



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Sorsogon
CITY OF SORSOGON



Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, CABID AN, EAST DISTRICT,
SORSOGON CITY ON DECEMBER 21, 2021.

PRESENT:

HON. MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

BACON DISTRICT

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda-via zoom
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

EAST DISTRICT

Hon. Ralph Walter R. Lubiano- via zoom
Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola – via zoom
Hon. Franco Eric O. Ravanilla- via zoom
Hon. Joven Francis J. Laura – via zoom

WEST DISTRICT

Hon. Nestor J. Baldon
Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon
Hon. Lorenz S. Abenion- via zoom

ABSENT: Hon. Melchor P. Atutubo – sick leave
Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III – on official business
Hon. Erwin J. Duana – on official business
Hon. Hilario D. Dioneda – on official business

Resolution No. 440, Series of 2021
(Unanimously Proposed)

**RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CONDUCT OF TRADITIONAL COCKFIGHTING
ACTIVITIES IN AUTHORIZED COCKPITS IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF
THE CITY OF SORSOGON IN CONSONANCE WITH INTER AGENCY TASK FORCE
RESOLUTION NO. 154, SERIES OF 2021 DATED DECEMBER 14, 2021 AND THE
RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 449 OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE COCKFIGHTING LAW OF 1974.**

WHEREAS, cockfighting has been and still is a popular, traditional and customary form of recreation and entertainment among Filipinos during legal holidays, local fiestas, agricultural, commercial and industrial fairs, carnivals or expositions and cockfighting activities serve as a driving tool in the preservation and perpetuation of native Filipino heritage, thus, enhancing the national identity;

WHEREAS, in its Resolution No. 347, Series of 2021 dated November 9, 2021, the 7th City Council has requested the local IATF to allow face to face conduct of cockfighting at authorized

cockpit arenas provided that only vaccinated individuals shall be accommodated and minimum health protocols are strictly observed;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases by way of its Resolution No. 154 explicitly declared that as long as there are no objections from the Local Government Units where the activity may take place, operation of cockpits and traditional cockfighting shall be allowed in areas under Alert Level 2, subject to the strict observance of specific protocols:

WHEREAS, relevant provisions of Presidential Decree 449 shall apply, however charitable institutions requesting to sponsor and hold cockfights maybe authorized during Fridays and Saturdays subject to approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;

WHEREAS, the same law further provides that holding of cockfights may also be held during city's agricultural, commercial or industrial fair, carnival or exposition for similar period of three (3) days upon resolution by the Sangguniang Panlungsod for the purpose, provided, that no cockfighting shall be held on December 30 (Rizal Day), June 12 (Philippine Independence Day, November 30 (National Heroes Day), Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Election or Referendum and registration days for such election or referendum;

WHEREAS, gambling of any kind shall in no case be allowed in the premises of the cockpit arena, thus, the owner, manager or lessee of such cockpit and the violators of shall be criminally liable under Presidential Decree 449, otherwise known as the "Cockfighting Law of 1974" and all other existing related city ordinances;

WHEREAS, foregoing premise considered and after due deliberation on the matter, the 7th City Council deemed it necessary to pass a resolution allowing the conduct of traditional cockfighting activities in authorized cockpits in the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon in consonance with Inter Agency Task Force No. 154, series of 2021 dated December 14, 2021 and the relevant provisions of Presidential Decree 449 otherwise known as the Cockfighting Law of 1974;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **City Councilor Nestor J. Baldon** unanimous seconded, resolve as it is hereby resolved to allow the conduct of traditional cockfighting activities in authorized cockpits in the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon in consonance with Inter Agency Task Force No. 154, series of 2021 dated December 14, 2021 and the relevant provisions of Presidential Decree 449 otherwise known as the Cockfighting Law of 1974;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to all concerned for their information and guidance.

DATE APPROVED: **December 21, 2021**

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


ROYAN E. DOMASIAN
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:

MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer