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COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 11
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Referred to this Committee through Resolution No. 2026-682 dated February 3, 2026 is Ordinance No. 26-02 of the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte, entitled "An Ordinance Regulating the Establishment, Operation, Maintenance and Ownership of Cockpits, Cockfighting and Commercial Breeding of Gamecocks in the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte".

Upon examination of the subject ordinance, it is not actually an ordinance granting a new cockfighting franchise. It only regulates cockfighting in Inopacan. Furthermore, the existing cockfighting "franchise" was approved merely by SB Resolution, and not by Ordinance. Like all other resolutions, it is term-bound and, thus, ceases to be of legal effect at the end or the term of the approving authority.

Moreover, Committee finds that the enactment of the subject ordinance is firmly anchored on existing laws and jurisprudence. In particular, PD 449, as amended by PD 1802, otherwise known as the Cockfighting Law of 1974, expressly governs the establishment, operation, and regulation of cockpits and cockfighting in the Philippines, delegating to local government units the authority to enact supplementary regulations not inconsistent therewith. Moreover, the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers municipalities to enact ordinances necessary to promote the general welfare, including the regulation of businesses and activities within their jurisdiction. The provisions of the ordinance under consideration are in harmony with these legal mandates, as well as other applicable issuances, and do not contravene any national statute or administrative regulation.

Considering the foregoing, the Committee recommends the approval of Ordinance No. 26-02 of the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte, entitled "An Ordinance Regulating the Establishment, Operation, Maintenance and Ownership of Cockpits, Cockfighting and Commercial Breeding of Gamecocks in the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte."

Submitted this 22nd of April 2026, Baybay City, Leyte.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 27th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-682

A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26-02 OF INOPACAN, LEYTE.

WHEREAS, submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte is MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26-02, SERIES OF 2026 of the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND OWNERSHIP OF COCKPITS, COCKFIGHTING, AND COMMERCIAL BREEDING OF GAMECOCKS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, LEYTE";

WHEREAS, the August Body, deemed it proper to REFER the said Ordinance to the Committee on Games and Amusement, for further study;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion presented by Honorable Michael L. Cari, duly seconded by Atty. Carlo P. Loreto and Honorable Flaviano C. Centino, Jr., be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to REFER TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26-02 OF INOPACAN, LEYTE.

Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

ATTESTED:


HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
 Vice Governor/Presiding Officer


FLORINDA JILLS UYVICO
 Secretary to the Sanggunian
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Hon. Michael L. Cari
 Chairperson – SP Committee on
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2nd INDORSEMENT
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 26-02 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, Leyte.

Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 26-02 entitled: “ **Cockfighting Ordinance of the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte.**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under 447(a)(3)(v)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), pursuant to PD 449², as amended. Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer


¹ (v) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, authorize and license the establishment, operation, and maintenance of cockpits, and regulate cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks: Provided, That existing rights should not be prejudiced;

² Cockfighting Law of 1974

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 26-02** of the **Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance regulating the establishment, operation, maintenance and ownership of cockpits, cockfighting, and commercial breeding of gamecocks in the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte.**


FLORINDA J.M. S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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 Province of Leyte
 Municipality of Inopacan
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16TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
 16th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF INOPACAN, LEYTE HELD ON
 JANUARY 9, 2026 AT THE SB SESSION HALL

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PRESENT:

- Hon. Lourdes B. Villas - SB Member, Temporary Presiding Officer
- Hon. Rowena K. Madrazo - SB Member
- Hon. Sheila L. Po - SB Member
- Hon. Edna L. Ceniza - SB Member
- Hon. Edmund D. Bayhonan - SB Member
- Hon. Teotimo G. Lapasa - SB Member
- Hon. Nathaniel Dave M. Katigbe - SB Member (PSK Pres)

ABSENT:

- Hon. Sanders C. Lumarda - Vice Mayor, Regular Presiding Officer (on leave)
- Hon. Fernando B. Rulete - SB Member (on leave)
- Hon. Andrew B. Dedal - SB Member (on leave)
- Hon. Panfila I. Alonzo - SB Member (LnB Pres) (on leave)

**AUTHORS: HON. EDMUND D. BAYHONAN
 HON. TEOTIMO G. LAPASA**

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that franchises are not permanent and may be amended, altered, or repealed by Congress if required by public interest;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 449, otherwise known as the "Cockfighting Law of 1974," as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1310, governs the establishment, operation, maintenance, and ownership of cockpits and the holding of cockfights in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 447(a)(3)(v) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," expressly empowers the Sangguniang Bayan to, "any law to the contrary notwithstanding, authorize and license the establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits and regulate cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks: Provided, That existing rights should not be prejudiced";

WHEREAS, cockfighting, as a traditional and cultural sport, is deeply ingrained in the local heritage and is widely patronized by the community, particularly during local fiestas, legal holidays, and special events;

WHEREAS, while the Municipality of Inopacan recognizes the cultural and historical value of cockfighting, it must not be exploited as an object of commercialism or uncontrolled gambling, but must instead be preserved and regulated as a wholesome form of recreation consistent with national policy;

In Agreement
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(ordinance no. 26-02 of the sangguniang bayan of inopacan, leyte dated january 9, 2026 continued)



SANGGUNIANG PILIPINAS

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Inopacan likewise seeks to generate additional lawful sources of local revenue to help finance basic services and development programs, and the proper authorization, regulation, and permitting of cockpit operations can prudently contribute to this objective, subject to national law limitations on the number of cockpits and the days and occasions when cockfights may be held;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, this Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, Leyte, on motion of Honorable Edmund D. Bayhonan, duly seconded by Honorable Teotimo G. Lapasa, hereby

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to enact and adopt the following municipal ordinance:

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE No. 26 - 02
SERIES OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION,
MAINTENANCE AND OWNERSHIP OF COCKPITS, COCKFIGHTING, AND
COMMERCIAL BREEDING OF GAMECOCKS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN,
LEYTE**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte, in session duly assembled, that:

Section 1. Title – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Cockfighting Ordinance of the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte.”

Section 2. Scope – This Ordinance shall govern the establishment, operation, maintenance and ownership of cockpits, the conduct of cockfighting, and the commercial breeding of gamecocks within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 449 (Cockfighting Law of 1974).

Section 3. Declaration of Policy – It is the policy of the Municipality, consistent with P.D. No. 449, Sec. 3, to:

- a) Effectively control and regulate cockfighting towards its establishment as a wholesome form of recreation and entertainment;
- b) Remove and prevent excessive and unreasonable business profit considerations in the operation of cockpits;
- c) Preserve and promote cockfighting as a legitimate cultural and traditional activity; and
- d) Provide additional revenues for the municipality and concerned barangays, subject to law.

Section 4. Definition of Terms – As used herein, the following terms shall be understood, applied and construed as follows:

Edmundo D. Bayhonan
 Teotimo G. Lapasa

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PAGONG PILIPINAS

4.1) Bet - a pledge (cash money) of a forfeit risked on some uncertain outcome; wager.

4.2) Bet Taker or Promoter – A person who calls and takes care of bets from owners of both gamecocks and those of other bettors before he orders commencement of the cockfight and thereafter distribute won bets to the winners after deducting a certain commission.

4.3) Bettor – Any person who places a wager or participates in betting during an authorized cockfight, whether directly through a bet taker or informally within the cockpit premises.

4.4) Cockfighting – Also known as Sabong, Tupada, or Derby it is a traditional sport or cultural activity in which two gamecocks, specifically bred and trained for fighting, are pitted against each other in a cockpit arena under controlled conditions.

4.5) Cockpit - is a designated, enclosed, and licensed structure or arena constructed for the primary purpose of holding and conducting cockfighting activities.

4.6) Cockpit Operator - Refers to an owner or Authorize representative, licensed to operate a cockpit, an accountable person, for the gross income of the cockpit.

4.7) Gaffer (Taga Tari) – The individual responsible for preparing the fighting cock, including the tying and placement of the gaff (tari), ensuring the bird is fit and properly armed for the match.

4.8) International Derby – refers to an invitational cockfight participated in by local and foreign game cockers or cockfighting aficionados with pot money awarded to the proclaimed winning entity.

4.9) Local Derby – is an invitational cockfight participated in by game cockers or cockfighting aficionados of the Philippines with pot money rewarded to the proclaimed winning entry.

4.10) Local Agricultural Fair/Barangay Open Market Festival (Tabo or Taboan) – Refers to a periodic public market or trading place, customarily held on designated days within a barangay or the municipality, where residents and vendors meet to buy and sell fresh produce, household goods, and other local merchandise.

