



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Bohol
MUNICIPALITY OF LOON

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 32ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023 AT JUAN M. RELAMPAGOS SESSION HALL, LOON, BOHOL -

PRESENT:

Hon. Lloyd Peter M. Lopez, M.D.	Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Ana Lisa O. Go	SB Member
Hon. Emerson S. Relampagos	SB Member
Hon. Pedro M. Literatus, Jr.	SB Member
Hon. Willou C. Tan	SB Member
Hon. Timoteo L. Legitimas	SB Member
Hon. Marie Hazel R. Saavedra	SB Member
Hon. Jeanette M. Vidal	SB Member
Hon. Judy Marie H. Veloso	SB Member
Hon. Emalinda A. Veloso	LnB President, Ex-Officio Member
Hon. April Joseph L. Corciega	SKMF President, Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 23-003

Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING E-SABONG WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL

RATIONALE

Presidential Decree (PD) No. 449 (s.1974), otherwise known as the “Cockfighting Law of 1974,” governs the establishment, operation, and ownership of cockpits in the Philippines and prohibits holding of cockfights in unlicensed cockpits, as well as other kinds of gambling during a cockfight. PD No. 1602 (s. 1978) prescribes stiffer penalties to those who take part in any illegal or unauthorized activities of cockfighting. Executive Order No. 13 (s. 2017) declared as “illegal gambling” all activities and services directly or indirectly related to gambling, conducted beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the government authority which issued the license under section 10 of PD No. 1869 (s. 1983), as amended by RA No. 9487 or the “Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) Charter. “other similar recreation or amusement places, gaming pools, whether on land or sea, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Republic of the Philippines, with the exception of games under the jurisdiction of other franchising entities under existing laws.

Be it enacted by the 15th Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol in session duly assembled that:

SECTION 1. POLICY. It is the policy of this municipality to ban all e-sabong operations within the Municipality of Loon, clarify the scope of existing regulations, and direct relevant agencies to pursue aggressive crackdown against illegal e-sabong operations, in accordance with the law.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall apply to all persons whether natural or juridical, enforceable and applicable within the territorial jurisdiction of Loon, Bohol.

If the violation is committed by a corporation or partnership, the President or General Manager shall be held liable. In the case of single proprietorship, the owner or proprietor shall be held liable.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

- a. Cockpit– includes any place, compound, building or portion thereof, where cockfights are held, whether or not money bets are made on the results of such cockfights. It also refers to “sabungan” or “bulangan” two local terms for cockpit, which may consist of an enclosed or fenced premises or consist of an enclosed or fenced premises or compound provided with one or more gates or doors for definite points of entrance and exit and duly licensed in accordance herewith for the holding of regular cockfights, cockfighting derby, pintakasi, tupada, or its equivalent terms in different Philippine localities.
- b. Cockfighting – is the sport pitting or evenly matching gamecocks to engage in actual fight or physical combat where bets on either side are laid. Cockfighting may also be termed as “cockfighting derby”, “pintakasi” or “tupada”, or its equivalent in different Philippine localities.
- c. Cocker – locally known as “aficionado”, is a person who participates and bets in cockfighting as a sport, amusement, recreation or form of relaxation.
- d. E-sabong - is usually done through live-streaming or broadcasting cockfights outside cockpits, cockfighting arenas, or other places where cockfights are held.
- e. Regular cockfight – means a cockfight held in a duly licensed cockpit on Sundays and/or other days authorized under the law.
- f. Special cockfight – means a cockfight held under a special permit issued by the mayor upon authority of the Sangguniang Bayan and held on days other than Sundays and other days allowed under the law.

SECTION 4. REGULATIONS ON E-SABONG.

- a. No person within the territorial jurisdiction of Loon shall place bets on live-streaming or broadcasting cockfights outside cockpits, cockfighting arenas, or other places where cockfights are held;
- b. No person shall conduct / operate on live streaming any regular cockfight or special cockfight;
- c. The manager of the cockfighting arena shall be held liable, in any case, if an e-sabong took place during a regular cock fight or special cockfight;
- d. Any cocker who is caught in the act of participating or conducting an e-sabong shall be held liable for such violations.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT. The Loon PNP, LGU officials, and the corresponding barangay officials, barangay kagawads, and barangay tanods shall be duly authorized to conduct surveillance operations to detect the possible violation against e-sabong within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality.

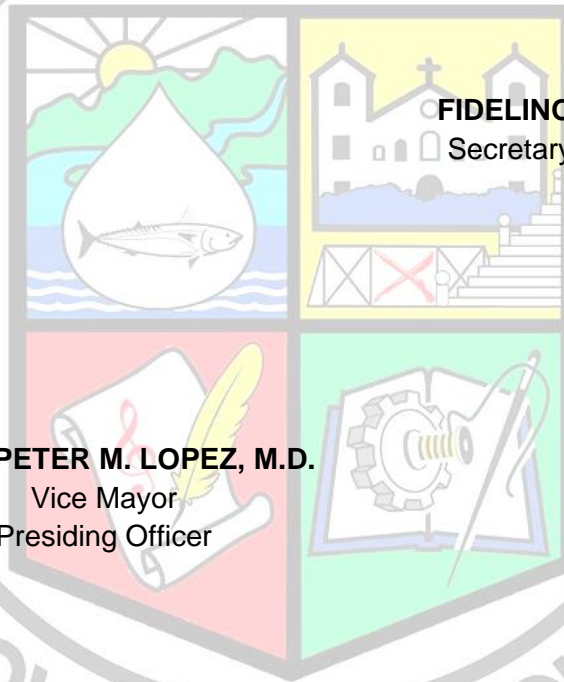
SECTION 6. PENALTIES. Any person found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a) E-Sabong Operator – Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00), or imprisonment of 3 days to 15 days depending upon the discretion of the court
- b) E-Sabong Bettor – One Thousand Pesos (P1, 000.00) or imprisonment of 3 days to 15 days depending upon the discretion of the court

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval, publication and posting in conspicuous places within the Municipality of Loon.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.



FIDELINO P. CORITICO, LLB
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

LLOYD PETER M. LOPEZ, M.D.
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ELVI PETER L. RELAMPAGOS
Municipal Mayor

Date Signed: _____