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**ORDINANCE NO. 8594**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FRANCHISE TO UNITED ASSOCIATION OF COCKPIT OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INCORPORATED, TO BROADCAST LIVE AND DATA STREAMED COCKFIGHTING ACTIVITIES AND DERBIES AT COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN OFF-SITE COCKPIT BETTING STATION WITHIN THE CITY OF MANILA**

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President Pro-Tempore and Acting Presiding Officer

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and

**HON. JOEL R. CHUA**  
Majority Floor Leader

## **PREAMBLE**

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

WHEREAS, the UNITED ASSOCIATION OF COCKPIT OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. (UACOOP) is a duly registered association here in the Philippines; which caters to the needs of owners, operators and promoters of cockfighting aficionados;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Games and Amusement Board (GAB) continuing regulatory powers over all aspects of cockfighting as provided in P.D. No. 1802 (Creating the Philippine Gamefowl Commission), in relation to E.O. No. 149 (Streamlining the Office of the President). That were devolved to the LGU's through Sec. 447 (a) (3) (v) of R.A. No. 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991), it granted UACOOP authority to take video live coverage of cockfights and live stream the same, subject to the terms and conditions stated therein;

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

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the application of UACOOP, the City of Manila hereby grants franchise for the live streaming, broadcasting or other forms of transmission of cockpits, and any and all betting on cockfighting through the telephone, internet and other electronic machines/means such as short messaging, mobile and desktop applications and similar platforms and collect fees for such purpose in commercial establishments within the City of Manila: **NOW, THEREFORE,**

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, **THAT:**

**SECTION 1. Nature, Scope, Grant of Franchise.** – Subject to the provisions of applicable laws, rules and regulations, a franchise to broadcast live and data stream cockfighting activities and derbies at commercial establishment such as bars, club, restaurant and the likes, within the City of Manila is hereby granted to United Association of Cockpit Owners and Operators of the Philippines, Incorporated, provided that the cockfighting subject to broadcast shall only be done in a licensed cockpit, unless otherwise allowed in some other area, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 449.

The Commercial establishments where the grantee intends to broadcast and live stream cockfighting activities and to establish, operate and maintain off-site cockpit betting stations, shall be located and operated only within appropriated areas as prescribed by zoning laws and applicable ordinances. No establishment shall be operated and maintained within the radius of two hundred (200) lineal meters from any existing school buildings, churches and public buildings.

**SEC. 2. Declaration of Franchise.** – Unless sooner revoked or cancelled, this franchise shall be valid for a period of fifteen (15) years commencing from the effectivity of this Ordinance with the option on the part of the Grantee to renew the same for a similar period and subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

**SEC. 3. Authority of the Office of the Mayor.** – The Grantee shall apply and secure the required business permit to operate from the Office of the Mayor and the latter shall have authority to require compliance of all existing laws, ordinances, rules and regulations similarly imposed to all business establishments and impose conditions thereto as are expressly or impliedly necessary for the protection of the welfare and safety of all persons going or transacting in said commercial establishments.

**SEC. 4. Prohibition of Sale, Lease, Usufruct and Transfer of Franchise.** – This franchise is non-transferable in character. As such, the Grantee shall not sell, assign, lease, grant the usufruct of or transfer this franchise, including rights and privileges acquired thereunder to any person, natural or juridical, firm or other entities, nor merge with any corporation or individual without prior notice and approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

**SEC. 5. Mandatory Payment of Taxes and Fees Provisions.** – The Grantee shall be liable to pay all taxes and other fees prescribed by the City of Manila. The assessment shall be without prejudice to the subsequent impositions as may be adopted or hereafter may be required by law or ordinance. Failure on the part of the grantee to promptly and regularly comply with said tax obligations shall be a ground for the automatic revocation or cancellation of this franchise.

**SEC. 6. Other Gambling Activities.** – All gambling games of any kind shall at any time be hereby prohibited at the premises of the off-site business operation. The managers or lessee/s of such off-site business and the violators of this provision shall be prosecuted and held criminally liable under the provisions of existing laws.

**SEC. 7. Prohibition against Minors.** – No person less than twenty-one (21) years of age shall be allowed inside the premises of offsite cockpit betting stations at any time. The operator, manager or licensee shall be responsible for strict compliance with these rules and any violation thereof is punishable by suspension or cancellation of this franchise without prejudice to criminal prosecution under existing ordinance or laws.

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

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

**SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** – All ordinances not consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.


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

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on December 12, 2019.

PRESIDED BY:

  
**ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.**  
President Pro-Tempore and  
Acting Presiding Officer  
City Council, Manila


ATTESTED

  
**LUGH R. GEMPIS, JR.**  
City Government Department Head III  
(Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON DEC 13 2019

  
**FRANCISCO "Isko Moreno" DOMAGOSO**  
Mayor  
City of Manila

ATTESTED:

  
**BERNARDINO C. ANG**  
City Government Department Head III  
(Secretary to the Mayor)

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