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Province of Cagayan
TUGUEGARAO CITY

NINTH CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 195-2024

July 12, 2024

Submitted by:

**COMMITTEE ON GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT AND AMUSEMENT (LEAD)
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS AND ETHICS**

PRESENT:

- HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA** - Chairperson (Games)
- HON. JUDE T. BAYONA** - Chairperson (Appropriations)
- Vice Chairperson (Games & Rules)
- HON. MARIA ROSARIO B. SORIANO** - Vice Chairperson (Appropriations)
- Member (Games & Rules) (via zoom)
- HON. ARNEL T. ARUGAY** - Member (Games, Rules & Appropriations)
- HON. GRACE B. ARAGO** - Member (Games & Rules)
- HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY** - Chairperson (Rules)
- Member (Appropriations)
- HON. IMOGEN CLAIRE M. CALLANGAN** - Member (Appropriations)

RESOURCE PERSONS:

- MR. BUENAVENTURA F. LAGUNDI** - Head, City Treasury Office
- MR. JOEL C. BARIUAN** - Head, BPLO
- ATTY. VANESSA HERRERO-VERBO** - City Legal Officer
- MR. FERNANDO T. CALABAZARON III** - CLGO Officer (via zoom)
- PMAJ. MAGNO T. CATUBAG** - Representative, PNP - Tuguegarao City (via zoom)
- ATTY. GLENN M. MACABABBAD** - Legal Counsel, Dupaya Recreation Center

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 letter-application of the Owner of the Dupaya Recreation Center, Ms. Elizabeth G. Dupaya, for computerized betting scheme to be undertaken during scheduled derbies.

Adopted during the 107th RS - 7/16/2024

FINDINGS:

1. The City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que, indorsed to the Ninth City Council on the letter-application of the Owner of the Dupaya Recreation Center, Ms. Elizabeth G. Dupaya, for computerized betting scheme to be undertaken during scheduled derbies.
2. The City Local Government Operations Officer, Mr. Fernando T. Calabazon III, pointed out the Executive Order (EO) No. 09, signed by the President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. that all e-sabong operations including the auxiliary e-sabong operations shall continue to be suspended nationwide and has not yet lifted.
3. During the discussion, City Legal Officer, Atty. Vanessa Herrero-Verbo, together with Hon. Jude T. Bayona elaborated on the difference between e-sabong and computerized betting schemes.
4. The eSabong is defined as the online/remote or off-site wagering/betting on live cockfighting matches, events, and/or activities streamed or broadcasted live from cockpit arena/s licensed or authorized by the Local Government Units having jurisdiction thereof while;
5. The usage of a computerized betting scheme is defined as placing bets inside the cockfighting arena only using computerized betting scheme to make ease during their events, activities and matches, which are not streamed online.
6. City Treasurer, Mr. Buenaventura F. Lagundi, manifested that the Regional Trial Court Branch 03, declared Section 14 of the City Ordinance No, 08-2005 in so far as it imposes amusement taxes on admission fees is declared null and void.
7. There is a need to amend the Local Revenue Code and the existing Cockfighting Ordinance to impose the correct collection of fees.
8. Based on the explanations and presentations, the use of computerized betting machines is to simply facilitate operations towards digitalization and automation and to regulate properly on the matter.
9. Computerized betting scheme is now being used in nearby municipalities, and there's nothing illegal or prohibited by law.

RECOMMENDATION:

After a thorough discussion without any objection from the august body present during the deliberation, the joint committees favourably recommend the amendment of City Ordinance No. 07-2011, which is the City Local Revenue Code and City Ordinance No. 32-08-2019, which is the Revised Cockfighting Ordinance, to impose the correct collection of fees for the computerized betting scheme before the approval of the herein request.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Chairperson, Committee on Games, Amusement and Entertainment

HON. JUDE T. BAYONA

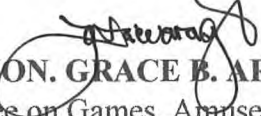
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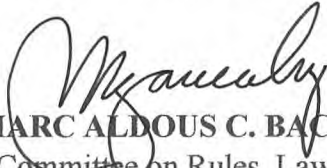
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RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE AMENDMENT OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 07-2011, “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE REVENUE CODE OF TUGUEGARAO CITY” AND CITY ORDINANCE NO. 32-08-2019, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 08-2005, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TUGUEGARAO CITY REVISED COCKFIGHTING ORDINANCE OF 2005” TO IMPOSE THE CORRECT COLLECTION OF FEES FOR THE COMPUTERIZED BETTING SCHEME.

WHEREAS, the usage of a computerized betting scheme is defined as placing bets inside the cockfighting arena only using computerized betting scheme to make ease during their events, activities and matches, which are not streamed online;

WHEREAS, based on the explanations and presentations, the use of computerized betting machines is to simply facilitate operations towards digitalization and automation and to regulate properly on the matter;

WHEREAS, computerized betting scheme is now being used in nearby municipalities, and there’s nothing illegal or prohibited by law;

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the Local Revenue Code and the existing Cockfighting Ordinance to impose the correct collection of fees.

NOW, THEREFORE RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to amend City Ordinance No. 07-2011, “An Ordinance Enacting the Revenue Code of Tuguegarao City” and City Ordinance No. 32-08-2019, “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 08-2005, otherwise known as the Tuguegarao City Revised Cockfighting Ordinance of 2005” to impose the correct collection of fees for the Computerized Betting Scheme.