

## Office of the Sangguniang Paulungsod

Tel. No. 723-2175

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 72 S. 2015**

# A RESOLUTION INTERPOSING NO OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION OF METRO BAY GAMES AND AMUSEMENT CENTER CORPORATION TO OPERATE AND MANAGE AN ELECTRONIC BINGO (E-BINGO) IN BATANGAS CITY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH LAW

WHEREAS, Metro Bay Games and Amusement Center Corporation has signified its intention to operate and manage an Electronic Bingo (E-Bingo) Boutique with business address at EPI Center Bldg., National Road, Balagtas, Batangas City;

WHEREAS, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) has required Metro Bay Games and Amusement Center Corporation to secure a "Resolution of No Objection" from the City where the said business units shall be operating prior to PAGCOR's issuance of a Grant of Authority;

WHEREAS, the Metro Bay Games and Amusement Center Corporation in their letter to the City Vice Mayor dated 9th of February, 2015 requested for a City Council Resolution of no objection to its intention to operate and manage the said business unit for the purpose of complying to new PAGCOR requirements;

WHEREAS, the applicant discussed to the members of the committee, other members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Honorable Vice Mayor and other representatives from concerned departments of the city government necessary information relevant to their operation that led to the applicant's commitment to submit pertinent documents with regards to those information given supplementary to the request of the committee such as:

- 1. Vicinity map of the site where the operation/activities will be conducted.
- 2. Information about the proponent (Securities and Exchange Commission Registration, Deposit paid-up capital in the Authorized Agent Bank (AAB) and obtain bank certificate of deposit, Notarize articles of incorporation and treasurer's affidavit at the notary) and details of the operation including contingency emergency measures.
- 3. Barangay clearance/permit from the host barangays and locational clearance from the City Planning and Development Office.

WHEREAS, the committee hearing that transpired last 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 conducted by the Committee on Games and Amusement, Sangguniang Panlungsod members, representatives of the proponent corporation and the zoning officials of the CPDO lead to the finality explaining all matters relevant thereto with necessary recommendations that the proponent shall comply;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod as one of the fundamental branches of the City Government of Batangas, confirms that it interposes no objection to the application of Metro Bay Games and Amusement Center Corporation to operate and manage an E-Bingo in Batangas City provided that the same is in accordance with the city's zoning ordinance and other ordinances set forth by the City of Batangas to protect the general welfare of its constituents;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, as it hereby resolves by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas in session assembled to interpose, as it hereby interposes no objection to the application of Metro Bay Games and Amusement Center Corporation to operate and manage an Electronic Bingo (E-Bingo) to be located in EPI Center Bldg., National Road, Balagtas, Batangas City, subject to all existing laws, rules and regulations and in compliance sine qua non to the following conditions to wit:



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- The proponent shall comply with all the requirements of the concerned national and local agencies and all other applicable and necessary provisions of existing laws, rules, ordinance and regulations relative to the operations of the proponent.
- 2. The proponent shall comply to the provisions set forth by City Ordinance No. 8, Series of 1994 otherwise known as, "Ordinance Providing Priority in Employment or Work to Qualified Barangay Residents.
- No expansion, alteration and improvement shall be made by the proponent in its location and operation without prior clearance from Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and Sangguniang Panlungsod.
- 4. The proponent shall be responsible and shall implement strict control over the admission of persons under 21 years of age shall be administered in the gaming area as stated in Presidential Decree No. 1869 otherwise known as "consolidating and amending Presidential Decree Nos. 1067-A, 1067-B, 1067-C, 1399 and 1632, relative to the franchise and powers of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) under Title IV, Section 14, No. 2.c;"
- 5. The proponent shall adhere to its commitment to conduct activities of corporate social responsibilities particularly to its host barangays.
- 6. The proponent shall comply to the rules and regulations of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) particularly to the quantity of machines and its ratio to the prescribed space and shall always be subject to any ordinances that shall be enacted by the Sangguniang Sanlungsod prescribing guidelines in regulating such establishments of its nature in the city of Batangas.
- The proponent shall not conduct or stop any activity/operation in the event that there will be an activity of worship within the area of the commercial establishment where it is located;
- 8. The proponent shall comply with the provisions set forth by Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2012 otherwise known as "The Anti Smoking Ordinance of 2012" of Batangas City.
- 9. The proponent shall settle/pay all the required taxes, fees and charges required and/or to be imposed by the city government of Batangas.
- 10. The proponent shall at any time, even without prior notice, allow authorized city government officials and employees for the sole purpose of conducting an on-the-spot inspection and monitoring.
- 11. Any misinterpretation, false statements or allegations relevant to the issuance of this decision/clearance shall be a sufficient cause for its revocation.
- 12. The transfer of ownership shall carry with it the responsibility of complying with all the above mentioned conditions of which the transfer shall be made known to this body through a written notification by herein grantee within fifteen (15) days from such transfer.
- 13. The proponent shall be responsible for any activity that will endanger the general welfare, safety and health of the not just residents of its host barangays but its clientele as well and in the event of such incident if proven valid shall cause for the revocation of the permit issued to the proponent and shall immediately cause the termination, cancellation and stoppage of its operation.



