ORDINANCE NO. 94-031

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SIMPLER AND STIFTER PENALTIES FOR PARTICIPATIONS OR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ILLEGAL NUMBERS GAME OF JUETENG:

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

SECTION 1. - TITLE. -This ordinance shall be known as “The Ordinance providing for simpler and stiffer penalties for participation or involvement in the illegal numbers game of jueteng”.

SECTION 2. - SCOPE. - This ordinance shall cover the violations herein defined within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Naga.

SECTION 3. - PURPOSE. - To repress the evils which undermines the social, moral and economic growth of our society, it becomes necessary, considering the lessons of the past and prevailing circumstances, to meet the demands of deterrence with a simpler and stiffer scheme of penalties for the commission of the prohibited numbers game.

SECTION 4. - VIOLATION AND PENALTIES. - a) Any person who shall take part in the game of jueteng as bettor shall be penalized both with imprisonment of two (2) months and a fine of Two Thousand (P 2,000.00) Pesos.

b) The penalty of imprisonment for a period of one (1) year a fine of Five Thousand (P 5,000.00) Pesos shall be imposed upon any person who, knowingly and without lawful purpose in any hour of any day, shall have in his/her possession any lottery list, paper, or other matter containing letters, figures, signs or symbols which pertain to or in any manner used in the game of jueteng.

The penalties provided herein shall be served simultaneously with and the fines inclusive of those provided by existing laws of national applications; and, nothing in this section shall be construed as in any manner lessening penalties and/or fines provided by said laws.

SECTION 5. - SPEEDY TRIAL. - With all due regard to the requirements of due process, violations of this ordinance shall be speedily investigated and subject to Summary Proceedings and/or continuous trial in order to achieve its purpose.

SECTION 6. - IDENTITity OF OFFENDER - It is hereby imposed a duty of the apprehending and/or investigating officer/s to exercise utmost diligence to ascertain the true identity and other personal circumstances of the offender.

SECTION 7. - INCENTIVES. - A systems of incentives is hereby provided to assure effective enforcement:
a) Any person, including but not limited to members of the Barangays Tanod Brigade, who shall aid, provide information or tip the authorities leading to the apprehension of person/s referred to in SECTION 4 hereof shall receive the cash equivalent of thirty percent (30%) of the fine imposed thereon;

b) Officers and members of the Philippines National Police who shall directly involved in any apprehension is carried out with utmost prudence and care to respect the human rights of those arrested or apprehended, shall likewise receive the cash equivalent of thirty percent (30%) of the fine imposed thereon and a special citation or commendation therefore.

SECTION 8. - TRUST FUND. - Any and all sums of money which shall accrue to the city government by reasons of this ordinance whether as fines or confiscated bets or winnings shall be placed in a trust fund which shall be devoted solely for livelihood projects designed to alleviate the conditions of the poor in the City which is reported to be the root cause of the illegal numbers game.

SECTION 9. - REPLACING CLAUSE. - Any ordinance or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. - EFFECTIVITY - this ordinance shall take upon its approval and publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.


WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance

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