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AN ORDER LIFTING THE PROHIBITION IN THE OPERATIONS OF COCKPITS AND CONDUCT OF SIMILAR ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF MALAYBALAY

Pursuant to the mandate of Section 16 and Sec. 447 (a) (3) (v) of the Local Government Code and the November 24, 2020 recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) on the lifting of the prohibition on the operations of cockpits and conduct of similar activities pursuant to DILG MC. Circular No. 2020-140, dated October 23, 2020, by the powers vested in me by law, the undersigned as Acting City Mayor of the City of Malaybalay hereby order that Executive Order No. 94,s 2020 or "*An Order Prohibiting the Operations of Cockpits and Conduct of similar activities in the City of Malaybalay*", shall be LIFTED subject to the compliance of the following guidelines, viz:

Section 1. General Provisions. The operation of licensed cockpits and the conduct of cockfighting activities may be allowed, subject to the following conditions:

1. Strict observance of health and safety protocols, as laid down under Section 2 of these guidelines;
2. There shall be **no in-person audience, online or remote betting, and the live broadcasting of cockfighting**; and
3. That the LGU, exercising sound judgment, upon compliance to the general provisions, decides to allow the operation of licensed cockpits, and the conduct of cockfighting activity within its jurisdiction.

Section 2. Health Protocols for the Resumption of Operation of Licensed Cockpits and the Conduct of Cockfighting Activities.

1. The following are the minimum health protocols to be complied with in all the licensed cockpits allowed to operate:

a) Masks

- i. Face masks must be worn at all times.
- ii. Masks with vents should not be used.
- iii. Cloth masks, with additional filler such as tissue paper or similar materials, may be used as long as they clean and washed daily or after every sneezing or coughing episode, and should be properly disposed of after use. Hands should be washed /disinfected before replacing the filter.
- iv. Frequent mask handling and manipuklatio9n should be avoided.
- v. No face mask, no entry.

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 - ii. Visor-type face shields shall not be allowed.
 - iii. Face shields and masks should be worn together at all times.
 - iv. No face shields, no entry
 - c) Physical distancing and Installation of Physical Barrier
 - i. Physical distancing based on existing or prevailing guidelines as to minimum distance shall be observed at all times. This must be practiced in combination with the wearing of masks and face shields.
 - ii. A MAXIMUM of THREE (3) persons are allowed INSIDE THE RING/RUWEDA, and four (4) owners and one (1) handler for each owner outside the ring.
 - iii. Installation of Physical Barrier within the cockpit to maintain the observance of physical distancing.
 - d) Temperature Check
 - i. Temperature check shall be mandatory prior to entry.
 - ii. Persons with fever, or with COVID-19 symptoms shall not be allowed entry.
 - e) Disinfection
 - i. Frequent hand washing with soap and water or the application of alcohol-based disinfectants shall be mandatory.
 - ii. Foot and wheels bath sanitation shall also be mandatory prior to entry.
 - iii. Regular sanitation of facility shall be conducted before and after every event.
 - f) The management shall provide specific/separate area for each entries/team/owners.
2. The following disinfecting/washing resources, supplies/materials should be made available to employees and clients/ visitors:
- a) Hand washing stations, and
 - b) Soap and sanitations.
3. Display of signages/visual cues and reminders to practice proper hand washing, and other hygiene behaviours among employees is mandatory. These include:
- a) Hand washing with soap and water, or use of hand disinfectants with alcohol-based sanitizers specifically, but not limited to, the following instances;
 - i. Before and after handling food or eating;
 - ii. After using the bathroom;
 - iii. Before and after taking off their face mask and/or face shields;
 - iv. After touching frequently-touched surfaces and objects (e.g. stair railings, elevator controls, door knobs); and
 - v. Before and after touching their face.
 - b) Discouraging sharing of personal items or utensils to prevent possible transmission.
4. Adequate ventilation should be enforced.

- a) Natural air flow exchange (opening windows, opening doors, turning off air conditioning units to reduce air recirculation) is highly encouraged.
 - b) If possible, the installation of exhaust fans, installation of air filtration devices with high-efficiency particulate Air (HEPA) filters or the recalibration of building heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems should be explored.
5. Shouting of bets is prohibited. Cashless betting via e-wallet, mobile phones and tablets are highly encouraged.
 6. No live streaming devices shall be allowed inside the arena. In person audience, online or remote betting, and the live broadcasting/telecasting of cockfighting are prohibited.
 7. Other issued guidelines on the operation of workplaces to manage the impact of COVID-19 must also be complied with.


Section 3. Enforcement and Monitoring. The City Police shall be responsible in the enforcement of this Order and the City IMT shall be responsible in the monitoring of the re-opening of cockpits, focused mainly on no-live streaming, and public exhibition of cockfights.

Section 4. Sanctions. Failure to comply with this Order shall result to the automatic closure of cockpits, and the officials and employees shall be dealt with in accordance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All E.O.s and other issuances contrary to this Order are hereby amended or repealed.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 25th of November, 2020, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon.


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Acting City Mayor