

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
BATANGAS CITY**

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY
ON FEBRUARY 7, 2023 AT THE SAMPAGUITA FARM,
SAMPAGA, BATANGAS CITY**

PRESENT:

Hon. Nestor E. Dimacuha,	Acting Presiding Officer
Hon. Hamilton G. Blanco,	Councilor
Hon. Karlos Emmanjuel A. Buted,	“
Hon. Andrea Loise F. Macaraig,	“
Hon. Oliver Z. Macatangay,	“
Hon. Nelson J. Chavez,	“
Hon. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino,	“
Hon. Zester Carlo M. Hernandez,	“
Hon. Isidra “Ched” M. Atienza,	“
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.,	“
Hon. Michael C. Villena,	“
Hon. Marjorie A. Manalo,	(SK-Rep.)
Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Armando C. Lazarte,	Councilor
Hon. Angelito Dondon A. Dimacuha,	(ABC-Rep.)

“On motion of Councilor Atienza seconded by Councilor Hernandez, the following Resolution was Adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-58 S. 2023

**RESOLUTION GRANTING THREE (3) YEARS FRANCHISE TO MMA COCKPIT
CENTER AT BARANGAY BALAGTAS, BATANGAS CITY**

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Aquino, proprietor of MMA Cockpit Center situated at Barangay Balagtas, Batangas City, applied for a legislative franchise to operate the Balagtas Cockpit Arena through a letter to the City Mayor dated January 20, 2023 that was subsequently endorsed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod by the Mayor;

WHEREAS, the applicant has complied with the requirements of law and ordinance for the issuance of the franchise to operate the cockpit arena;

WHEREAS, there is no legal impediment for the grant of franchise to the applicant;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod deems that it is prudent for the City of Batangas to grant legislative franchise to MMA Cockpit Center in cognizance to its good faith to obtain such permit, historical and cultural character and legal venue for cockfighting aficionados, in general;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled, to grant, as it hereby GRANTS THREE (3) YEARS FRANCHISE TO MMA COCKPIT CENTER AT BARANGAY BALAGTAS, BATANGAS CITY subject to strict compliance with the following conditions:

Continuation of Resolution No. 22-58 S. 2023**RESOLUTION GRANTING THREE (3) YEARS FRANCHISE TO MMA COCKPIT CENTER AT BARANGAY BALAGTAS, BATANGAS CITY**

1. The Franchise herein granted shall be valid for three (3) years from the date of the grant and may be subject to renewal that shall be applied three (3) months prior to its expiration in the event that franchisee prefers to renew.
2. The Franchise herein granted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod to MMA Cockpit Center at Barangay Balagtas, Batangas City shall not be transferrable and shall be terminated upon transfer of ownership.
3. The Franchisee shall settle/pay all the required taxes, fees and charges required and/or to be imposed by the City Government of Batangas.
4. The Franchisee shall comply to Ordinance No. 5 Series of 2001 otherwise known as "The Cockfighting Ordinance of Batangas City".
5. The Franchisee shall adhere and strictly comply to Health and Sanitation Protocols that may be promulgated by any competent authority such as the Department of Health, IATF and the City Government of Batangas.
6. The Franchisee 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".
7. The Franchise herein granted shall not be interpreted as a permit to operate Tele-sabong, E-Sabong or non-onsite cockfighting wherein the bettor may bet either through computer or manually based of off-site cockfights through projector, widescreen television or any of the same platform.
8. The Franchise 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 Franchise 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.
10. Any misinterpretation, false statements or allegations relevant to the issuance of this franchise shall be a sufficient cause for its revocation.
11. The effectivity of this Resolution Granting Franchise shall be upon the compliance of the MMA Cockpit Center to all existing laws, rules and ordinances.
12. The Franchisee shall be responsible for any activity that will endanger the general welfare, safety and health of its employees and clientele for 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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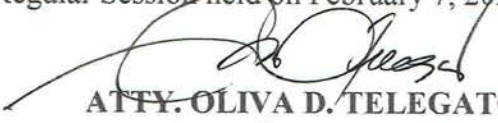
RESOLVED FURTHER, that with the finality of this resolution, the Franchisee may seek the consideration of competent agencies/department of the City Government of Batangas such as but not limited to the Business Processing and Licensing Office and the City Planning and Development Office.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, February 7, 2023."

SPONSOR : COUN. ISIDRA "CHED" ATIENZA
COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 22-58 S. 2023 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on February 7, 2023.


ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary

ATTESTED:


NESTORE E. DIMACUHA
Acting Presiding Officer

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THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE VICE MAYOR ATTY. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ & THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD MEMBERS

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE HEARING REGARDING THE ENDORSEMENT OF MAYOR BEVERLEY ROSE A. DIMACUHA, RE: LETTER OF MR. MICHAEL M. AQUINO AND MR. JOSE M. AQUINO JR. OF MMA COCKPIT CENTER SEEKING THE GRANT OF FRANCHISE, AUTHORITY OR LICENSE TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A COCKPIT IN BATANGAS CITY.

COMMENTS:

The Committee called a committee hearing regarding the endorsement of Mayor Beverley Rose A. Dimacuha, Re: letter of Mr. Michael M. Aquino and Mr. Jose M. Aquino Jr. of MMA Cockpit Center seeking the grant of franchise, authority or license to operate and maintain a cockpit in Barangay Balagtas, Batangas City.

The committee hearing was held on January 31, 2023, 9:00am at the Sampaguita Farm, Sampaga, Batangas City. Present during the committee hearing were: the Chairman of the Committee on Games and Amusement, Hon. Isidra "Ched" Atienza and Members, Hon. Karlos Emmanjuel A. Buted, Hon. Nestor E. Dimacuha, Hon. Armando C. Lazarte and Hon. Hamilton G. Blanco. Also present were Hon. Andrea Loise F. Macaraig, Hon. Oliver Z. Macatangay, Hon. Nelson J. Chavez, Hon. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino, Hon. Zester M. Hernandez, Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Hon. Michael C. Villena, Hon. ABC President Angelito Dondon A. Dimacuha, SK Federation President Hon. Marjorie A. Manalo and the Hon. Vice Mayor Alyssa Renee Cruz. Likewise, present were the Cockpit Operator, Mr. Michael M. Aquino together with Mr. Joey Aquino, Mrs. Kathleen Aquino, Y2 Aquino and Mr. John Aquino. Present from the City Government were Ms. Ditas Rivera of the Business Permits and Licensing Office, Engr. Roselyn Berberabe and Ms. Gilda L. Godoy of the City Planning and Development Office and Ms. Marizel Hidalgo Melo of the Local Economic and Investment Promotion Office.

During the committee hearing merits and issues relative to the intention of MMA Cockpit Center to continue the operation of their cockpit was discussed. Among the concerns of the members were:

- a.) The operation of the cockpit since 1981 up to present without obtaining franchise from the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas discovered by the Business Permits and Licensing Office.
- b.) Safety and well-being of the bettors especially during and in the event of implementation of minimum health standards.
- c.) Necessary fees or taxes that may be imposed by the City Government of Batangas.
- d.) Compliance to Ordinance No. 5 Series of 2001 otherwise known as "The Cockfighting Ordinance of Batangas City".
- e.) Tele-sabong, E-Sabong or non-onsite cockfighting wherein the bettor may bet either through computer or manually based of off-site cockfights through projector, widescreen television or any of the same platform.
- f.) The consensus of the attending members that such franchise be issued to MMA Cockpit Center with appropriate renewable validity period in order for the Sangguniang Panlungsod to conduct a review on its compliance to pertinent laws, rules and ordinances during its operation.



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- g.) Any misinterpretation, false statements or allegations relevant to the issuance of this decision/clearance shall be a sufficient cause for its revocation.
- h.) The franchise granted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod to MMA Cockpit Center at Barangay Balagtas, Batangas City shall not be transferrable and shall be terminated upon transfer of ownership.
- i.) The effectivity of this Resolution Granting Franchise shall be upon the compliance of the MMA Cockpit Center to all existing laws, rules and ordinances.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

After the hearing and a judicious review of the application, the Committee with the aid of the other members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod present took cognizance of the documents submitted and to the good standing on yearly permits by MMA Cockpit Center to the City Government of Batangas including their current intention to obtain such franchise signifying their good faith. In view therefore, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas hereby grants three (3) year franchise to MMA Cockpit Center at Barangay Balagtas, Batangas City. However, along with the Sangguniang Panlungsods grant of franchise, it is imperative that that by MMA Cockpit Center to comply to all existing ordinances and must likewise comply to the Terms and Conditions set forth on the Resolution attached herewith.

In view thereof, the Committee recommends:

1. The adoption of this Committee Report.
2. The approval of the Resolution attached herewith.

Respectfully Submitted: February 7, 2023

HON. ISIDRA "CHED" ATIENZA
Chairman
Committee on Games and Amusement

HON. KARLOS EMMANJUEL A. BUTED
Member
HON. NESTOR E. DIMACUHA
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