



Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 7th SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIAN
PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA
ON FEBRUARY 27, 2020.

PRESENT:

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, as a legislative Body, by express provision of the law, particularly Section 468, par. 3 of the Local Government Code, is empowered and authorized to grant franchises;

WHEREAS, the United Association of Cockpit Owners and Operators of the Philippines Inc., (UACOOPI), is an association duly registered under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines duly authorized by the Games and Amusement Board to operate E-Sabong Establishments;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body recognizes the advent of technological advances in televising and online streaming. These innovations have made the wagering on recreational activities, sport tournaments, competitive games, and other similar undertakings – including cockfight betting - possible without being physically present in the area in which such activities actually take place;

WHEREAS, upon careful consideration of their application at hand, this Honorable Body hereby grants UACOOPI franchise to live stream or telecast cockfights, or to broadcast the same via other modes of transmission; and to collect fees from individuals, establishments, or any other entity utilizing such transmission for their use, personal or commercial, with or without gain, within the Province of Isabela.

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Isabela, in a Session duly assembled, *THAT*:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07-1
SERIES OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING UNITED ASSOCIATION OF COCKPIT OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INCORPORATED FRANCHISE TO BROADCAST LIVE AND DATA STREAMED COCKFIGHTING ACTIVITIES AND DERBIES AT COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN OFF-SITE COCKPIT BETTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA

SPONSOR: ED CHRISTIAN S. GO

Chairperson, Committee on Games and Amusement

SECTION 1. Nature, Scope, Grant of Franchise. Subject to provisions of applicable laws, rules, and regulations, a franchise to broadcast live and data stream cockfighting activities and derbies at commercial establishments such as bars, club, restaurant and other similar premises, within the Province of Isabela is hereby granted to United Association of Cockpit Owners and Operators of the Philippines, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as Grantee, provided that the cockfighting subject to broadcast shall only be done in a licensed cockpit, unless otherwise allowed in some other area, pursuant to Presidential Decree 449 and other pertinent legislations on such matter.

The commercial establishments where the Grantee intends to broadcast and live stream cockfighting activities and to establish, operate and maintain off-site cockpit betting stations, shall be located and operated only within appropriated areas as prescribed by zoning laws and applicable ordinances. No establishment shall be operated and maintained within the radius of two hundred (200) lineal meters from any existing school buildings, churches, and public buildings.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Franchise. Unless sooner revoked or cancelled, this franchise shall be valid for a period of fifteen (15) years commencing from the effectivity of this Ordinance with the option on the part of the Grantee to renew the same for a similar period subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

SECTION 3. Authority of the Provincial Governor. The Grantee shall apply and secure a Permit to Operate from the Office of the Provincial Governor. Accordingly, the Provincial Governor is hereby granted with authority to require the Grantee compliance to all existing laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations imposed on all business establishments and impose conditions thereto as expressly and impliedly necessary to protect the welfare and safety of all persons going or transacting in said commercial businesses.

SECTION 4. Prohibition of Sale, Lease, Usufruct, and Transfer of Franchise. It is hereby declared that the franchise granted in this Ordinance is non-transferrable. Accordingly, the Grantee shall not sell, lease, grant the usufruct or transfer this franchise, including all rights and privileges acquired hereunder to any person, natural or juridical, firm or other entities, nor merge with any corporation or individual without prior notice and approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

SECTION 5. Mandatory Payment of Taxes and Fees Provisions. The Grantee shall be liable to pay all taxes due to the Provincial Government of Isabela. Failure on the part of the Grantee to promptly and regularly comply with such tax obligations shall be a ground for the automatic revocation or cancellation of this franchise.

SECTION 6. Other Gambling Activities. All other kinds of gambling games and wagering activities shall be prohibited at the premises of the off-site business operation. The managers or lessees of such off-site business and ^{any} violation shall be prosecuted and held criminally liable under pertinent laws.

SECTION 7. Prohibition Against Minors. No person less than eighteen (18) years of age shall be allowed inside the premises of offsite cockpit betting stations at any time. The operator, manager, or licensee shall be responsible for strict compliance with these rules and any violation thereof is punishable by suspension or cancellation of this franchise without prejudice to criminal prosecution under existing ordinances or laws.


SECTION 8. Anti-Fraud Measures. The Office of the Provincial Governor shall adopt such measures to prevent the use of fraudulent means or manipulation in all aspects of e-sabong betting. Persons employing means or manipulation shall be prosecuted in accordance with law.

Any breach or circumvention of any of the conditions of this Ordinance shall be a ground for suspension or revocation of the franchise.


SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. All other Ordinances, Resolutions, and other similar local legislative issuances are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

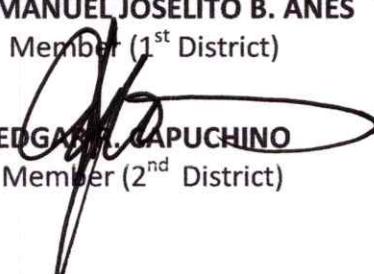
SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after ten (10) days from compliance with publication requirements set forth in the Local Government Code.

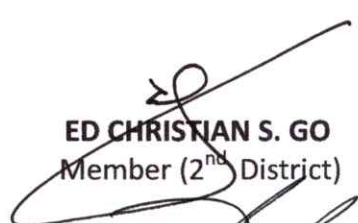
I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguninang Panlalawigan of Isabela during its 7th Special Session on February 27, 2020.

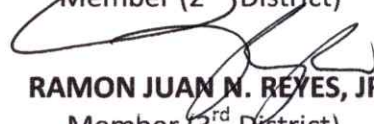

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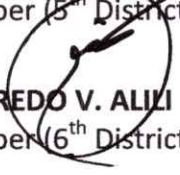

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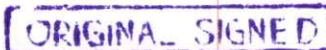
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