4.11) Referee (Sentenciador) – A licensed official who oversees the conduct of the cockfight, ensures the observance of rules, and declares the winner of each match based on established criteria.

4.12) Special Cockfighting Event (Sec. 5[d]–[e] Event) – A cockfighting event authorized pursuant to Sec. 5(d) or 5(e) of P.D. 449, such as those held during local fiestas, agricultural/industrial fairs, or for tourists/balikbayans/charity, subject to the required Sangguniang Bayan resolution and PNP approval.

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4.13) Time-Bound License – refers to a yearly (starts January 1 and ends December 31) business permit/license issued to a certain person in business, renewal or denial of business permit is subject to existing laws, ordinance and regulations, and approval by the Local Chief Executive.

CHAPTER II – OWNERSHIP AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COCKPITS

Section 5. Ownership –

5.1 Nationality and Local Qualification

Only Filipino citizens not otherwise inhibited by existing laws shall be allowed to own, manage, and operate cockpits, in accordance with Sec. 5(a) of P.D. 449.

The owner or majority of the capital of a cockpit shall be a resident and/or at least one-year registered voter of Inopacan, Leyte, to ensure effective local regulation and accountability.

5.2 Single Cockpit per Person/Entity

No person, group, or entity shall be allowed to own, manage, or operate more than one (1) cockpit within the Municipality.

5.3 Required Authorizations

Before operating, a cockpit owner/operator shall secure:

- a) A Franchise or License to Operate from the Sangguniang Bayan by resolution;
- b) A valid Mayor’s Permit / Cockpit Operator’s Permit (COP); and
- c) All other business and regulatory permits required by law.

5.4 Change in Ownership or Rights

Any change of ownership, transfer of rights, or lease agreement involving cockpit operations shall be reported in writing to the Office of the Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan within fifteen (15) days from effectivity, and shall take effect only upon approval by the Local Chief Executive.

5.5 Disqualifications

The following are disqualified from owning or operating a cockpit:

- a) Elected or appointed officials of the national or local government;
- b) Members of law enforcement agencies; and
- c) Persons convicted by final judgment of offenses involving gambling, illegal drugs, or crimes involving moral turpitude.

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Section 6. Establishment of Cockpits

6.1 Nature of Privilege

- a. The authority or privilege to establish and operate a cockpit, once granted by the Sangguniang Bayan pursuant to this Ordinance, shall be deemed a personal privilege of the grantee. It shall not constitute a vested property right. shall subsist only for the period stated in the authorizing ordinance or resolution, and shall in no case be inheritable or automatically transmissible to heirs or successors without the prior consent and express authorization of the Sangguniang Bayan.
- b. Any transfer, assignment, or conveyance of said privilege without the prior approval of the Sangguniang Bayan shall render the cockpit license or authority immediately revoked, together with all privileges incident thereto, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate administrative or criminal actions, if warranted.

6.2 Term of Cockpit License/Privilege

The Cockpit License/License to Operate shall commence on [Start Date] and shall remain in effect for a period of ten (10) years unless earlier terminated in accordance with this Ordinance. The Licensee may request renewal (for ten years) upon expiration, subject to the Licensor's approval and renegotiation of terms."

6.3 Award of New Cockpit Operating Privilege through Public Bidding

- a. Whenever a cockpit operating privilege is to be newly granted whether due to the expiration, revocation, or non-renewal of an existing privilege, or because the municipality's population has increased so as to allow an additional cockpit under P.D. No. 449, as amended, such privilege shall be awarded only through a public bidding conducted in accordance with this Ordinance and applicable procurement and bidding rules.
- b. The minimum bid for the cockpit operating privilege shall be One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (₱150,000.00). The Municipal Treasurer shall cause the posting of a Notice of Bidding in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the municipality for a period of not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of bidding.
- c. After the conduct of the bidding and determination of the winning bidder, the Municipal Treasurer shall issue a Notice of Award to the winning bidder. The Sangguniang Bayan shall thereafter pass an ordinance or resolution formally granting the authority to establish, maintain, and operate the cockpit in favor of the winning bidder, subject to compliance with all other requirements of this Ordinance and with P.D. No. 449, as amended.
- d. Both the winning bidder and losing bidders' bids amount shall be waived in favor of the Municipality of Inopacan.

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- e. The grant of such authority shall remain subject at all times to national laws, particularly P.D. No. 449 and P.D. No. 1310, and local ordinances which may be suspended or revoked by the Sangguniang Bayan for cause and in the interest of public welfare, after due notice and hearing.

6.4 Site and Zoning

- a) Cockpits shall be constructed and operated within appropriate zones as prescribed by the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), and in accordance with Sec. 5(c) of P.D. 449.
- b) No cockpit shall be located within a 300-meter radius from any school, church, hospital, government office, or other similar institution.
- c) No building permit shall be issued by the Municipal Engineer for any cockpit not complying with this Section and applicable building and zoning laws.

6.5 Cockpit Officials

Only duly licensed promoters, referees, cashiers, bet managers, pit managers, bet takers, gaffers, and starters shall be allowed to officiate in any cockfight. No cockpit operator shall engage unlicensed personnel for such functions.

6.6 Mayor's Permit

Upon compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance and payment of all applicable fees, the Mayor shall issue a Cockpit Operator's Permit (COP) as proof of authority to operate.

Section 7. Building Permit for Cockpit Construction

Any applicant intending to construct a cockpit shall:

- a. File a formal Building Permit application with the Municipal Engineer; and
- b. Submit:
1. Vicinity map;
 2. Detailed cockpit plan and design;
 3. Specifications showing use of strong materials, solid foundation, galvanized roofing, and perimeter fencing;
 4. Seating accommodating at least 300 ringside and 1,000 bleacher patrons;
 5. Adequate arena fencing (iron grills/glass panels) and sufficient lighting;
 6. At minimum:
 - o Cock houses for at least 50 fighting cocks;
 - o Separate, sanitary comfort rooms for male and female;
 - o Sufficient mechanical ventilation (fans/air-conditioning);
 - o Emergency generator and firefighting equipment.

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All requirements are without prejudice to compliance with P.D. 449, the National Building Code, and the Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

CHAPTER III – HOLDING OF COCKFIGHTS

Section 8. Authorized Cockfighting Days, Occasions, and Venues

8.1 Regular Cockfights in Licensed Cockpits

Cockfighting shall be allowed only in licensed cockpits in accordance with Sec. 5(d) of P.D. 449:

- a. On Sundays and legal holidays; and
- b. During local fiestas for not more than three (3) days;

8.2 Cockfights During Fairs, Carnivals, or Expositions

Cockfighting may also be held in licensed cockpits during duly authorized provincial, city, or municipal agricultural, commercial or industrial fairs, carnivals, or expositions for a similar period of three (3) days, upon Sangguniang Bayan resolution and PNP approval, subject to all limitations in Sec. 5(d) of P.D. 449.

8.3 Special Cockfights for Tourists/Balikbayans/Charity

Subject to Sec. 5(e) of P.D. 449, cockfighting may be allowed for the entertainment of foreign dignitaries, tourists, balikbayans, or for national fund-raising campaigns for charitable purposes as may be authorized by the Office of the President, upon:

- a. Resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan; and
- b. Approval of the PNP

and may be held in licensed cockpits or in playgrounds or parks, but only once a year, for not more than three (3) days.

8.4 Holding of Cockfights during Tabo or Taboan

- a. Regular – These cockfights may be permitted outside licensed cockpits only during the official schedule of tabo or taboan as set by the respective barangay officials. The barangay officials shall prepare the schedule of the taboan, including the cockfighting schedule, and submit the same to the Cockpit Oversight Committee for review and approval by the Municipal Mayor. Barangay's shall be given freedom to determine the date and frequency of their taboan, provided that cockfights shall only be conducted in conjunction with such taboan, Resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan; and Approval of the PNP.

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(Ordinance no. 26-02 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, Leyte dated January 9, 2026 continued)

- b. Special – Special cockfights outside licensed cockpits may be authorized only in cases where the scheduled taboan cockfights could not be held due to unforeseen and unexpected events (e.g., natural calamities, peace and order concerns, or other justifiable circumstances). Such special cockfights shall serve as a rescheduling of the missed event and must be held within a reasonable period to be determined by the barangay officials, subject to approval by the Municipal Mayor upon recommendation of the Cockpit Oversight Committee.

8.5 Prohibited Dates

No cockfighting shall be held on:

- December 30 (Rizal Day);
- June 12 (Philippine Independence Day);
- November 30 (National Heroes Day);
- Holy Thursday and Good Friday;
- Election or Referendum Day; and
- Registration Days for such election or referendum.

8.6 Time of Cockfights

Cockfights shall be allowed only from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. of the same day. For derbies with numerous entries, the bout may extend but not beyond 12:00 midnight.

