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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-20

“MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE PROHIBITING GAMBLING AND OTHER ILLEGAL GAMING ACTIVITIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUSTOS, BULACAN, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.”

Motioned by:

Honorable Wilfredo G. Canoza

Chairman

Committee on Peace and Order

WHEREAS, gambling and illegal gaming activities have been identified as a major social issue that undermines the moral values of individuals, leading to an increase in vices, poverty, and crime within communities;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the local government to safeguard the welfare of its citizens by promoting honorable work, perseverance, and financial responsibility, and to create a healthy and secure environment free from the negative influences of gambling;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Bustos, Bulacan recognizes the importance of maintaining public order and discipline, in accordance with national laws such as Presidential Decree No. 1602 and Republic Act No. 9287, which impose stricter penalties for illegal gambling and gaming activities, thereby ensuring the protection of the community's moral and social well-being.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, IN A SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

Section 1. Title. — This ordinance shall be known as the “ANTI-GAMBLING AND ILLEGAL GAMING ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUSTOS, BULACAN.”

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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
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Section 2. Purpose. — The purpose of this municipal ordinance is to prohibit gambling and all illegal gaming activities in the Municipality of Bustos as such activities conflict with the moral well-being of the people in the community. These activities greatly influence individuals to disregard the value of honorable work, perseverance, and the spirit of saving.

Section 3. Legal Basis. — This ordinance is aligned with the following:

- Presidential Decree No. 1602: "Prescribing Penalties for Illegal Gambling";
- Executive Order No. 13: "Strengthening the Fight Against Illegal Gambling and Clarifying the Jurisdiction and Authority of Concerned Agencies for the Licensing of Gambling and Online Gaming Facilities";
- Republic Act No. 9287: "An Act Increasing the Penalties for Illegal Numbers Games, Amending Certain Provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1602";
- All other relevant national laws, regulations, and memorandum orders related to illegal gambling and gaming.

Section 4. Definitions. — For purposes of this Ordinance the following words and/or phrases shall mean:

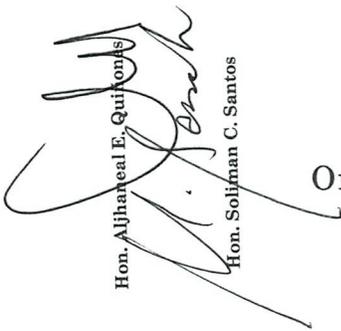
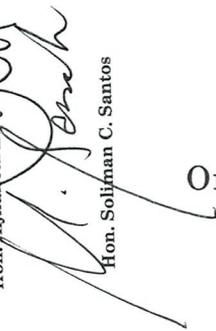
1. Card Games – Gambling games using playing cards, including but not limited to blackjack, lucky nine, pusoy, pusoy dos, Russian poker, tong-its, monte, and baccarat.
2. Jueteng – A numbers game where participants bet on numbers ranging from one (1) to thirty-eight (38).
3. Bookies – An illegal betting system where the collector does not submit bets to authorized government betting systems.
4. Cara y Cruz – A coin-flip gambling game where participants bet on the outcome of a coin toss, either cara (heads) or cruz (tails).
5. Pinball – A gambling game involving a pinball machine and betting elements.
6. Mah-jong – A tile-based gambling game involving symbols and numbers.
7. High and Low – A gambling game where players bet on possible outcomes or match results between two sides or levels of an event.

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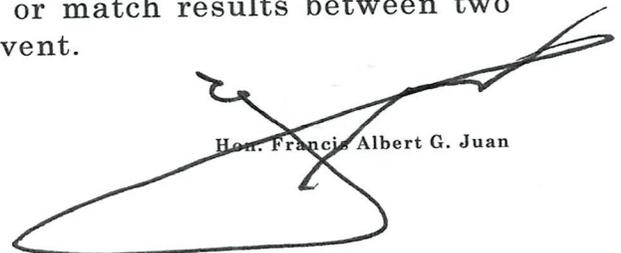
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8. Slot Machine – A gambling machine where players insert money and pull levers or push buttons to spin symbols on a display.
9. Point Shaving – A form of game manipulation, particularly in sports, where a player or team deliberately underperforms to influence the outcome in favor of the opposing team.
10. Tupada – is an illegal, often clandestine cockfighting event held without proper authorization or licensing.

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Section 5. General Prohibition on Gambling. — It shall be unlawful for any person to directly or indirectly participate in any game scheme or activity involving betting money or any valuable item where the outcome depends on luck or chance, skill, or a combination of both.

It is likewise unlawful for any person to allow, permit or consent to any form of gambling herein prohibited to be staged, conducted, or happened on his or any part of his house, residence, premises, property, vehicle.

Section 6. Prohibited Activities. — The following gambling and illegal gaming activities are prohibited:

- a. Card games
- b. Jueteng
- c. Bookies for jai-alai or horse races
- d. Other lotteries without government authorization
- e. Cara y Cruz or Pompiang
- f. Pinball and similar games
- g. Mah-jong
- h. High and low betting
- i. Slot machines and other mechanical devices
- j. Point shaving and other forms of game manipulation
- k. Percentage games
- l. Tupada
- m. Sports betting
- n. Any game of chance or skill without government-issued permits.

Section 7. Exemptions. — In accordance with existing laws, gambling shall be allowed if it has a franchise from the national government or an authorized permit or license from the agency empowered by law.

