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Province of Cagayan
TUGUEGARAO CITY

TENTH CITY COUNCIL

Submitted by:

COMMITTEE ON GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT AND AMUSEMENT

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 05-10-2026

PRESENT:

HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA	-	Chairperson
HON. JUDE T. BAYONA	-	Vice Chairperson
HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY	-	Member

RESOURCE PERSONS:

MR. JOEL C. BARIUAN	-	OIC BPLO Head
MR. FERNANDO CALABARAZON III	-	CLGOO-DILG
PLPT. NARCISO MALANA	-	PNP
ATTY RODERICK IQUIN	-	Legal Officer
MR. SUNNY MANALANG	-	City Treasury Office Rep.
ATTY. ED VENTOLERO	-	Vargas Sports Coliseum Representative
MS. VICIE MALLILLIN	-	Vargas Sports Coliseum Representative

FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The committee met and deliberated on the referral:

SUBJECT:

Indorsement of the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que, on the request of Mr. John Vargas Esquillo for the holding of special cockfights at the Vargas Sports Coliseum for the month of March and April 2026.

FINDINGS:

1. Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que formally endorsed to the Tenth City Council the request of Mr. John Vargas Esquillo for the conduct of special cockfights at the Vargas Sports Coliseum during the months of March and April 2026.

2. Section 10, Paragraph (D) of City Ordinance No. 32-08-2019 provides that the City Mayor is authorized to issue permits for the conduct of special cockfights, cock or stag derbies, including cockfights via satellite, participated in by cockers and breeders through invitation, upon application duly approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod through a resolution issued at least thirty (30) working days prior to the scheduled playdate. The said ordinance further mandates that the authority to conduct special cockfights or derbies, as well as barangay-sponsored cockfights, shall at all times be covered by both a Resolution of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and a corresponding Mayor's Permit.

3. During the meeting, the representative of Vargas Sports Coliseum presented to the Committee a copy of the Secretary's Certificate authorizing Atty. Ed Armand T. Ventolero to appear and represent the corporation during the Committee Hearing.

4. Section 4, Letter (f) of Presidential Decree No. 449 expressly provides that no form of gambling whatsoever shall be allowed within the premises of the cockpit or at any place where cockfighting is being conducted during cockfights.

5. The representative of the Vargas Sports Coliseum manifested that the beneficiaries will be provided with amounts ranging from ₱5,000 to ₱10,000, taking into consideration that some identified beneficiaries were unable to receive their share due to unapproved special derbies. Accordingly, adjustments are being made to ensure that identified beneficiaries also receive the intended assistance. The beneficiaries and their corresponding dates for this request are as follows:
   a. March 3, 2026 – Ms. Jaschia Cyrene S. Calayan, 22 years old, from Linao Norte, diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia.
   b. March 10, 2026 – Mr. Francisco P. Mallillin, 32 years old, from Pallua Norte, diagnosed with Chronic Hyperthyroidism.
   c. March 17, 2026 – Mr. Victor Tumanguil, 50 years old, from Linao Norte, diagnosedwith End-Stage Chronic Kidney Disease.
   d. March 24, 2026 – Mr. Jeoffrey Battung, from San Gabriel, diagnosed with Liver Cirrhosis.
   e. March 31, 2026 – Ms. Maida Baccay, 43 years old, from Libag Norte, diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia
   f. April 7, 2026 – Ms. Richie Bariuan, 40 years old, from Atulayan Norte, diagnosed with Cardiac Arrest.
   g. April 14, 2026 – Mr. Rufo Decena, 45 years old, from Annafunan West, diagnosed with Chronic Kidney Disease.
   h. April 21, 2026 – Mr. Carlito Nascarenas, 42 years old, from Annafunan East, diagnosed with Chronic Kidney Disease.
   i. April 28, 2026 – Mr. Sherwin Bariuan, from Annafunan East, who was admitted to the ICU.

6. For purposes of proper monitoring and future reference, the Committee reiterated its directive requiring the Vargas Sports Coliseum to consistently submit an Income Statement Report, a Documentation Report on the extension of support, the corresponding Acknowledgement Receipt, and a copy of the secured Special Permit from the Office of the City Mayor for each special cockfight event conducted.

7. The Committee reminded the Vargas Sports Coliseum that prior to the conduct of regular and approved special cockfights, it must first ensure the renewal of its business permits.

8. The Committee recommends the approval of the requested schedules for the conduct of special cockfights on March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026 and April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2026 as these dates are found to be in compliance with Section 10 Paragraph D of the City Ordinance No. 32-08-2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

After thorough deliberation and upon finding the request to be in compliance with City Ordinance No. 32-08-2019, which governs the conduct of special cockfights, the Committee hereby recommends the approval of the request of Mr. John Vargas Esquillo for the holding of special cockfights at the Vargas Sports Coliseum on March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026 and April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2026.

The approval is further conditioned upon operating only until 12:00 midnight, and any failure to secure the required Special Permit from the Office of the City Mayor for the conduct of said special cockfights shall constitute sufficient ground for the recall of the resolution approving the same

Respectfully Submitted:

HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA
Chairperson

HON. JUDE T. BAYONA
Vice Chairperson

HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY

DRAFT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST OF VARGAS SPORTS COLISEUM TO HOLD SPECIAL COCKFIGHTS ON MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24 31, 2026 AND APRIL 7, 14, 21 AND 28, 2026

WHEREAS, the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que formally endorsed to the Tenth City Council the request of Mr. John Vargas Esquillo for the conduct of special cockfights at the Vargas Sports Coliseum during the months of March and April 2026;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10 Paragraph D of the City Ordinance No. 32-08-2019 states that the City Mayor may issue permits for special cockfights, cock or stag derbies including cockfights via satellite participated in by cockers and breeders through invitations upon application duly approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod through resolution 30-working days before the scheduled playdate. The said ordinance further mandates that the authority to conduct special cockfights or derbies, as well as barangay-sponsored cockfights, shall at all times be covered by both a Resolution of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and a corresponding Mayor's Permit;

WHEREAS, the approval is further conditioned upon operating only until 12:00 midnight, and the conduct of special cockfights must strictly comply with City Ordinance No. 32-08-2019, moreover, the failure of Vargas Sports Coliseum to secure a special permit from the Office of the City Mayor for the conduct of special cockfights shall be grounds for the recall of the resolution approving such activities;

WHEREAS, the representative of the Vargas Sports Coliseum manifested that the beneficiaries will be provided with amounts ranging from ₱5,000 to ₱10,000, taking into consideration that some identified beneficiaries were unable to receive their share due to unapproved special derbies. Accordingly, adjustments are being made to ensure that identified beneficiaries also receive the intended assistance. The beneficiaries and their corresponding dates for this request are as follows:

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WHEREAS, after the discussion of the said request, the committee approved the following scheduled play dates:

March 3,
March 10,
March 17,
March 24 and
March 31, 2026

April 7,
April 14,
April 21, and
April 28, 2026

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Committee Report No. 05-10-2026 of Committee on Games, Amusement and Entertainment recommends the approval for the conduct of special derbies on March

3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026 and April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2026 only was duly adopted during the 27th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panglungsod held on January 13, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE, as it is hereby, **RESOLVED**, to approve the request of Vargas Sports Coliseum to hold special cockfights on March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026 and April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2026 only.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this resolution to Vargas Sports Coliseum for information.