Section 9. Prohibition of Other Gambling – No gambling of any kind shall be allowed on the premises of the cockpit or place of cockfighting during cockfights, nor within a fifty (50)-meter radius thereof. The owner, manager, lessee, and violators shall be criminally liable, consistent with Sec. 5(e), last paragraph, of P.D. 449.

CHAPTER IV – LICENSING AND FEES

Section 10. Cockpit Operator's Permit (COP) and Fees

10.1 Issuance of COP

The Municipal Mayor, upon authority of the Sangguniang Bayan and consistent with Sec. 6 of P.D. 449, shall issue a Cockpit Operator's Permit to any qualified applicant.

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10.2 Fees

- a. Application/Filing Fee – ₱10,000.00, payable upon application;
- b. Annual Cockpit Permit Fee – ₱5,000.00, payable before operation and within the first twenty (20) days of January for renewal.

10.3 Non-transferability

The COP is personal and non-transferable. Any transfer of the cockpit establishment does not confer the right to operate without a new COP issued under this Ordinance.

Section 11. Special Cockfighting Event Fees – For each lawful special cockfight or derby (under Sec. 8), the following fees shall be collected:

11.1 Special Cockfights (Pintakasi) – ₱500.00 + ₱20.00 per sultada.

11.2 Special Derby Assessment from Promoters(excluding bet fees) –

- a. Two-Cock Derby – ₱1,000.00 + ₱50.00 per sultada;
- b. Three-Cock Derby – ₱2,000.00 + ₱100.00 per sultada;
- c. Four-Cock Derby – ₱2,500.00 + ₱100.00 per sultada;
- d. Five-Cock Derby – ₱2,500.00 + ₱100.00 per sultada.

11.3 Per Sultada on Authorized Days and Occasions

Per sultada fees ₱ 50.00 imposed herein shall apply only to cockfights lawfully held on:

- Sundays and legal holidays;
- Local fiestas (≤3 days);
- Authorized fairs, carnivals or expositions (≤3 days, observing the “within the month” and “two-occasions-a-year” limits); and
- Valid Sec. 5(e) events for tourists/balikbayans/charity.

11.4 Barangay and Sitio Fiesta – ₱500.00 + ₱50.00 per sultada

All such fees shall be paid to the Municipal Treasurer before the special cockfights/derbies are held.

11.5 Adjustments

The Sangguniang Bayan may, by resolution, adjust the above fees every three (3) years to reflect inflation and economic conditions.

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(Ordinance no. 26-02 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, Leyte dated January 9, 2026 continued)

Section 12. Fees on Cockfighting Personnel

12.1 Licensing Requirement

No person shall act as pit manager, promoter, match-maker, bet manager, referee, gaffer, starter (soltador), bet taker, cockpit operator, or similar official in any cockfight without first securing an annual license from the Municipal Mayor, in accordance with Sec. 7 of P.D. 449.

12.2 License Fees

Annual license fees (payable on or before the permittee's birth month):

- Pit Manager – ₱350.00
- Promoter – ₱400.00
- Cockpit Operator - ₱1,000.00
- Match Maker – ₱200.00
- Bet Manager (Monton) – ₱200.00
- Referee (Sentenciador) – ₱300.00
- Gaffer – ₱200.00
- Starter (Soltador) – ₱200.00
- Bet Taker – ₱200.00

12.3 Qualifications

No license shall be granted unless the applicant:

- a. Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- b. Is a Filipino citizen of good moral character and unquestionable integrity;
- c. Preferably a registered voter of Inopacan;
- d. Is demonstrably knowledgeable in the rules, customs, and practices of cockfighting.

Section 13. Commercial Breeders of Fighting Cocks – Any Commercial Breeder of Fighting Cocks, as defined in Sec. 4(j), shall:

- a. Obtain a municipal breeder's license; and
- b. Pay an annual license fee of ₱100.00 to the Municipal Treasurer within January of each year.

Failure to pay within the prescribed period shall subject the breeder to:

- A surcharge of 25% of the license fee; and
- Interest of 2% per month on the unpaid fee (including surcharge), for up to 36 months.



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(ordinance no. 26-02 of the sangguniang bayan of inopacan, leyte dated january 9, 2026 continued)

Section 14. Miscellaneous Local Fees

14.1 Entrance-Based Fees (Licensed Cockpits)

For cockfights in licensed cockpits:

- a. A minimum municipal tax of ₱50.00 per paying entrant shall accrue to the Municipal Treasury.
- b. The operator shall submit a certified statement of gross entrance proceeds within three (3) working days after each event.

14.2 Fees and Commission on Bets for Licensed Cockpits

- a. For bets amounting to less than Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00), a flat fee of Fifty Pesos (₱50.00) per bettor shall be collected by the LGU.
- b. For bets amounting to Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00) and above, the LGU shall collect Fifty Pesos (₱50.00) per bettor plus an additional three percent (3%) of the total bet amount.
- c. All fees (except commission) due under this subsection shall be remitted by the designated cockpit cashier or bet manager to the Municipal Treasurer immediately after each cockfighting event, subject to verification and audit.

14.3 Taboan Cockpits. – For cockfighting events conducted outside licensed cockpits, provided that they are held strictly in accordance with duly scheduled and approved taboan (barangay open market festival) activities:

- a. The LGU shall collect ten percent (10%) of the total gross proceeds derived from: Entrance fees; and Fees on bets.
- b. The cockpit operator or concerned barangay shall submit a certified statement of gross proceeds from both entrance fees and betting fees to the Municipal Treasurer within three (3) working days after the event.
- c. The Municipal Treasurer shall have the authority to verify, audit, and collect the corresponding fees due in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations.

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CHAPTER V – RULES OF COCKFIGHTING

Section 15. General Conduct of Cockfights – All persons maintaining, operating, or conducting any cockpit, and all persons directly or indirectly participating in cockfights, shall in this Chapter, including:

- Cash-only betting (no checks);
 - Non-interference with referees and starters;
 - Defined duties and powers of referees, assistant referees, starters, and bet fixers;
 - Safety-oriented ring specifications and confrontation procedure; and
 - Detailed criteria for declaring wins, losses, or draws.
- 15.1. No person shall accept or offer a wager without having in his possession the corresponding amount in cash to settle the same in the event of loss. The use of checks or other non-cash instruments for betting purposes is not allowed.
- 15.2. No person shall communicate with, interfere with, or obstruct the actions of the soltadores during the release of fighting cocks, nor shall anyone interfere with the referee during the conduct of a match or at the time of rendering a decision.
- 15.3. Any violation of the preceding provisions shall give cockpit management the authority to remove the offending person from the premises and, if warranted, pursue appropriate legal or administrative action.
- 15.4. A referee shall be appointed by the cockpit operator or promoter to preside over matches. The referee shall have the following powers and responsibilities:
- 15.4.1. To supervise and control the fight in accordance with these rules;
 - 15.4.2. To verify that the gaffs used are authentic, properly positioned, and securely fastened before the fight begins;
 - 15.4.3. To ensure that each cock is in proper physical condition prior to the match, and to disallow any cock that shows signs of being tampered with, poisoned, injured, or rendered unfit to compete;
 - 15.4.4. To maintain the bout until one cock is clearly defeated or both are incapacitated or unwilling to continue;
 - 15.4.5. To declare a draw in cases where the match is evidently fixed or fails to produce a clear result;
 - 15.4.6. To render a decision on the outcome of each match immediately and publicly, which decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- 15.5. An assistant referee possessing the necessary qualifications may be designated to act in the absence or incapacity of the referee or as otherwise delegated.
- 15.6. Should the referee require assistance in implementing any of the rules provided herein including, but not limited to, conducting the confrontation or repositioning the cocks at the center of the ring the assistant referee shall provide such assistance upon request.



