

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cagayan
TUGUEGARAO CITY

TENTH CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

September 12, 2025

Submitted by:

COMMITTEE ON GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT AND AMUSEMENT

PRESENT:

HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA	- Chairperson
HON. JUDE T. BAYONA	- Vice Chairperson
HON. DENNIS RYAN G. AVILA	- Member
HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY	- Member
HON. RONALDO S. ORTIZ	- Member

RESOURCE PERSONS:

ATTY. GEROME PAGALILAUAN	- City Legal Office Representative
MR. JOEL C. BARIUAN	- BPLO Representative
MS. EVELYN CANAPI	- City Treasury Representative
ATTY. ED ARMAND VENTOLERO	- Vargas Sports Coliseum Representative
VICIE MALLILLIN	- Vargas Sports Coliseum Representative

FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The committee met and deliberated on the referral:

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 32-10-2025

SUBJECT:

Indorsement of the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que, on the letter request of Mr. John Vargas-Esquillo relative to the holding of special cockfights on various dates for the month of October, November and December for information and appropriate action.

FINDINGS:

1. Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que indorsed to the Tenth City Council the request of Mr. John Vargas-Esquillo relative to the holding of special cockfights on various dates for the month of October, November and December for information and appropriate action.
2. 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 and the City Ordinance also states that the authority to hold special cockfights or derbies and Barangay sponsored cockfights should always be covered by a Resolution of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the Mayor's Permit.

3. Section 4, Letter F of the Presidential Decree 449 states that no gambling of any kind shall be permitted on the premises of the cockpit or place of cockfighting during cockfights.
4. Section 3, Letter C of the Presidential Decree 449 states to remove and prevent excessive and unreasonable business operation and profit considerations in the management of cockpits and, instead preserve Philippine customs and traditions and thereby enhance our national identity.
5. Since the New Dupaya Cockpit Stadium also requested two days per week special cockfight, the committee members agreed to limit and only approve one day per week to each cockpit operator to prevent excessive cockfighting operation in the city.
6. Since the committee members agreed to limit and only approve one day per week, the committee requested for their final dates based from their original request through a letter and the following are as follows with the purpose of providing cash support to the beneficiaries for the following mentioned dates below:
 - a. **November 7, 2025**- Mr. Richie Bariuan, 40 years old stroke patient from Atulayan Norte, Tuguegarao City.
 - b. **November 11, 2025**- Ms. Alaysa P. Hipolito, 10 years old patient from Core Shelter Annafunan East, Tuguegarao City, diagnosed with Acute Lymicitic Leukemia.
 - c. **November 18, 2025**- Ms. Raquel Orteza Perez, 53 years old stroke patient from San Gabriel, Tuguegarao City.
 - d. **November 25, 2025**- PWDs of Capatan, Tuguegarao City
 - e. **December 2, 2025**- Mr. Ponciano B. Castillo, 67 years old stroke patient from Cataggaman Nuevo, Tuguegarao City.
 - f. **December 9, 2025**- Mrs. Cecilia G. Turingan, 68 years old patient from Bagay, Tuguegarao City, diagnosed with Breast Cancer.
 - g. **December 16, 2025**- Mr. Carlito M. Mascarenas, 42 years old patient from Annafunan West, Tuguegarao City, diagnosed with Intracerebral Hemorrhage.
 - h. **December 23, 2025**- Mr. John Michael A. Umoquit, 33 years old patient from Pengue Ruyu, Tuguegarao City, diagnosed with Chronic Kidney Disease.
 - i. **December 26, 2025**- Mr. Lucas Padilla, 66 years old patient from Pallua Norte, Tuguegarao City, diagnosed with COPD.
7. The operator manifested also during the meeting and as well as through a formal letter to consider and extend their request to conduct special derbies twice a week until December of the year only.
8. The members of the committee also agreed to request a copy of the following documents that will serve as official record, ensuring transparency and proper documentation of the conduct of the special derbies and the charitable support:
 - a. To submit to the committee a copy of the receipt for the fees paid for the upcoming Special Cockfighting Event, together with the Special Permit issued by the Office of the City Mayor, at least one (1) week before its conduct.
 - b. To submit to the committee the required documents related to the event, including but not limited to the acknowledgement receipt and narrative report with photos of turn-over of support to the beneficiaries.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

After a thorough discussion and finding the request to be advantageous to the Tuguegarao City Government, the committee recommends for the approval of the request of Vargas Sports Coliseum to hold special cockfights on November 7, 11, 18, 25 and December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 26 2025 subject to the strict compliance to City Ordinance No. 32-08-2019 in the conduct of special cockfighting and that their failure to secure special permit from the office of the City Mayor in the conduct of special cockfights shall cause the recall of the resolution approving the conduct of such special cockfights.

