (KASADOR) – a person who calls and takes care of bets from owner 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 the 10% "plasada".

- k. BET TAKER (KRISTO) – A person who participates in cockfight and with the use of money or other 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.
- l. GAFFER (MANANARI) – a person knowledgeable in the technique of arming fighting cocks with gaff or gaffs on either or both legs.
- m. HANDLER (SOLTADOR) – a person who personally takes physical custody and control inside the arena of a pitted gamecock and who actually releases the same for actual fight and combat in a cockfight.
- n. PROMOTER – A person licensed by the City Government who is engaged in the convening, meeting, holding and the celebration of a specially programmed and arranged cockfighting like local derbies and competitions, special matched encounters, pintakasi and ordinary fights or hackfights.
- o. GAMECOCK – domesticated fowls, whether imported or locally bred, as well as the native fighting cock indigenous to the country, especially bred, trained and conditioned for actual cockfighting or for propagation breeding purposes for eventual use in cockfighting.
- p. COCKER (AFICIONADO) – a person who participates and bets in cockfighting as a sport, amusement, recreation or form of relaxation.

SECTION 4. No person shall be allowed to establish, operate and maintain a cockpit in the City of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila unless said person is a Filipino citizen, a resident of this City and not otherwise disqualified to conduct business.

In case of cooperatives or corporations, the capitalization should be 100% Filipino-owned and formed, organized and established under the provisions of existing laws of the Republic of the Philippines

SECTION 5. No cockpit shall be allowed to be established, operated and maintained in the City unless a Mayor's Permit is first secured.

SECTION 6. Cockpits shall be constructed and operated only within the appropriated areas as prescribed by zoning laws and applicable Ordinances. No cockpit shall be established, maintained and/or operated within the radius of one hundred (100) lineal meters from any existing hospitals, school buildings, churches or other public buildings. Approval or issuance of Building Permit for the construction of renovation/improvement of cockpits shall be made by the City Building Official in accordance with the provisions of the National Building Code, as amended, ordinances or rules and regulations.

SECTION 7. Cockfights may be held only in cockpits duly licensed under the provisions of this Ordinance.

- A. Regular cockfights may be held only during Sundays and Legal Holidays provided, however, that no cockfights shall be held on:
 - 1. Holy Thursday
 - 2. Good Friday
 - 3. Philippine Independence Day (June 12)
 - 4. Christmas Day (December 25)
 - 5. New Year's Day (January 1)

6. Rizal Day (December 30)
7. All Soul's Day (November 1)
8. Election/Referendum Day
9. Registration Day on such election/referendum
10. Such other dates prescribed by the City Government

B. The City Mayor may issue special permits for special cockfights upon previous application and upon Resolution of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Mandaluyong for the following purposes, to wit:

1. For the entertainment of foreign dignitaries or for tourists or for returning Filipinos (Balikbayans).
2. For the support of national and local fund raising campaigns for charitable purposes as maybe authorized by the Mayor.

SECTION 8. LICENSING OF COCKPITS. The City Mayor shall have the authority to issue the permit required under this Ordinance subject to the limitations herein provided.

SECTION 9. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING OF COCKPITS. The following requirements must be fully complied with before a license may be issued.

A. NEW LICENSE. Every application for new license to operate or to maintain a cockpit shall be submitted to the Office of the Mayor accompanied by the following:

1. Location and vicinity plan of the cockpit;
2. Cockpit building plan/design as approved by the City Building Official with a certification by him to the effect that the cockpit was constructed in accordance with such approved plan/design in the area allowed by the zoning law/ordinance; a certification by the City Building Official that the location/site of the cockpit is not within a radius of one hundred (100) lineal meters from any existing hospital, school building, church or other public buildings;
3. Official receipts showing payments of City taxes, fees and other levies prescribed by existing Ordinances;
4. A Health Certificate for organic employees.

B. ANNUAL RENEWAL. Every application for the annual renewal of a license to operate or manage a cockpit shall be submitted to the Office of the City Mayor not later than January 20th of each year and shall be accompanied with the following:

1. Official receipts showing payments of prescribed City taxes, fees and other levies.
2. In case the cockpit was constructed more than ten (10) years before the date of renewal application, a certification from the City Building Official to the effect that such cockpit is free from material, structural or other physical hazards.

SECTION 10. REGISTRATION OF COCKPITS – All cockpits shall register with the Office of the City Mayor and shall not be allowed to operate without the required permit to be secured annually, not, later than January 20th of the incoming year.

In order to secure a registration certificate, the applicant should submit the following documents:

- a. An application stating therein the name of the cockpit, the name of the owner/owners, the name of the operator/manager, the name of the licensee, and the mailing address of the above mentioned persons;
- b. A copy of the location and vicinity plan of the cockpit;
- c. A copy of the cockpit building plan;
- d. A certified copy of the City license;
- e. A copy of the Health Certificate of organic employees;
- f. A copy of the current Mayor's permit;
- g. Two (2) perspective photographs of the cockpits; and
- h. A list of all duly licensed personnel and copy of their respective licenses.