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- 15.7. The contending sides may, in a particular match, agree to appoint a third party to act as referee who shall, however, be subject to all the rules herein prescribed.
- 15.8. The referee, assistant referee, and their immediate family members shall be disqualified from entering gamecocks in matches held in the cockpit where they officiate, and are likewise prohibited from placing wagers. Any breach of this provision shall result in permanent disqualification from serving in such capacity.
- 15.9. There shall be two (2) starters (soltadores) designated for each match, whose duty shall be to release the competing cocks and thereafter proceed to their designated positions on opposite sides of the ring once the cocks have engaged in combat. The starters shall not leave these positions unless their personal safety is endangered by the fighting cocks, and shall remain at a safe distance from each other.
- 15.10. The cockpit management shall provide designated areas adjacent to the ring for the starters to occupy after releasing the cocks, ensuring they have clear and unobstructed access to the ring as necessary.
- 15.11. Once the cocks have been released, the starters shall not retrieve their respective cocks unless specifically ordered to do so by the referee or when either cock is observed to be pecking the ground or is out of fighting position.
- 15.12. A starter (soltador) shall not obstruct or interfere with the referee in the performance of his duties, particularly in bringing the two fighting cocks together to perform the required confrontation (careo), or in rendering a decision. Any starter who violates this provision shall forfeit the matched money delivered by him or by the owner of the cock he released to the bet fixer. Provided, however, that the wagers placed by the general public shall still be settled in accordance with the official result of the bout. Furthermore, the offending starter shall be permanently disqualified from releasing any cock in any cockpit operating within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Inopacan.
- 15.13. There shall be a bet fixer (casador) appointed by the cockpit management, whose primary duty shall be to receive the matched bets from the starters or the owners of the contending cocks prior to the commencement of the fight. The bet fixer shall be responsible for disbursing the said matched money to the rightful winner after the fight, subject to any agreed-upon deductions for the management's share or, in cases of a declared draw, the deductions agreed upon between the parties.
- 15.14. Before the release of the fighting cocks, the bet fixer shall place the matched money on a designated table located within the cockpit premises. The bet fixer shall notify the referee that all betting arrangements have been completed prior to the referee ordering the release of the cocks.

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- 15.15. Any individual placing a wager shall have the option to change or withdraw their bet prior to the commencement of the bout. However, once the fight has started, no change or withdrawal of bets shall be allowed. Any shortage or discrepancy in the amount of money delivered to the bet fixer shall be the responsibility of the cockpit management, who shall ensure payment thereof.
- 15.16. The cockpit management shall have the authority, with the assistance of peace officers if necessary, to remove or bar from the premises any person who creates nuisance, causes disturbance, or otherwise disrupts the orderly conduct of the cockfight.
- 15.17. The cockpit ring shall have a minimum diameter of seven (7) meters and shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.
- 15.18. Two parallel lines shall be clearly drawn at the center of the cockpit ring, with a space of forty (40) centimeters between them, to serve as markers during the confrontation (careo) of the cocks.
- 15.19. Each fighting cock shall be equipped with a gaff (tari) of such form, length, and placement as may be mutually agreed upon by the respective parties. The gaffs shall be smooth, clean, pointed at the tip, and sharpened on one side only. During the bout, the position of the gaffs shall not be altered, nor shall they be reattached or re-positioned in case they become detached or loosened.
- 15.20. The referee may intervene during the conduct of a bout solely for the purpose of ensuring the continuation of the fight in any of the following circumstances:
- 15.20.1. When the gaffs of both cocks become entangled, thereby hindering further engagement;
- 15.20.2. When the gaff of a cock becomes entangled with the ring railing or any object within the arena, and its opponent fails to initiate an attack;
- 15.20.3. When a gaff becomes embedded in either cock, it may be removed only when both cocks have ceased pecking or shuffling.
- 15.21. Only four (4) persons shall remain in the ring when the two contending cocks are released to fight, the referee, the two starters, and other employees, not exceeding four, provided, that if it is necessary to maintain peace and order, any peace officer may enter or stay in the said premises.
- 15.22. Upon the settlement of all betting arrangements pertaining to each competing gamecock, and compliance with the requisites outlined in the preceding rule, the starters—upon the instruction of the referee—shall cause their respective cocks to peck each other, remove the protective covers of the gaffs, and subsequently release the cocks for combat.
- 15.23. A match shall be deemed terminated under any of the following circumstances:

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- 15.23.1. When one or both gamecocks are killed during the bout; or
 15.23.2. When any one of the gamecocks flees or runs away, indicating a voluntary surrender.

In either case, the referee shall render a decision by raising the victorious gamecock and delivering the same to the corresponding starter.

- 15.24. In the event a gamecock flees or runs away during a match without producing a quackle or exhibiting clear signs of surrender, the referee shall not interfere, and the cock shall be left undisturbed until it quackles or otherwise displays behavior signifying its refusal to continue the match.
- 15.25. A match shall be declared terminated and considered a draw when any gamecock, at the outset and without being attacked by its opponent, flees or refuses to engage in combat.
- 15.26. Under no circumstance shall a cockfight exceed ten (10) minutes from its commencement. Upon reaching such time, the referee shall declare the match a Draw (Tabla). Nevertheless, the referee shall conduct a public countdown of ten (10) seconds immediately following the expiration of the ten-minute duration, which countdown shall be audible and visible to the public. For this purpose, the cockpit management shall ensure the availability of a conspicuous and reliable timepiece accessible to all attendees.
- 15.27. The referee shall initiate a confrontation (careo) between the contending cocks in the following instances:
- 15.27.1. When neither cock initiates an attack nor pursues its adversary;
 15.27.2. When a cock ceases pursuit or diverts its course away from its adversary, and combat is not resumed upon visual contact;
 15.27.3. When both cocks are severely injured and unable to advance any further attacks;
 15.27.4. When either or both of the gamecocks appear to be lifeless;
 15.27.5. When one cock becomes entangled by its gaff in its opponent, rendering it incapable of disengagement;
 15.27.6. When one cock falls atop the other or is positioned in such close proximity that neither can execute any offensive movements;
 15.27.7. When a cock absorbs a blow and fails to retaliate, and it remains uncertain whether it refuses to continue fighting.
- 15.28. A cock shall be declared the loser when, after confrontation, it voluntarily leaves its position and takes flight with its feathers close to its head raised, signifying surrender, even if it walks away slowly from its adversary.
- 15.29. Should a cock fall to the ground during a bout and subsequently retreat, the match shall not be considered concluded if the retreating cock halts and shows willingness to resume fighting. In such case, a confrontation shall be effected. If the said cock then refuses to engage, the victory shall be awarded to its opponent.

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- 15.30. In instances where one cock has clearly pecked its adversary twice and the opposing cock refuses or fails to respond, the attacking cock shall be declared the winner. A single shuffle shall likewise constitute victory. Should both cocks deliver only one peck each, the match shall be deemed a draw.
- 15.31. When both cocks are gravely wounded and, after being confronted, exhibit no intention to continue fighting, the referee shall observe closely for signs indicating imminent death—such as head twisting or pecking the ground. In such cases, the cocks shall be laid face to face on the ground to permit further confrontation. Victory shall be determined by two (2) pecks, or one (1) shuffle, or a combination of one (1) peck and one (1) shuffle, provided the opponent fails to respond. The decision of the referee under this rule shall be final and unappealable.
- 15.32. When one of the contending gamecocks, without being attacked by its adversary, voluntarily walks away from its position and casts doubt as to its willingness to continue the match, the referee shall initiate the appropriate confrontation. If, during said confrontation, the cock in question instantly expires while in the custody of the referee, it shall be declared the loser, provided that its opponent pecks it twice. However, should the opponent die instead, a confrontation shall nevertheless be performed. If, thereafter, the remaining cock refuses to engage, it shall be deemed to have fled, and the match shall be declared a draw.
- 15.33. In instances where the gamecock referred to in the preceding rule, which walked away from its position, also displays signs of imminent death akin to its opponent, the referee shall immediately lift and hold said cock, placing it before the other cock—whether the latter is lying on the ground or standing still—in order to determine the loser in accordance with the provisions of number 28) herein.
- 15.34. A gamecock that is seriously wounded shall not be considered the loser, even if it plants its beak on the ground, under the following circumstances:
- 15.34.1. If it remains standing on its legs;
 - 15.34.2. If the act of planting its beak is due to an attempt to rise from an injury sustained in its leg or wing, or any other wound;
 - 15.34.3. If the behavior results from being pecked by its adversary.
- 15.35. When a gamecock accidentally pierces itself with its own gaff and remains lying on the ground, the referee shall refrain from disturbing it until a determination is made that the cock is deceased. Once confirmed, the referee shall remove the gaff and lift the surviving cock. In such case, the deceased cock shall be declared the loser. However, should the cock be found to be alive, the referee shall resume the bout between the two.
- 15.36. If the cock that was not wounded by its own gaff dies, the referee shall still proceed with the confrontation after removing the gaff from the wounded cock.