Respectfully Submitted:

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HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA

Chairperson



HON. JUDE T. BAYONA

Vice Chairperson



HON. RONALDO S. ORTIZ

Member



HON. DENNIS RYAN G. AVILA

Member



HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY

Member

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DRAFT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST OF VARGAS SPORTS COLISEUM TO HOLD SPECIAL COCKFIGHTS ON NOVEMBER 7, 11, 18, 25 AND DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23 AND 26, 2025

WHEREAS, the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que indorsed to the Tenth City Council the request of Mr. John Vargas-Esquillo relative to the holding of special cockfights at the Vargas Sports Coliseum for information and appropriate action;

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 and the City Ordinance also states that the authority to hold special cockfights or derbies and Barangay sponsored cockfights should always be covered by a Resolution of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the Mayor's Permit;

WHEREAS, the holding of special cockfights must adhere to strict compliance of City Ordinance No. 32-08-2019 and failure of the Vargas Sport Coliseum to secure special permit from the Office of the City Mayor in the conduct of special cockfights shall cause the recall of the resolution approving the conduct of such cockfights;

WHEREAS, Since the committee members agreed to limit and only approve one day per week, the committee requested for their final dates based from their original request through a letter and the following are as follows with the purpose of providing cash support to the beneficiaries for the following mentioned dates below:

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

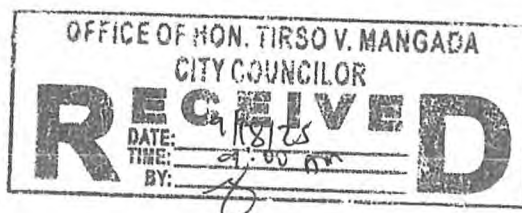
November 7,
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December 16,
December 23, and
December 26, 2025

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Committee Report No. 32-10-2025 of Committee on Games, Amusement and Entertainment recommends the approval for the conduct of special derbies on November 7, 11, 18, 25 and December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 26, 2025 only and was duly adopted during the 12th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panglungsod held on September 23, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE, as it is hereby, **RESOLVED**, to approve the request of Vargas Sports Coliseum to hold special cockfights on November 7, 11, 18, 25 and December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 26, 2025.

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

September 17, 2025



HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA

Chairperson, Committee on Games, Entertainment and Amusement
Sangguniang Panlungsod
Tuguegarao City, Cagayan

Dear Honorable Mangada:

Greetings of Respect and Goodwill.

The undersigned, in behalf of Vargas Sports Coliseum, most respectfully applies for the conduct of **special cockfights** to be held at the Vargas Sports Coliseum on the following dates, to wit: **November 7, 11, 18, and 25 2025, and December 2, 9, 16, 23, and 26, 2025**, in addition to the regular cockfights scheduled every Saturday of the month. This application is being made subject to the payment of the corresponding fees and/or the securing of the necessary permits from the City Government.

This request is being submitted pursuant to, and in faithful compliance with, **City Ordinance No. 08-2005**, otherwise known as the "Tuguegarao City Revised Cockfighting Ordinance of 2005," as amended by **City Ordinance No. 32-08-2019**, and in accordance with the Legislative Franchise granted to the Vargas Sports Coliseum.

During the Committee hearing last September 12, 2025, we agreed that we will only be given one special cockfight per week. However, despite this agreement, may we request for a reconsideration of this earlier agreement as we intend to conduct two special cockfights per week considering that the month of December is already fast approaching when numerous constituents are seeking assistance and support. Granting this request, would enable us to identify more beneficiaries and to extend more help to those in need during the holiday season.

