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Province of Cagayan  
**TUGUEGARAO CITY**

**TENTH CITY COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

August 26, 2025

Submitted by:

**COMMITTEE ON GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT AND AMUSEMENT**

**PRESENT:**

<b>HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA</b>	- Chairperson
<b>HON. JUDE T. BAYONA</b>	- Vice Chairperson
<b>HON. DENNIS RYAN G. AVILA</b>	- Member
<b>HON. RONALDO S. ORTIZ</b>	- Member

**RESOURCE PERSONS:**

<b>MR. FERDINAND T. CALABAZARON</b>	- DILG-CLGOO
<b>ATTY. RODERICK S. IQUIN</b>	- Legal Officer
<b>MR. JOEL C. BARIUAN</b>	- BPLO Representative
<b>MS. EVELYN CANAPI</b>	- City Treasury Representative
<b>ATTY. KLAUS MAINE BARLES</b>	- Vargas Sports Coliseum Representative
<b>MS. VICIE MALLILLIN</b>	- Vargas Sports Coliseum Representative

**FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:**

The committee met and deliberated on the referral:

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 47-10-2025**

**SUBJECT:**

Indorsement of the City Administrator, Mr. Juanito A. Calubaquib, on the letter of CEO of Nexus E-Games, Mr. Marlon C. Dayo, requesting for a Letter of No Objection to operate Global Online Cockfighting activities at the Vargas Sports Coliseum for information and appropriate action.

**FINDINGS:**

1. The City Administrator, Mr. Juanito A. Calubaquib indorsed to the Tenth City Council the letter of CEO of Nexus E-Games, Mr. Marlon C. Dayo, requesting for a Letter of No Objection to operate Global Online Cockfighting activities at the Vargas Sports Coliseum for information and appropriate action.
2. Section 1, Executive Order 09 states that all E-Sabong operations, including all auxiliary E-Sabong operations, shall continue to be suspended nationwide. Consistent with the Regulatory

Framework for E-Sabong issued by the PAGCOR, and relevant laws, rules and regulations, any of the following activities related to E-Sabong operations is suspended:

- a. Live-streaming or broadcasting of live cockfights outside cockpits or cockfighting arenas, or premises where cockfights are being held; and/or
  - b. Online/remote or off-cockpit wagering/betting on live cockfighting matches, events, and/or activities streamed or broadcasted live, regardless of the location of the betting platform, including but not limited to betting platforms that may be situated inside the cockpit or cockfighting arenas, or premises where cockfights are being held.
3. Atty. Klaus Meine Barles, Attorney-In-Fact of Vargas Sports Coliseum Corporation and Nexus E-Games, explained that Nexus E-Games will operate as a Global Online Cockfighting event through live streaming, which differs from the E-Sabong activity prohibited by Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). Betting will be strictly confined within the Vargas Sports Coliseum premises, with no betting allowed outside the venue. The live streaming is provided for transparency and public viewing. He further explained that Nexus E-Games is a sole proprietorship registered under Philippine laws, authorized to engage in lawful gaming-related operations. It has entered into a valid agreement with the management of Vargas Sports Coliseum to use the venue for live streaming of cockfighting events.
  4. Atty. Barles requested that a representative from the City Treasury Office is present to ensure that all bets are placed only inside the Vargas Sports Coliseum once the request is granted.
  5. One of the committee members expressed concern that even if the live-streamed cockfights are held inside the Coliseum, there is still a possibility that the streaming link could be leaked, making it difficult to control or prevent betting outside the Coliseum.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

After thorough discussion and deliberation, the committee denied the request of Mr. Marlon C. Dayo, CEO of Nexus E-Games, for a Letter of No Objection to operate global online cockfighting activities at the Vargas Sports Coliseum with a dissenting opinion from one member of the committee, based on the following reasons subject to the approval of the Tenth City Council:

- The request violates Executive Order No. 09, Section 1;
- There is no existing framework for issuing a Letter of No Objection (LONO) for operations in partnership with Vargas Sports Coliseum Corporation, unless such provision is stipulated in the PAGCOR framework;
- If the live streaming within the arena is only for spectators to view the fights similar to a big screen for better visibility it is not prohibited. However, if the live streaming is used to facilitate or validate online betting, even for those inside the arena, it falls under the suspended E-Sabong operations.

Respectfully Submitted:



**HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA**  
Chairperson



**HON. JUDE T. BAYONA**  
Vice Chairperson



**HON. RONALDO S. ORTIZ**  
Member



**HON. DENNIS RYAN G. AVILA**  
Member

**DRAFT RESOLUTION DENYING THE REQUEST OF MR. MARLON C. DAYO, CEO  
OF NEXUS E-GAMES FOR A LETTER OF NO OBJECTION TO OPERATE GLOBAL  
ONLINE COCKFIGHTING ACTIVITIES AT THE VARGAS SPORTS COLISEUM**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1, Executive Order 09 states that all E-Sabong operations, including all auxiliary E-Sabong operations, shall continue to be suspended nationwide;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the Regulatory Framework for E-Sabong issued by the PAGCOR, and relevant laws, rules and regulations, live-streaming or broadcasting of live cockfights outside cockpits or cockfighting arenas, or premises where cockfights are being held suspended;

**WHEREAS**, online/remote or off-cockpit wagering/betting on live cockfighting matches, events, and/or activities streamed or broadcasted live, regardless of the location of the betting platform, including but not limited to betting platforms that may be situated inside the cockpit or cockfighting arenas, or premises where cockfights are being held, is likewise suspended;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Tuguegarao, in compliance with national laws, local ordinances, and regulations governing cockfighting and related activities, evaluates all such requests to ensure public welfare, safety, and legal conformity;

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator, Mr. Juanito A. Calubaquib indorsed to the Tenth City Council the letter of CEO of Nexus E-Games, Mr. Marlon C. Dayo, requesting for a Letter of No Objection to operate Global Online Cockfighting activities at the Vargas Sports Coliseum;

**WHEREAS**, after thorough discussion and deliberation, the committee denied the request of Mr. Marlon C. Dayo, CEO of Nexus E-Games, for a Letter of No Objection to operate global online cockfighting activities at the Vargas Sports Coliseum;

**WHEREAS**, the request violates Executive Order No. 09, Section 1;

**WHEREAS**, there is no existing framework for issuing a Letter of No Objection (LONO) for operations in partnership with Vargas Sports Coliseum Corporation, unless such provision is stipulated in the PAGCOR framework;

**WHEREAS**, if the live streaming within the arena is only for spectators to view the fights similar to a big screen for better visibility it is not prohibited. However, if the live streaming is used to facilitate or validate online betting, even for those inside the arena, it falls under the suspended E-Sabong operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE**, as it is hereby, **RESOLVED**, to deny the request of Mr. Marlon C. Dayo for a Letter of No Objection to operate Global Online Cockfighting Activities at the Vargas Sports Coliseum.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to furnish a copy of this resolution to Mr. Marlon C. Dayo and Vargas Sports Coliseum for information.