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- 15.37. If the cock that was not wounded by its own gaff expires, the referee shall effect a confrontation. Should the surviving cock peck or otherwise attack, it shall be declared the winner. However, if the surviving cock emits a quackle or refuses to fight, the match shall be declared a draw.
- 15.38. Likewise, the match shall be declared a draw if, after the removal of the gaff from the injured cock, it subsequently dies, and its adversary does not attack or peck it.
- 15.39. Apart from the circumstances mentioned in the preceding rule, a match shall also be declared a draw under the following situations:
- 15.39.1. When both gamecocks die simultaneously;
- 15.39.2. When one of the gamecocks flees from its opponent, which is in the process of dying and no longer exhibits offensive behavior;
- 15.39.3. When both cocks show signs of imminent death and neither pecks nor attacks the other—in which case, the referee shall neither wait for one to die ahead of the other nor shall he lift either of them;
- 15.39.4. When a gamecock jumps out of the railing of the ring after the first attack by its adversary, without being wounded;
- 15.39.5. When both gamecocks refuse to peck each other before any fighting commences and in the absence of a mutual agreement to the contrary.
- 15.40. Confrontation shall be executed by the referee and the assistant referee exclusively, without the intervention of the starters or any other individual, and shall occur precisely at the location where the gamecocks are situated, without requiring them to be transferred to the center of the ring. In cases involving a confrontation between a living cock and a deceased one, the confrontation shall be similarly conducted in the same location where they are found. The losing party not only forfeits its standing but also its cock, whether dead or alive.
- 15.41. Any question or issue that may arise and is not explicitly addressed in these rules shall be resolved in accordance with the customs, traditions, and practices generally recognized and observed in the locality of Inopacan, Leyte.

These rules shall apply to all cockfights lawfully held pursuant to P.D. No. 449 and this Ordinance, and shall not be construed to authorize any cockfighting activity in violation of said Decree.

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CHAPTER VI – OVERSIGHT, PROHIBITIONS, PENALTIES, FUNDS

Section 16. Cockpit Oversight Committee

16.1 Creation and Composition

There is hereby created a Cockpit Oversight Committee composed of:

- Municipal Mayor – Chairperson
- One Sangguniang Bayan Member designated by the SB – Vice-Chairperson
- Municipal Treasurer – Member
- Chief of Police (PNP) – Member
- Municipal Agriculturist – Member
- Municipal Tourism Officer – Member
- One representative of licensed cockpit operators – Member
- Two (2) Punong Barangay representatives – Members
- Two (2) LGU employees – Members/Monitoring Officers

16.2 Functions

- a. Review schedules of cockfighting events proposed by cockpit operators and recommend their approval or disapproval to the Mayor and Sangguniang Bayan, ensuring compliance with P.D. 449, Sec. 5(d)–(e);
- b. Monitor compliance with this Ordinance and all applicable taxes and fees;
- c. Recommend sanctions and administrative measures;
- d. Submit an annual report to the Sangguniang Bayan.

16.3 Monitoring Officers

The LGU employee Monitoring Officers shall:

- a. Observe the conduct of cockfights in licensed cockpits and, where applicable, authorized Sec. 5(e) events in parks/playgrounds;
- b. Verify compliance with licensing, tax, and fee requirements;
- c. Document and report irregularities and violations.

Section 17. Prohibited Acts

The following acts are prohibited:

- a. Holding any cockfight within the Municipality without a valid Cockpit Operator's Permit or, in case of Sec. 5(e) events, the requisite Sangguniang Bayan resolution and PNP approval;
- b. Holding cockfights on days or occasions not authorized by P.D. 449 and this Ordinance;
- c. Acting as referee, gaffer, bet-taker, promoter, starter, or similar official without a valid local license;
- d. Any cockpit owner/operator who knowingly engages unlicensed officials;
- e. Any scheme to predetermine or influence the result of a cockfight through poisoning, wounding, or other fraudulent means;

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- f. Allowing or participating in any other form of gambling in or around cockpit premises during cockfights.

If the offender is a licensed cockfighting official, he/she shall, in addition to the penalties in Sec. 18, be perpetually disqualified from acting in any official capacity in any cockpit within Inopacan.

Section 18. Penal Provision – Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished with:

- A fine of not less than ₱1,000.00 but not more than ₱2,500.00; or
- Imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than six (6) months; or
- Both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the proper court,

without prejudice to prosecution and penalties under P.D. 449, Sec. 8 and other applicable laws.

If the offender is a juridical entity, the manager, president, or officer-in-charge directly responsible shall be held liable.

Section 19. Utilization of Funds

19.1 Accrual

All revenues collected under this Ordinance shall accrue to the Municipal Treasury.

19.2 Barangay Share (40%)

Forty percent (40%) of net revenues from lawful cockfighting operations (excluding license/permit/penalty income) shall be remitted to the barangay where the licensed cockpit or authorized Sec. 5(e) event is located, to fund local development and socio-cultural projects, subject to accounting and auditing rules.

19.3 Municipal Share (60%)

Sixty percent (60%) shall remain with the Municipal Government and may fund:

- a. Medical and health assistance to indigent residents;
- b. Emergency financial/material aid;
- c. Programs of the MSWDO/DSWD;
- d. Educational, socio-cultural and community development initiatives.

Disbursement shall follow existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing regulations.

19.4 Trust Fund

A dedicated Trust Fund is created for these shares. All receipts and disbursements shall be recorded and managed per applicable government accounting and auditing rules.

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CHAPTER VII FINANCIAL REPORTING AND AUDIT

Section 20. Submission of Annual Audited Financial Statements and Books of Accounts.

- a. **Obligation to Submit.** – Every holder of a franchise, license, or authority to establish, operate, and maintain a cockpit within the Municipality of Inopacan shall, within ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year, submit to the Office of the Municipal Treasurer:
1. A complete set of annual audited financial statements (AFS), consisting of at least the balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash flows, and notes to financial statements, duly audited and signed by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in accordance with generally accepted accounting and auditing standards; and
 2. Copies of its books of accounts and such supporting schedules as may be reasonably necessary to verify compliance with this Ordinance and applicable tax and regulatory laws, including but not limited to the general ledger and journals for cockpit operations.
- b. **Form and Manner of Submission.** – The Municipal Treasurer shall prescribe, consistent with the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit (COA) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the format, manner, and medium of submission of the financial statements and books of accounts, including whether electronic copies may be accepted in lieu of or in addition to hard copies.
- c. **Review by the Municipal Treasurer.** – Pursuant to the powers and functions of local treasurers under the Local Government Code of 1991 to take custody of and exercise proper management of local government funds and to account for and report on financial transactions, the Municipal Treasurer shall:
1. Examine the submitted financial statements and books of accounts to determine:
 - (i) the proper computation and payment of local taxes, regulatory fees, and charges relating to cockpit operations; and
 - (ii) compliance with the revenue-sharing, licensing, and other financial obligations imposed under this Ordinance and other applicable laws; and
 2. Prepare such reports and recommendations to the Sangguniang Bayan and the Mayor as may be necessary for the proper regulation of cockpits and protection of municipal revenues.

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- d. **Access for Audit and Inspection.** – The cockpit operator shall, upon reasonable notice, allow the Municipal Treasurer or his/her duly authorized representatives to inspect and copy relevant books, records, and documents relating to cockpit operations during regular business hours for purposes of verifying compliance with this Ordinance and applicable tax and regulatory laws. This is without prejudice to the separate audit and examination authority of the COA over local government funds and transactions.
- e. **Confidentiality.**
All financial statements, books of accounts, and records submitted under this Section shall be treated as confidential, and access thereto shall be limited to officials and employees who, by the nature of their functions, are required to examine and evaluate the same, subject to existing laws on data privacy, bank secrecy, and access to information.
- f. **Sanctions for Non-Submission or Misrepresentation.**
1. Failure to submit the required annual audited financial statements and books of accounts within the period prescribed in paragraph (a) shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance and shall be penalized by:
 - (i) An administrative fine of not less than ₱1000 but not more than ₱2500 for each year of non-compliance; and
 - (ii) Suspension of the cockpit license for a period of not less than thirty (30) days but not more than ninety (90) days, after due notice and hearing.
 2. Repeated non-compliance of this rule, or willful submission of falsified or materially misleading financial statements or records, shall be a ground for revocation of the cockpit license and disqualification from future public biddings under Chapter II of this Ordinance, after observance of due process.
- g. **Integration with Revocation and Disqualification Provisions.** – Violations of this Section may be considered, motu proprio or upon complaint, in revocation proceedings under Chapter VIII (Revocation of Cockpit License and Disqualification from Future Public Biddings), and any final finding of willful non-submission or falsification shall be included in the Register of Revoked Cockpit Licenses and Disqualified Persons/Entities maintained under that Chapter.

CHAPTER VIII
REVOCATION OF COCKPIT LICENSE AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM FUTURE PUBLIC BIDDINGS

Section 21. Nature of Cockpit License. – A license, franchise, or authority to establish, operate, and maintain a cockpit within the Municipality of Inopacan is a mere privilege granted by the local government pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 449, otherwise known as the “Cockfighting Law of 1974,” and related laws. It does not constitute a vested right or property, and may be suspended or revoked when public interest so requires.