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**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that the finality of this resolution deemed to be the final condition that shall be an integral part of this resolution, the applicant shall obtain a letter of consent/letter of no objection from the Honorable City Mayor Eduardo B. Dimacuha.

**RESOLVED FINALLY,** that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Local Chief Executive, City Planning and Development Office and City Treasurer and other agencies concerned for information and guidance.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, March 9, 2015

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**ABC PRES. ANGELITO A. DIMACUHA** 

I hereby certify to the correctness of this Resolution.

Secretary

Sangguniang Panlungsod Batangas City

Attested By:

EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE JR.

Presiding Officer Sangguniang Panlungsod

**Batangas City** 



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#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

SUBMITTED BY

**COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT** 

**SUBJECT** 

Letter of Request from Metro Bay Games and Amusement Center and Aces and Kings Games and Amusement Group for a Resolution of No Objection from the Sangguniang Panlungsod as a prerequisite of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation for the operation of Electronic Bingo Boutiques

#### **COMMENTS:**

Referred to the Committee on Games and Amusement is the above request for study, comment and recommendation as per the letter of the proprietors Michael Angelo S. Belen and Anna Marie Imperial to the Honorable Vice Mayor.

A hearing was conducted on March 5, 2015 by the Committee attended by its members Councilor Gerardo A. Dela Roca and Councilor Glenn Aldover with the presence of other members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Vice Mayor Jun Berberabe, Councilor Alyssa Cruz- Atienza, Councilor Armando Lazarte, Councilor Kristine Balmes and Councilor Julian Villena. Also present were Mrs. Ditas Rivera from the Business Permits and Licensing Office, Roselyn G. Berberabe and Delia Licarte both from City Planning and Development Office. Representatives from the proponent are likewise present, Mr. Michael Belen from Metro Bay Games and Amusement Center and Ms. Anjela Gudiamat and Ms. Karen Rivera both representatives of Ms. Anna Marie Imperial from Aces and Kings Games and Amusement Group.

During the committee hearing, the following points were raised:

- Compliance to the requirements and guidelines of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation and existing laws, rules and regulations of the City of Batangas that was verified by the City Planning and Development Office that there is no impediment with regards to the venue except that on the venue located in Caedo Commercial Center, a condition must be set forth that no activity from the proponent shall be held in the event that there will be mass.
- Strict compliance to the prohibited persons that will enter the establishment to play such as but not limited to government personnel, police and members of the armed forces particularly minors or students that includes the posting of pertinent notices that will prevent the aforementioned persons from entering.
- The venue shall be used only for the sole purpose of electronic bingo (e-bingo) and shall not in any way include other gaming activity such as but not limited to poker, e-games and table games.
- 4. The proponents will accommodate and/or conduct activities of corporate social responsibility and priority of employment most particularly to its host barangay.
- The proponents will comply with all local government taxes and fees and are likewise secure necessary permits.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

In view thereof, the Committee recommends:

1. The adoption of this Committee Report.

2. The approval of the Resolution attached herewith.

Respectfully submitted, March 9, 2015.

COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT

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