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Province of Cagayan  
**TUGUEGARAO CITY**

**TENTH CITY COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 37 -10-2025**

November 19, 2025

**Submitted by: COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS, AND ETHICS**

**PRESENT:**

HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY	- Chairman
HON. JUDE T. BAYONA	- Vice Chair
HON. RONALD S. ORTIZ	- Member
HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA	- Member

**RESOURCE PERSON:**

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**SUBJECT:**

The City Mayor, **Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que** endorsed a request for a resolution that grants her **blanket authority to file (or cause the filing of) appropriate cases or complaints** against two groups:

1. **Business establishments** violating existing city ordinances, rules, and regulations.
2. Any individual or entity requiring necessary legal action before the proper agencies, including the **Ombudsman** and the **Commission on Audit (COA)**.

**FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:**

The Committee convened to discuss the request of the City Mayor, **Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que**, for a resolution that grants her **blanket authority** to file (or cause the filing of) **appropriate cases or complaints**.

The Committee respectfully submits this **Committee Report** and has the honor to present to this august Body the following **actions taken, findings, and recommendations**:

**ACTIONS TAKEN:**

The Committee undertook a review at the request of the City Mayor, **Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que**, for a resolution that grants her **blanket authority** to file (or cause the filing of) **appropriate cases or complaints**.

**FINDINGS:**

1. Section 22 of RA 7162, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, details the corporate powers of the local government units; it provides that every local government unit, as a corporation, shall have the power to sue and be sued.

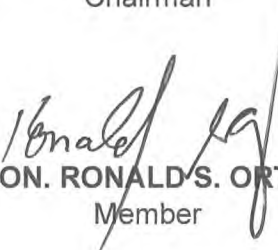
2. The power of the local chief executive to file a case is granted through the corporate power of a local government unit.
3. The Local Chief Executive/City Mayor, as the head of the city government, is responsible for representing the city in all legal proceedings on its behalf to protect its inhabitants.
4. The City Legal Officer, who is under the supervision and control of the Local Chief Executive, has the duty to represent the local government unit in all actions in which it is a party.
5. In the case of *The City of Caloocan vs. Court of Appeals*, the Court enunciated that the city mayor has the authority to file suits on behalf of the city, even without the prior authorization from the Sanggunian.
6. It is only when the suit entails entering into a compromise/settlement that reduces the other party's liability to the LGU (e.g., taxes, fees, contractual claims) that the authorization of the Sanggunian is required.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

With the foregoing premises, the committee finds no need to pass a resolution to authorize the local chief executive to file cases for and on behalf of Tuguegarao City against business establishments violating existing city ordinances, rules, and regulations, as well as against individuals or entities requiring necessary legal action before the proper agencies, including the **Ombudsman** and the **Commission on Audit (COA)**, since the power to sue for and on behalf of the local government unit is already granted to her by the Local Government Code.

### Respectfully submitted:

  
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