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Section 22. Grounds for Revocation. – Without prejudice to criminal, civil, or administrative liability under other laws and ordinances, the Sangguniang Bayan, upon recommendation of the Municipal Mayor/ Regulatory Board/Bids and Awards Committee, may revoke any cockpit license, franchise, or authority on any of the following grounds:

a. Violation of P.D. 449 (Cockfighting Law of 1974).

- (a) Conducting or causing the conduct of cockfighting on days, occasions, or in places not authorized under P.D. 449, including the holding of cockfights in unlicensed cockpits or beyond the days allowed therein;
- (b) Violating the limitations on the establishment, operation, and maintenance of cockpits as may be prescribed by national law or by this Ordinance.

b. Violation of Act No. 480.

Being finally convicted under Act No. 480 for unlawful maintenance of cockfighting or cockpits, attendance upon the same on unlicensed days, or for any form of gambling in a cockpit.

c. Serious or Repeated Violations of this Ordinance or Related Regulations.

- (a) Operation of a cockpit without a valid and subsisting license or mayor's permit;
- (b) Tolerating, allowing, or failing to prevent any illegal gambling activity within the cockpit premises as established in a final judgment or order of a court or competent administrative agency;
- (c) Three (3) or more significant violations of this Ordinance or implementing rules and regulations within a period of two (2) consecutive years, as evidenced by final and executory administrative orders or decisions; or
- (d) Repeated non-compliance of Chapter VII, or willful submission of falsified or materially misleading financial statements or records, shall be a ground for revocation of the cockpit license and disqualification from future public biddings under Chapter II of this Ordinance, after observance of due process.

d. False Statements or Fraud in Application.

Willful misrepresentation or concealment of material facts in the application for the license, franchise, or authority to operate the cockpit.

e. Threat to Public Safety, Order, or Morals.

When the continued operation of the cockpit, as established by competent evidence, poses a clear and present danger to public safety, order, health, or morals, including but not limited to repeated incidents of violence, serious disturbance, or structural unsafety of the cockpit premises.

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Section 23. Due Process in Revocation Proceedings.

- (a) **Initiation.** Revocation proceedings may be initiated motu proprio by the Municipal Mayor and/or the Regulatory Board or upon written complaint of any interested party, supported by affidavits and relevant documents.
- (b) **Notice.** The licensee shall be served with a written Notice of Charge(s) stating:
1. The specific ground/s for revocation under this Chapter;
 2. The material facts and acts complained of; and
 3. The date, time, and place of hearing.
- (c) **Answer and Hearing.** The licensee shall have the right to:
1. Submit a written answer and supporting evidence within a period of ten (10) days from receipt of the notice; and
 2. Be heard in a summary administrative hearing, personally or through counsel, where the licensee may present evidence and confront witnesses.
- (d) **Decision.** The Sangguniang Bayan shall resolve the revocation case through a Resolution, stating clearly the factual findings and legal basis. The Resolution shall be served on the licensee and shall be subject to review in accordance with existing laws.

Section 24. Effect of Revocation.

- (a) Upon the effectivity of the Resolution revoking the cockpit license, the licensee shall immediately cease all cockfighting operations and related activities in the licensed premises.
- (b) The Mayor and appropriate enforcement officers shall implement the revocation and may close the cockpit premises, padlock the same, and seize gambling paraphernalia used in violation of law, subject to safeguards under applicable laws.
- (c) Revocation shall not prevent the filing of appropriate criminal or civil actions arising from the same acts or omissions.

Section 25. Disqualification from Future Public Biddings.

- (a) **Automatic Disqualification upon Revocation.** A licensee whose cockpit license has been revoked on any of the grounds under Section 20 hereof shall be disqualified from participating in any public bidding for the grant or renewal of a cockpit franchise, license, or authority within the Municipality of Inopacan for the following periods, counted from the date the revocation Resolution becomes final:
1. **Three (3) years** for revocation based primarily on:
 - i. Operation of a cockpit without a valid license or mayor's permit;
 - ii. False statements or fraud in the license application; or
 - iii. Repeated violations under Section (3) hereof not involving illegal gambling.



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2. **Five (5) years** for revocation based primarily on:

- i. Violations of P.D. 449 as to days, places, or occasions of cockfighting;
- ii. Final conviction under Act No. 480 for unlawful cockpits or gambling in cockpits; or
- iii. Tolerating, allowing, or failing to prevent any form of illegal gambling within the cockpit premises.

(b) **Perpetual Disqualification.** When a court or competent administrative body expressly imposes **perpetual disqualification** from engaging in the business of cockfighting or operating cockpits, such penalty shall be given full effect and the person shall be permanently barred from participating in any cockpit bidding or from being granted any cockpit license within the Municipality of Inopacan.

(c) **Attribution to Juridical Persons.** For juridical persons, the existence of any ground for revocation or disqualification in relation to any of its directors, partners, or managing officers, when the violation was committed in connection with or in furtherance of cockpit operations, shall likewise constitute a ground for the revocation of the license of the juridical person and its corresponding disqualification from future public biddings under this Section.

(d) **Effect on Existing Bids.** If, at the time a ground for disqualification arises or is discovered, the concerned person is already participating in an ongoing bidding, the Bids and Awards Committee shall disqualify such bidder, and any award already issued in its favor may be cancelled after observance of due process.

Section 26. Record-Keeping and Publication.

- (a) The Municipal Treasurer and the Licensing Office shall maintain an updated Register of Revoked Cockpit Licenses and Disqualified Persons/Entities, indicating the ground and duration of disqualification.
- (b) The Bids and Awards Committee shall consult this Register before declaring any bidder eligible in cockpit-related biddings.

Section 27. Repealing and Cancellation Clause

- a) **Repeal of Prior Measures.** All ordinances, portions of ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, franchise grants, permits, licenses, or similar issuances previously enacted or issued by the Municipality of Inopacan which authorize, allow, or regulate cockpits, cockfighting, and related game-fowl activities, including but not limited to any provisions in the Local Tax Code/Local Revenue Code of the Municipality of Inopacan concerning the establishment, number, licensing, or franchising of cockpits, are hereby repealed, revoked, and rendered without force and effect, insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

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W. J. [Signature]



(ordinance no. 26-02 of the sangguniang bayan of inopacan, leyte dated january 9, 2026 continued)

b) **Express Repeal of "Lifetime" or "Vested" Cockpit Rights.** Any prior provision, whether in the Local Tax Code/Local Revenue Code or in any ordinance, resolution, franchise grant, permit, or license, that:

1. characterizes a license, permit, authority, or franchise to establish, operate, or maintain a cockpit as a "vested right," "lifetime right," or similar permanent entitlement; or
2. purports to allow a cockpit license, permit, authority, or franchise to subsist for the lifetime of the licensee or to be transferrable or inheritable,

is hereby expressly repealed and declared void, it being understood, in accordance with jurisprudence, that a license to operate a cockpit is a mere privilege and not a vested or inheritable right.

c) **Reclassification as Time-Bound License.** Any existing authority, permit, franchise, or similar grant previously issued by the Municipality of Inopacan to any person for the establishment, operation, or maintenance of a cockpit, which was described or treated as a "vested right," "lifetime right," or otherwise intended to subsist during the lifetime of the grantee, is hereby reclassified and recognized solely as a time-bound license to operate a cockpit within the meaning of this Ordinance, it being understood that a license to operate a cockpit is a mere privilege and not a vested or inheritable right.

Section 29. Separability Clause

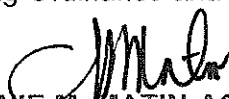
If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not affect the other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 30. Effectivity


This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the Local Government Code requirements on approval, posting, and publication.

ENACTED this 9th day of January, 2026 at SB Session Hall, Municipality of Inopacan.

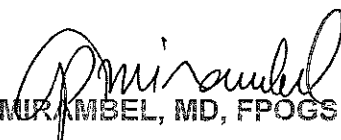
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance and that the same was enacted on the date above stated.


MELANIE M. MATIN-AO, MPA
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


HON. LOURDES B. VILLAS
 SB Member
 Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. AZUCENA P. MIRAMBEL, MD, FPOGS
 Municipal Mayor

Date JANUARY 13, 2026

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(attachment as part of the legislative records and for reference of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan during its review)

“An Ordinance Regulating the Establishment, Operation, and Maintenance and Ownership of Cockpits, Cockfighting, and Commercial Breeding of Gamecocks in the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte.”

