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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**

Quezon City  
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ORDINANCE NO. SP-**2953**, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FRANCHISE TO UNITED ASSOCIATION OF COCKPIT OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INCORPORATED (UACOOP) TO BROADCAST LIVE AND DATA STREAM COCKFIGHTING ACTIVITIES AND DERBIES AT COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN OFF-SITE COCKPIT BETTING STATION WITHIN (OCBs) QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilor VICTOR V. FERRER, JR.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod as the legislative body of the city, by express provision of law, is empowered and authorized to license and grant franchise for the establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits, regulate cockfighting activities and breeding of fighting cocks within its territorial jurisdiction, provided that existing rights should not be prejudiced;

WHEREAS, the United Association of Cockpit Owners and Operations of the Philippines, Inc. (UACOOP) is a duly registered association here in the Philippines, which caters to the needs of owners, operators and promoters of cockfighting aficionados;

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Games and Amusement Board's (GAB) continuing regulatory powers over all aspects of cockfighting as provided in Presidential Decree No. 1802 (Creating the Philippine Gamefowl Commission), in relation to Executive Order No. 149 (Streamlining of the Office of the President), it devolves to the LGU's through Section 458 (a)(3)(v) of Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code 1991) the power to grant UACOOOP the authority to take video live coverage of cockpits and live stream the same, subject to the terms and conditions stated therein;

WHEREAS, in view of today's modern technology, Quezon City recognizes that a cockpit may be viewed in different social media platforms for free through the internet or live streaming wherein the end-user is situated in another location;

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the application of UACOOOP, Quezon City hereby grants franchise for the live streaming broadcast or other forms of transmission of cockpits; and any, all and only betting on cockfighting through the telephone, internet and other electronic machine means such as short messaging, mobile and desktop applications and similar platforms and collect fees for such purpose in commercial establishments within the Quezon City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. NATURE, SCOPE, GRANT OF FRANCHISE. - Subject to the provisions of applicable laws, rules and regulation, a franchise to broadcast live and data stream cockfighting activities and derbies at commercial establishments such as bars, clubs, restaurants and the likes, within Quezon City is hereby granted to United Association of Cockpit Owner and Operators of the Philippines incorporated (UACOOOP), provided that the Cockfighting subject to broadcast shall only be done in a licensed cockpit, unless otherwise allowed in some other areas pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 449.

The commercial establishments where the grantee intends to broadcast live stream cockfighting activities and to establish, operate and maintain off-site cockpit betting stations (OCBs), shall be located and operated only within appropriate areas as prescribed by zoning laws and applicable ordinances. No establishment shall be operated and maintained within the radius of one hundred (100) lineal meters from any existing school buildings and churches.

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*SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF FRANCHISE. - Unless sooner revoked or cancelled, this franchise shall be valid for a period of six (6) 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 and subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and compliance to Ordinance No. SP-2933, S-2020, Section 1 (b)(iii).*

*SECTION 3. AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR. - The Grantee shall apply and secure the required business permit to operate from the Office of the City Mayor which has the authority to require compliance with all existing laws, ordinances, rules and regulations similarly imposed to all business establishments and provide conditions thereto as are expressly or impliedly necessary for the protection of the welfare and safety of all persons going or transacting in said commercial establishment.*

*SECTION 4. PROHIBITION ON SALE, LEASE, USUFRUCT AND TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE. - This franchise is non-transferrable in character. As such, the Grantee shall not sell, assign, lease, grant the usufruct of or transfer this franchise, including rights and privileges acquired thereunder 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 Panlungsod.*

*SECTION 5. MANDATORY PAYMENT OF TAXES AND FEES PROVISIONS. - The Grantee shall be liable to pay taxes and other fees prescribed by the Quezon City Local Government. The assessment shall be without prejudice to the subsequent impositions as may be adopted or hereafter may be required by law or ordinance. Failure on the part of the grantee to promptly and regularly comply with the said tax obligations shall be a ground for the automatic revocation or cancellation of this franchise.*

*SECTION 6. OTHER GAMBLING ACTIVITIES. - All gambling games of any other kind shall be prohibited at the premises of the off-site business operation. The managers or lessee/s of such off-site business and the violators of this provision shall be prosecuted and held criminally liable under the provisions of existing laws.*

*SECTION 7. PROHIBITION AGAINST MINORS. - No person less than twenty-one (21) 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 violations thereof is punishable by suspension or cancellation of this franchise without prejudice to criminal prosecution under existing ordinance or laws.*

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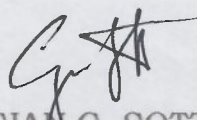
**SECTION 8. ANTI-FRAUD MEASURES.** - The Office of the City Mayor shall adopt such measure as to obviate the use of fraudulent means or manipulation in all aspects of cockfighting. Persons employing means or manipulation shall be prosecuted against in accordance with penal laws as may be warranted by the prevailing circumstances.

Any breach and/or circumvention of any of the conditions set in this Ordinance shall be a cause for the suspension or revocation of the issued eSabong Gaming License.

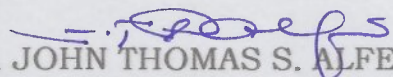
**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.** - All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** - This Ordinance, upon approval, shall take effect after ten (10) days from publication in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 59 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as Local Government Code of 1991.


ENACTED: June 22, 2020.

  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

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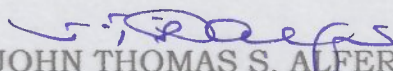
  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: 09 JUL 2020

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 22, 2020 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 29, 2020.

  
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