SECTION 11. COCKFIGHTING OFFICIALS. The following cockfighting officials are required to register with the Office of the Mayor:

- a. Promoter
- b. Pit Managers
- c. Referees (Sentenciador)
- d. Bet Managers (Kasador)
- e. Bet Takers (Kristo)
- f. Gaffers (Mananari)

They shall not officiate or function as such without first securing a Mayor's Permit which permit is renewable every year on or before January 20th of the incoming year, provided, however, that in the event any of the persons enumerated above shall officiate or function as such without the permit required under this Ordinance, they shall be punished, upon conviction, with a fine in the sum of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) but not more than Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or suffer imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than three (3) months, or both at the discretion of the court.

The Mayor may revoke or cause the revocation of such Permit together with the corresponding license issued by the City Business Permit and License Department even before its expiration when public interest so demands.

SECTION 12. FEES. Without prejudice to other taxes, fees and other levies due in accordance with Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, as well as the fees imposed by the Bureau of Animal Industry, the following fees shall be paid annually to the City Treasury upon issuance of permit from the Business License and Permit Department, not later than January 20:

a.	Application Filing Fee	P 110.00
b.	For cockpit registration (annually)	P 1,100.00
c.	For promoter of local derby or special cockfights	P 1,100.00/day
e.	REGISTRATION OF COCKPIT PERSONNEL	annually
	1. Promoter	P 220.00
	2. Pit Manager	P 165.00
	3. Referee (sentenciador)	P 110.00
	4. Bet Manager (kasador)	P 110.00
	5. Bet Taker (kristo)	P82.50
	6. Gaffer (mananari)	P82.50


f.	SPECIAL DERBY ASSESSMENT PER WINNING COCK	
	1. In derbies with minimum bet of P2,000.00 but not more than P5,000.00/cock	P 110.00
	2. In derbies with minimum bet of P5,000.00 but not more than P10,000.00/cock	P 220.00
	3. In derbies with minimum bet of P10,000.00/cock	P 330.00
	4. In the implementation of this paragraph, the City Government authorized representative shall attend the derby, collect the special derby assessment fee prescribed in paragraph (e) above and issue the corresponding Official Receipts. He shall submit to the Office of the City Treasurer, together with the copies of the official Receipts in accordance with existing rules and regulations.	

- SECTION 13. COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS. The Office of the Mayor shall take cognizance of complaints and protest related to the operation and management of cockpits or the conduct of cockfights and violations of these rules and regulations, which complaints or protest must be in writing and verified and under oath and the Office of the Mayor shall, upon approval of this Ordinance, promulgate the rules and procedures governing the disposition of such cases.
- SECTION 14. OTHER GAMBLING GAMES PROHIBITED. All gambling games of any kind shall at any time be hereby prohibited at the premises of the cockpits. The owner, manager or lessee/s of such cockpits and the violators of this provision shall be prosecuted and held criminally liable under the provisions of existing laws.
- SECTION 15. PROHIBITION AGAINST MINORS. No person less than eighteen (18) years of age shall be allowed inside the premises of the cockpits during cockfights. The operator, manager or licensee shall be responsible for strict compliance with these rules and violation thereof is punishable by suspension or cancellation of license to operate cockpits without prejudice to criminal prosecution under existing Ordinance or laws.
- SECTION 16. ANTI-FRAUD MEASURES. Consonant with the Filipino trait of honesty and tradition of fair play, the Office of the City Mayor shall adopt such measure as to obviate the use of fraudulent means or manipulation in all aspects of cockfighting. Persons employing such means or manipulation shall be prosecuted against in accordance with our penal laws as may be warranted by the prevailing circumstances.
- SECTION 17. Any person who shall operate any cockpit or promote, hold or stage cockfights without first securing the permits required under this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished with a fine of not less than Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) or more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than three (3) months but not more than six (6) months, or both at the discretion of the Court.
- SECTION 18. REPEALING CLAUSE. Ordinance No. 103, S-1992 and all Ordinances not consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
- SECTION 19. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

NB: Section 12 FEES is same as Section 100 of Ordinance 484, S-2011.

ENACTED on this 17th day of September, 2014 in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN A SPECIAL SESSION
HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


JIMMY D. LACEBAL
Sanggunian Secretary

PRESIDED BY:

APPROVED:


ANTONIO D.S. SUVA
Councilor &
Acting Presiding Officer


BENJAMIN D.C. ABALOS, JR.
City Mayor

Date: OCT 02 2014

NB: This Ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 103, S-1992 which was originally enacted on September 9, 1992.