This ordinance is the product of careful study, stakeholder consultation, and thorough deliberation, and is firmly anchored on **Presidential Decree No. 449 (the Cockfighting Law of 1974)**, **Republic Act No. 7160**, and relevant constitutional principles. It does not create new rights, but merely **clarifies, regulates, and systematizes** the exercise of a privilege that has always been subject to the poise power and regulatory authority of the local government.

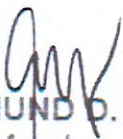
The measure expressly recognizes that a cockpit license is a **mere privilege and not a vested or lifetime right**, consistent with national law and policy. Thus, any reference to so-called “lifetime” cockpit licenses exists only by virtue of **prior local ordinances and not by national law**, and remains subject to amendment or repeal by a subsequent ordinance in the lawful exercise of the **continuing legislative and police powers of the Sangguniang Bayan**. A past Sangguniang Bayan cannot permanently bind or restrict the authority of future Sanggunians by granting perpetual licenses or franchises, particularly in matters affecting public interest, regulation, and welfare.

Accordingly, the reclassification of prior “lifetime” authorities into **time-bound licenses**, the requirement of **public bidding for new grants**, and the institution of **clear grounds for suspension, revocation, and disqualification** are intended to promote transparency, accountability, and public welfare, **without prejudicing valid existing operations** and with full observance of **due process**.

Furthermore, the ordinance strengthens **peace and order, public safety, and financial accountability** through clear rules on authorized cockfighting delays, licensing of personnel, regulation of betting, auditing and reporting requirements, and the creation of a **Cockpit Oversight Committee**. At the same time, it ensures that lawful cockfighting remains regulated as a cultural activity while generating **legitimate local revenues** that directly benefit both the Municipality and the host barangays.

After the Second Reading deliberations, **no substantial amendments altering the intent or framework of the measure remain pending**. All clarifications raised by Members have been duly addressed, and the ordinance is now **ripe for final consideration**.

Finally, this ordinance is **legally sound, consistent with national law, and responsive to public interest**.


HON. EDMUND D. BAYHONAN
SB Member
Author


HON. TEOTIMO G. LAPASA
SB Member
Author



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Inopacan



16TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that copies of Ordinance No. 26 - 02 of the 16th Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND OWNERSHIP OF COCKPITS, COCKFIGHTING, AND COMMERCIAL BREEDING OF GAMECOCKS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, LEYTE", has been posted in the bulletin board in the municipal hall/building and in conspicuous places of this Municipality.

This Certification is being made to facilitate consideration of the above-mentioned Municipal Ordinance by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte.

Done this 13th day of *January 2026*, at Inopacan, Leyte.


MELANIE M. MARTIN-AO, MPA
Secretary to the Sanggunian



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Inopacan



16TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on December 4, 2025, a public hearing had been conducted on the proposed Ordinance of the 16th Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND OWNERSHIP OF COCKPITS, COCKFIGHTING, AND COMMERCIAL BREEDING OF GAMECOCKS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, LEYTE”**.

This Certification is being made to facilitate consideration of the aforementioned Municipal Ordinance by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte.

Done this 13th day of January 2026, at Inopacan, Leyte.


MELANIE M. MATIN-AO, MPA
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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16TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES OF THE 16TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF INOPACAN, LEYTE HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2025 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, NEW TOWN HALL, INOPACAN, LEYTE

1 **PRESENT: (Please see attached Attendance Sheet, also attached are the lists**
2 **of personalities invited)**

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4 The proposed Ordinances submitted for public hearing are as follows:

5
6 **“An Ordinance Regulating the Establishment, Operation, and**
7 **Maintenance and Ownership of Cockpits, Cockfighting and Commercial**
8 **Breeding of Gamecocks in the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte”**

9
10 **“An Ordinance Establishing Anti-Rabies Vaccination Program Program**
11 **in the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, Appro Funds for**
12 **Implementation Thereof and for Other Pruposes”**

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14 **“An Ordinance Amending Further Ordinance No. 22-11, Otherwise**
15 **Known as “The New Public Market in the Municipality of Inopacan” as**
16 **Amended by Ordinance No. 23-16”**

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18 The public hearing started at 2:00 in the afternoon with an opening prayer
19 through computer audio and was immediately followed by the singing of the national
20 anthem synchronized with the computer audio.

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22 The Master of Ceremony (MC), Mr. Narcis Lean N. Montajes, SB Staff, after
23 welcoming and thanked all the participants for their presence and taking part in the
24 legislation process and mentioned the titles of the proposed ordinances,
25 acknowledged the Sangguniang Bayan Members present, namely: Honorable
26 Rowena K. Madrazo, Honorable Sheila L. Po, Honorable Lourdes B. Villas,
27 Honorable Edna L. Ceniza, Honorable Fernando B. Rulete, Honorable Edmund D.
28 Bayhonan and Honorable Teotimo G. Lapasa. He as well acknowledged the
29 Barangay Chairpersons and SK Chairpersons present, including those Barangay
30 Kagawad representing its respective Punong Barangay, the LGU Department Heads
31 present and the invited concerned stakeholders. The MC encouraged everyone to
32 raise their queries after the discussions of the proposed ordinances, and to introduce
33 themselves first before raising any question.

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35 The MC gave the floor to the SB Member - Floor Leader. Honorable Lourdes
36 B. Villas, as her introductory message, explained to all the participants that a public
37 hearing is necessary to conduct since the proposed Ordinances involve fees and
38 penalties. And by law, any collections of the same will be anchored to a legal basis,
39 hence, the 16th Sangguniang Bayan has to enact an Ordinance for the purpose.

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41 **“An Ordinance Regulating the Establishment, Operation, and**
42 **Maintenance and Ownership of Cockpits, Cockfighting and Commercial**
43 **Breeding of Gamecocks in the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte”**

44
45 The MC gave the floor to the Author of the above-captioned Ordinance.
46 Honorable Edmund D. Bayhonan, Author, after confirming that each participant
47 already had their copies of the proposed Ordinance, discussed the entirety of the
48 same, in details.



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49 Honorable Bayhonan encouraged each participant to go through the copies
50 provided (translated in bisaya/Cebuano dialect) and as he opened the floor for the
51 open forum to hear the sentiments from the participants, Mr. Vonsaymoun Nakila,
52 Owner, Inopacan Gallera, expressed his concern regarding the Repealing Clause.
53 He manifested that he was granted franchise in a legal way with proper bidding and
54 with full compliance with the law. He also manifested that since they started the
55 operation in 2017, he didn't commit any violation, and in fact, he managed to secure
56 whatever the suggestions given by the LGU for the good of the said arena. Mr.
57 Nakila sincerely asked the August Body to hear his sentiments, especially for the
58 revocation of his franchise. He highlighted that he is willing to follow whatever
59 changes are made as long as they will consider his views regarding the non-
60 revocation of his franchise.

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62 After hearing Mr. Nakila's sentiments, Honorable Bayhonan manifested that
63 the August Body will review and will discuss his concerns since the draft Measure is
64 still under second reading. He also asked when the franchise was issued, and Mr.
65 Nakila answered that it was in 2017. Mr. Nakila manifested that he has undergone
66 the proper bidding process until it was granted to him. He also shared to the Body a
67 little background of the gallera. Honorable Bayhonan manifested that he understand
68 the point of Mr. Nakila and informed Mr. Nakila that his concerns will be subject for
69 further study. Honorable Villas asked Mr. Nakila if he was able to pay all fees and for
70 the personnel from the very start, up until the present. Mr. Nakila manifested he
71 don't have any lapses in terms of year payment. Honorable Villas also asked
72 regarding the imposition of the entrance fee. Mr. Nakila manifested that there is no
73 problem during the regular, but in special events, it is difficult unexpected changes.
74 The prizes will be deducted from the entrance fee. Mr. Nakila explained that like in 2
75 cock wins, the prize will be Php 25,000.00 then that prize will be from the entrance
76 fee. Honorable Villas again asked the usual number of individuals that enters the
77 arena. Mr. Nakila manifested that as to the entrance, it is difficult for the staff to
78 count because in every entry there are 3 individuals that are free from the entrance
79 fee and it is really hard to identify, but they have tallies at the board, and have the
80 records. Honorable Villas suggested that it will be Php50.00 flat. She as well
81 explained that in Sultada, according to the Treasury that the arena will only remit 17
82 sultada where in fact it reaches up to 80 sultada. Mr. Nakila answered that before,
83 they have 17, or 18 to 20 sultada. It just started that the Gallera reach that sultada
84 when Baybay City doesn't have games on Sunday. Mr. Nakila added that it is really
85 seasonal. Honorable Aura P. Chiong, Barangay Chairperson, Barangay Guadalupe
86 manifested that she also questioned that the arena remitted small amount despite of
87 many sultada. Mr. Nakila manifested that it's because they still follow the old
88 barangay Ordinance. Honorable Villas manifested that 40% share for the Barangay
89 and 60% share for the LGU will come from the total share. Honorable Bayhonan
90 expressed his concern and manifested that he once visited the Treasurers Office
91 and ask for all the profits from year 2024 and 2025, in 2024 it was Php 23,000.00
92 and in 2025 was around Php 24,000.00 for the whole year. Many concerned
93 individuals questioned the said remittance. Mr. Nakila manifested that the peakiest
94 season just started this year after the Baybay declare of not having events during
95 Sunday.