Should the City Government deem it proper, for the next year, we are likewise willing to forego or consolidate the conduct of special cockfights for only once a week provided that the present request for the holiday season be given due consideration.

Thank you very much for your favorable action on this matter.

Very respectfully yours,


JOHN VARGAS-ESQUILLO

September 4, 2025

HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA

Chairman Committee on Games, Entertainment & Amusement

Dear Mayor,

Respectfully submitting our Beneficiaries of our Special Cockfights for the month of November, 2025.

November 4, 2025- Mrs. Maura C. Perido and Mrs. Erlinda Bariuan, both senior citizens from Pengue-Ruyu, Tuguegarao City. (P10,000.00)

November 7, 2025- Mr. Ritchie Bariuan, 40 years old from Atuluyan Norte, Tuguegarao City. He was Stroke patient and needs lifetime medication.

November 11, 2025- Ms. Alaysa P. Hipolito, 10 years old, from Block-C1 Core Shelter Annafunan East. She was diagnosed with Acute Lymicitic Leukemia. (P10,000.00)

November 14, 2025- Mr. Zaldy Gunnacao, 65 years old from Addatu St., Cattaggaman Viejo, Tuguegarao City. He was diagnosed to have Lung Cancer Stage 4. (10,000.00)

November 18, 2025- Ms. Raquel Orteza Perez, 53 years old, from 69 Mayon St. San Gabriel, Tuguegarao City, she was a Stroke patient and bedridden. (10,000.00).

November 21, 2025- Mr. Rolando Pangilinan from Pallua Norte, Tuguegarao City, diagnosed with brain Anuerysm and undergone operation. (10,000.00)

November 25, 2025- PWD'S OF CAPATAN, TUGUEGARAO CITY. (10,000.00)

November 28, 2025- Baby Mark Zian Barcarse from Linao Norte, Tuguegarao City diagnosed with Rheumatic Heart Desease and needs lifetime medication. (10,000.00)

Thank you and God Bless.


JOHN RYAN VARGAS ESQUILLO
Vargas Sports Coliseum

September 4, 2025

HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA

Chairman Committee on Games, Entertainment & Amusement

Dear Mayor,

Respectfully submitting our Beneficiaries of our Special Cockfights for the month of December ,2025.

December 2, 2025- Mr. Ponciano B. Castillo, 67 years old, from Cataggaman Nuevo, Tuguegarao City. He was bed ridden for 3 years and suffering from HIGHBLOOD/ STROKE (P10,000.00)

December 5, 2025- Mrs. April Saquing Innocencio, from Zone 6, Marallag St., Libag Sur, Tuguegarao City. She was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. (10,000.00)

December 9, 2025- Mrs. Cecilia G. Turingan, 68 years old, from Provincial Road bagay, Tuguegarao City. She was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. (P10,000.00)

December 12, 2025- Mr. Rufo M. Decena, 45 years old, from Annafunan West, Tuguegarao City. He was diagnosed to have Chronic Kidney Disease Stage 5. (10,000.00)

December 16, 2025- Mr. Carlito M. Mascarenas 42, years old from # 3g Alan Street, Annafunan West, Tuguegarao City. He was diagnosed to have Intra Cerebral Hemorrhage Right Basal Ganglia, Hypertension (10,000.00)


December 19, 2025- Mrs. Juliana Cabautan 83 years old, senior citizen from Cataggaman Nuevo, Tuguegarao City She was diagnosed to have Heart Failure. (10,000.00)

December 23, 2025- Mr. John Micheal A. Umoquit, 33 years old, from Sunkist Street., Pengue Ruyu, Tuguegarao City. He was diagnosed to have CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE. (10,000.00)

December 26, 2025- Mr. Lucas Padilla 66 years old from Maddela Street, Zone 5, Pallua Norte, Tuguegarao City. He was Diagnosed to have COPD. (10,000.00)

December 30, 2025- Mr. Jeoffrey Battung 38 years old from San Gabriel, Tuguegarao City. He was diagnosed to have LIVER CIRRHOSIS. (10,000.00)

Thank you and God Bless.


JOHN RYAN VARGAS ESQUILLO
Vargas Sports Coliseum