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Any fund-raising activity may be allowed provided that the proponent or the person responsible thereof has permit from the Municipal Socoal Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) or Mayor's Office. Provided, further, that the activity and the proponent thereof complied with other laws, rules and regulations.

Section 8. Penalties. — Without prejudice to the penalties imposed by other laws, any person or entity violating any provisions of this ordinance in the jurisdiction of Bustos, Bulacan, shall be penalized as follows:

- a. First Offense: Php 1,000 fine;
- b. Second Offense: ₱1,500 fine;
- c. Third and Subsequent Offenses: ₱2,500 fine;
- d. For government employees or officials, a fine of ₱2,500 shall be imposed, with possible administrative cases;
- e. For business establishments and for individuals allowing, permitting or consenting to any form of gambling herein prohibited to be staged, conducted, or happened on his or any part of his house, residence, premises, property, vehicle, the maximum fine of ₱2,500 shall be imposed.

Section 9. Payment of Fines. — Fines shall be paid at the Municipal Treasurer's Office based on the citation ticket issued by the police.

Section 10. Voluntary payment of fines with community service. — Any person caught violating this Ordinance may opt to voluntarily pay the fine provided in this Ordinance. In such case, the said person may no longer be prosecuted under this Ordinance. However, in such case the said person opted to voluntarily pay fines instead of undergoing prosecution, the said person must undergo voluntary community service, which shall be supervised by the Philippine National Police – Bustos Police Station, in accordance with the following:

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| a. First Offense: | 5-day | community service; |
| b. Second Offense: | 10-day | community service; |
| c. Third and Subsequent Offenses: | 15-day | community service. |

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Section 11. Community Awareness Program. — The local government shall implement a continuous awareness campaign on the negative effects of gambling and illegal gaming activities. This shall include:

- Conducting seminars and workshops in schools and barangays to promote responsible behavior and financial literacy.
- Partnering with non-government organizations (NGOs) and religious groups to strengthen moral values and ethical standards.

Section 11. Rehabilitation and Support Programs. — A rehabilitation program shall be established for individuals addicted to gambling. This shall include:

- Counseling services to address gambling addiction.
- Skills training and livelihood programs for individuals involved in illegal gambling activities to help them pursue legitimate sources of income.

Section 12. Enforcement and Monitoring. — The local police, in coordination with the barangay officials and concerned national agencies, shall strictly enforce this ordinance. A monitoring committee shall be established to regularly report on the implementation and effectiveness of this ordinance, including identifying areas prone to illegal gambling activities.

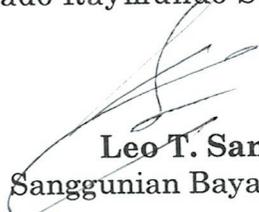
Section 13. Separability clause. — If, for any reason any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 14. Repealing clause. — All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, whose provisions conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed, amended, and modified accordingly.

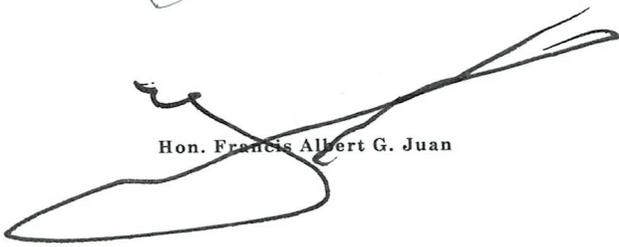
Section 15. Effectivity clause. — This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after approval.

ENACTED, 14th of October, 2024 at at the Amado Raymundo Session Hall.


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Sanggunian Bayan Member


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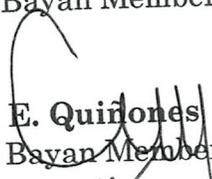
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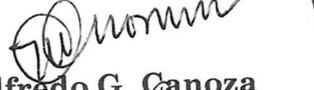
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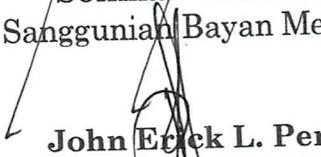

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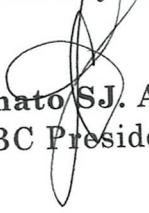

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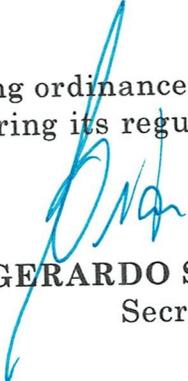

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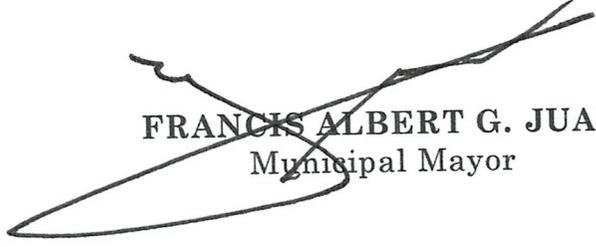
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CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its regular session held on 14th of October, 2024.

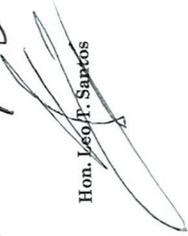

ATTY. GERARDO S. BRIASA
Secretary

Attested:

Signed today, 26 of November 2024


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Municipal Mayor


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