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97 Honorable Rulete manifested to Body that the request of Mr. Nakila and the
98 concerns and suggestions of everyone would surely be heard and discussed during
99 the deliberation of the Ordinance under Second Reading. Since it is a public
100 hearing, the SBs will weigh all the concerns aired before the Ordinance be
101 recommended for Third and Final Reading. Honorable Bayhonan agreed to
102 Honorable Rulete's manifestation.



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103 Honorable Villas clarifies that Mr. Nakila's real concern was his franchise and
104 even asked Mr. Nakila if he is fine with the rest of changes in the draft Ordinance.
105 Mr. Nakila answered in affirmative. Mr. Isabelo T. Lloren Jr., Barangay Kagawad of
106 Poblacion asked Mr. Nakila if there is duration period stated upon granting the
107 franchise. Mr. Nakila answered no duration given. Mr. Lloren manifested that,
108 supposedly in franchising, there must be a duration be it specified the validity period,
109 maybe, in years. Mr. Lloren asked in Section 10, that the Cockpit franchise must not
110 transferable, could the children not used the franchise. Honorable Villas answered
111 that if the owner of the franchise no longer exists, the children cannot use the same
112 franchise but instead they will apply for a new one. Honorable Villas informed Mr.
113 Nakila that regarding the franchise, the Body will look into it if the provision of
114 granting for life is provided in the PD449 or in the Municipal Ordinance. Mr. Nakila
115 thanked the August Body and appeals to hear his sentiments.

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117 Honorable Bayani R. Piamonte, Chairperson, Barangay Guinsanga-an, asked
118 the Body regarding the Php 500.00 permit if this is just for a day or for a 3-day event
119 already. Honorable Bayhonan manifested that it is good for three days. Honorable
120 Piamonte also expressed his sentiments that it had been many years since they
121 weren't granted for cockfighting during their barangay fiesta because they have to
122 coordinate first to someone prior having a cockfighting event; if that someone grant
123 them so. Usually, it is the Barangay Tao-taon that could have the cockfight
124 operations and Brgy. Guinsanga-an always give them the favor, considering their
125 fiesta celebration is overlapping. Mr. Piamonte requested to grant them handler for
126 their barangay cockfight events too. Mr. Nakila manifested that there is no problem
127 with that as long as it is fine with the Municipal Mayor. Honorable Rulete suggested
128 that Hon. Piamonte will make negotiations to the Barangay Tao-taon for possible
129 arrangement/set-up. Mr. Nakila manifested that with 2 wins, 3 wins, and so on, the
130 sultada fee is fine, his concerns include during the regular days, the increase is so
131 huge which is from Php 20.00 per Sultada and it becomes Php 100.00 in the draft
132 Ordinance. He asked if they can make it by Php 50.00 per sultada for the regular
133 day. Honorable Bayhonan manifested that it's fine.

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135 Honorable Villas asked for any other matters and there being none, hence,
136 Honorable Bayhonan moves to proceed to the next draft Ordinance.

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138 **“An Ordinance Establishing Anti-Rabies Vaccination Program Program**
139 **in the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, Appropriating Funds for**
140 **Implementation Thereof and for Other Pruposes”**

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142 The MC gave the floor to the Author of the above-captioned Ordinance.
143 Honorable Edmund D. Bayhonan, Author, after reading the entirety of the
144 Ordinance, Mr. Benedick B. Lawagon, Municipal Agriculturist, asked if the Anti-
145 Rabies Vaccination Program is for the dogs or intended for the person/people,
146 because if it is for the dogs, it is a regular program in the Agriculture Office since
147 there is Ordinance No.15-01 and Ordinance No. 21-01 which is incorporated already
148 and stored in the database. Mr. Lawagon suggested to make it more specific if the
149 purpose is for the establishment of an animal bite center just like in Javier Leyte. Mr.
150 Lawagon also manifested that the title states there is appropriation of funds but the
151 draft Ordinance does not reflect any fees or penalties. Honorable Bayhonan
152 manifested that there is, but maybe it's a clerical error and he will get through it. Mr.
153 Lawagon manifested that upon reading the provision under establishment of animal
154 bite center, it has a lot of requirements including a certification that signifies that the
155 center is accredited. Mr. Lawagon highlighted that his only concern if to be specific
156 to avoid confusions and conflict.



(minutes of the public hearing of the proposed municipal ordinances of the 16th sangguniang bayan of inopacan, leyte held on december 4, 2025, continued)


Honorable Villas asked for any other matters and there being none, hence, the Body moves to proceed to the last draft Ordinance.

“An Ordinance Amending Further Ordinance No. 22-11, Otherwise Known as “The New Public Market in the Municipality of Inopacan” as Amended by Ordinance No. 23-16”

The MC gave the floor to the Author of the above-captioned Ordinance. Honorable Sheila L. Po, Author, after reading the entirety of the Ordinance, Mr. Rogelio D. Bisnar, President, ITVA, manifested that he is hopeful that when this Ordinance is approved, the LGU will strongly and strictly implement it for the benefit of the vendors, particularly, the penalties for the violators, among others. He also expressed that before, it was not implemented accordingly and it led to chaos among the vendors. Honorable Po manifested that the reason why this draft Ordinance is crafted, is for the betterment of the market. Ms. Marie Ann Aranjuez, Member, ITVA, expressed her sentiments that some vendors are occupying two stalls having the same permit. She explained that it is clearly a violation, but they were not given due penalties according to the provision of the ordinance. Honorable Po manifested that in the proposed Ordinance, it must be one space each. Honorable Po also talked with the BPLO regarding that issue and he said that before they granted it just to occupy the vacant stalls. Honorable Po ensure the vendors to implement what needs to be implemented. Ms. Aranjuez asked if the LGU can provide water supply in their section too. Honorable Po manifested that the Mayor already planned the same, considering it is a necessity.


Since there being no other queries and questions, the public hearing ended/adjourned at 3:48 in the afternoon. The MC and the August Body thanked all the participants for their presence.


I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:


MELANIE M. MARTIN-AO, MPA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


HON. ROWENA K. MADRAZO
SB Member


HON. EDNA L. CENIZA
SB Member


HON. SHEILA L. PO
SB Member


HON. EDMUND D. BAYHONAN
SB Member


HON. FERNANDO B. RULETE
SB Member


HON. TEOTIMO G. LAPASA
SB Member


HON. LOURDES B. VILLAS
SB Member



16th Sangguniang Bayan

Public Hearing

1. "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

2. "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE AND OWNERSHIP OF COCKPITS, COCKFIGHTING AND COMMERCIAL BREEDING OF GAMECOCKS IN MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, LEYTE"

3. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FURTHER ORDINANCE NO. 22-11, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE NEW PUBLIC MARKET ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN" AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 23-16"

Date: December 4, 2025

Place: SB Session Hall

Time: 01:00 P.M.

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38. MARCUS LOAN MONTASOS		POBLACION	SB STAFF	
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40. MANACAP, MARIFLON		LGU	MMO	
41. ANGLON, CHRISTIAN		LGU	MMO	
42. Paul Manganing		LGU Inopacan	MMO	
43. Aisha R. Bisnar			Private Sector	
44. Lyka D. Bisnar			Private Sector	
45. R-G N. Camacho			Private Sector	
46. Rul de Madula			Private Sector	
47. John Uydoto		LGU Inopacan	PI-O - MMO	
48. Christian Ray Angillon		LGU Inopacan	MMO STAFF	
49. Miyaki D. Cristino			Private Sector	
50. John Hercules M. Darbante			Private Sector	
51. Jerome G. Corpuz			Private Sector	
52. Stephen Jay C. Uego			Private Sector	
53. Jay Marc B. Pegracion			Private Sector	
54. Jovic G. WENO			Private Sector	
55. Ernest John R. Ligas			Private Sector	
56. Adrian James Debaro			Private Sector	
57. Jeciah G. Payot			Private sector	
58. Anita A. Guillano			Private sector	
59. Rhyan D. Lucarte			Private Sector	
60. Mary Jay R. Orucillo			Private sector	