



# Sangguniang Panlalawigan

BATAAN CAPITOL, BALANGA CITY



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF BATAAN HELD AT THE  
PROVINCE OF BATAAN ON MAY 20, 2020

PRESENT:

Hon. Ma. Cristina M. Garcia, Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

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Hon. Benjamin C. Serrano, Jr., Board Member  
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Hon. Romano L. Del Rosario, Board Member  
  
Hon. Doroteo M. Austria, Board Member (FABC President)  
Hon. Noel Joseph L. Valdecañas, Board Member (PCL President)  
Hon. Precious D. Manuel, Board Member (SKF President)  
Hon. Rosita N. Sison, Board Member (IPM Representative)

ABSENT:

None

**ORDINANCE NO. 06**  
**Series of 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY FORM OF GAMBLING IN THE PROVINCE  
OF BATAAN DURING THE PERIOD OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE THEREIN  
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.**

**Sponsored by: HON. ROMANO L. DEL ROSARIO**

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 (General Welfare clause) states that every Local Government Unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessary implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

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**WHEREAS**, Section 468 (a)(1)(v) of the same Code states that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan may enact ordinances to prevent, suppress, and impose appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness, in public places, vagrancy, mendicancy, prostitution, establishment and maintenance of houses of ill-repute, gambling and other prohibited games of chance, fraudulent devices and ways to obtain money or property, drug addiction, maintenance of drug dens, drug pushing, juvenile delinquency, the printing, distribution or exhibition of obscene or pornographic materials or publications, and other activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the province;

**WHEREAS**, Bataan is declared to be under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine showing the seriousness of the effects of COVID-19 pandemic unto the Province;

**WHEREAS**, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and the growing concern over the fast spreading virus, the Provincial Government of Bataan deems it necessary to implement strict social distancing measures and promote health practices in line with the community quarantine being enforced in the Province;

**WHEREAS**, there are reports that have reached the pertinent offices of the Provincial Government of Bataan about persistent illegal gambling practices in some parts of the province which not only defy social distancing rules, but also bring harmful effects to gamblers, consumers and their community, and pose serious medical risks during this period of community quarantine;

**WHEREAS**, gambling practices usually result into addiction that destroy relationships and family, cause disruption of public order, and could also affect minors by associating, harming or exposing them to such vices;

**WHEREAS**, participation in any gambling activities encourages close contact among people thereby defeating the purpose of community quarantine and putting the population at risk of wide-spread local transmission of the virus;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the general welfare of the residents and to lessen the tendency of the people to gather in groups especially during the period of COVID-19 pandemic, thereby strengthening the community quarantine drive of the government, it is imperative upon the Provincial Government of Bataan to prohibit all forms of gambling and impose charges and penalties on such acts.

**WHEREAS**, the prohibition of gambling activities in the Province of Bataan will also contribute to the peace and order, health and safety of the people during the COVID-19 pandemic;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Bataan, in session assembled, THAT:

Section 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be entitled "Anti-Gambling Ordinance During Community Quarantine in Relation to the COVID-19-Pandemic"

Section 2. PROHIBITION. The following acts are prohibited:

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1. Play, participate, operate, maintain, sponsor or conduct - directly or indirectly, any form of gambling or game of chance, including but not limited to "monte", "tong-it", or similar card games, "tupada" (illegal cockfight), "masiao", "cara y cruz", "mahjong" or any other form of lottery, policy, banking, or percentage game, animal races or fights, or any other game of scheme the result of which depends wholly or chiefly upon chance where wagers consisting of money, articles of value or representative of value are made, or in the exploitation or use of any mechanical invention or contrivance to determine by chance the loser or winner of money or any object or representative of value.
2. No person shall possess any ticket, paper, or matter containing letters, figures, signs or symbols of any form of gambling and similar games prohibited herein, nor possess cards, chips and other gambling paraphernalia, which have been used or about to be used, in any illegal gambling included in this Ordinance.

Section 3. PENALTY. - Any person or entity found violating any act provided in Section 2 hereof shall be liable to the payment of a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) and/or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court without prejudice to the imposition of higher penalties under the provision of existing laws.

Section 4. APPLICABILITY CLAUSE. - All other matters pertaining to illegal gambling not herein specified shall be covered by the provisions of existing laws, rules and regulations.


Section 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All local ordinances or resolutions which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid with law or the Constitution, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 7. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon compliance with the posting requirements of the law and shall remain effective during the period of any community quarantine in the Province.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

  
SEVERINO P. SALAZAR  
Secretary to the SP

  
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Provincial Governor

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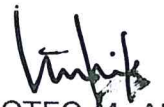
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