Republika Ng Pilipinas
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod ng Bacolod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1100
August 6, 2025

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9 AND 12 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 244, SERIES OF 2000, AS AMENDED BY CITY ORDINANCE NO. 462, SERIES OF 2008 AND CITY ORDINANCE NO. 506, SERIES OF 2009, TO FIX THE MINIMUM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO BENEFICIARIES OF COCKFIGHTS OR 'PABULANG' TO AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) PER DERBY DAY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, cockfighting or "pabulang" is a long-standing cultural and recreational activity in Bacolod City and has been regularly utilized as a tool for fundraising for charitable and community purposes;

WHEREAS, Section 9(b) of City Ordinance No. 244, Series of 2000, as amended by City Ordinance Nos. 462 and 506, mandates cockpit operators to remit certain amounts to designated beneficiaries, depending on the type of derby held;

WHEREAS, the ordinance also mandates that the Sanggunian shall review every two years the amount of contribution per derby day;

WHEREAS, considering inflation, increased operational costs of day care centers and other community programs, and the rising social needs of intended beneficiaries, there is a compelling need to revise and increase the minimum amount of financial assistance provided from cockfighting proceeds;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City in a regular session assembled:

Section 1. This ordinance shall be known as, "Assistance to Charitable Institution from the Proceeds of Cockfighting Ordinance".

Section 2. Section 9, subsection (b) of City Ordinance No. 244, Series of 2000, as amended, is further amended as:

Section 9 - COCKFIGHTING FOR SPECIAL/CHARITABLE PURPOSES

a. The City may issue special permits for special cockfights, upon resolution of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.
    1. For not more than three (3) consecutive days.
    2. For the entertainment of foreign dignitaries, tourists or for returning Filipino communities or balikbayans.
    3. For the support of fund raising campaign for charitable purposes as may be authorized by the Office of the President of the Republic of the Philippines or

for the support of fund raising campaign for charitable purposes provided that such charitable institutions are duly accredited by the City of Bacolod as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) or People's Organization (PO) or are institutions subsidized by the City of Bacolod.

4. For the benefit of the Barangay for the celebration of the Barangay Fiesta and Charter/Barangay Day, and the Province of Negros Occidental in the celebration of PANAAD SANG NEGROS. The permit should not exceed three (3) days for every occasion whether in succession or in separate days provided it will not be longer than three (3) weeks prior to the date of the celebration.

In cockfights for the support of fundraising campaigns for charitable purposes, the owner, operator, or licensee shall turn over to the authorized representative of the recipient charitable beneficiary a minimum amount of FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) per derby day regardless of the type or number of entries in the derby.

The owner, operator or licensee shall submit within ten (10) days to the City Treasurer's Office a copy of the receipts showing evidence that said contribution has been made, furnishing also a copy to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

The amount of contribution per derby day shall be subject to review by the Sangguniang Panlungsod every two years from approval of this ordinance.

b. Where the beneficiary is a Day Care Center in Bacolod City, the cockpit owner, operator and/or promoter shall turn over the amount of contribution to the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD) thru the Special Protection Division or to the duly designated Division that oversees such facilities, who in turn will hold in time, the money intended for the identified day care center designated as beneficiary of the derby to be utilized as herein provided in letter d, Section 9 of this ordinance.

The cockpit owner, operator and/or promoter shall identify the day care center to be made as its beneficiary in every derby held in their cockpits from a listing provided by the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD), on a first come first serve basis or subject to the urgency and viability of their needs.

The cockpit owner, operator, and/or promoter shall submit immediately after the derby to the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the Secretary to the Sanggunian, a copy of the acknowledgment receipt and/or voucher showing proof that the amount has been remitted and received by the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD) which they shall attach in their application for permit for succeeding derbies to the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The amount received by the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD) will be held in trust for proper distribution to the intended Day Care Center as beneficiary in order to augment fund support for the implementation of protective services for children and youth project assistance.

c. That the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD), through its Head of Office or designated personnel shall provide the Sangguniang Panlungsod with a list of all day care centers in the City of Bacolod for proper identification as the

beneficiary from which list will be selected, subject to the urgency and viability of their needs, and shall likewise strictly monitor the amount received from the cockpit operator/ promoter and submit a monthly report to the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the SP Secretary that funds received are utilized for any or a combination of the following purposes:

1. Purchase of supplies and materials for the setting-up, repair, upgrading and operations of the Day Care Center.
2. Purchase of program materials, such as educational toys, storybooks, play fixtures and other reference materials.
3. Food for work/cash-for-work for parents/volunteers involved in the repair, upgrading and setting-up of a Day Care Center.
4. Capability building activities such as training of the day care workers.

d. That the Day Care Workers are hereby prohibited from receiving directly from the cockpit management/promoter the amount due to their day care center as beneficiary, in view of the provisions of Section 9 letter (b) hereof which states that the amount due be remitted directly to the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD) Office by the cockpit operator and/ or promoter.

Section 3. Section 12 (b) of City Ordinance No. 244, Series of 2000, as amended, is further amended as:

SECTION 12. PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL COCKFIGHTS

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b. Every application for a special permit shall be signed by the owner, operator or licensee of the cockpit where such special fights are to be held and countersigned by the promoter and a representative of the beneficiary to be supported with a board resolution or letter of request of the beneficiary to the cockpit owner, operator or licensee to stage special cockfights in a particular cockpit or a copy of the Presidential proclamation authorizing the fund raising campaign, as the case may be. The request shall also include an endorsement from the Punong Barangay.

Section 4. Separability Clause. All other provisions of City Ordinance No. 244, Series of 2000 and its amending ordinances not inconsistent herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

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APPROVED: August 20, 2025

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