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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 15 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Macarthur, Leyte.

Issues/ concerns for review/ recommendation/ legal opinion is/ are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 15 entitled: “ **An Ordinance grabbing a 25 year franchise to Macarthur Prime Arena OPC etc.**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under 447(a)(3)(v)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), pursuant to PD 449², as amended. Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

¹ (v) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, authorize and license the establishment, operation, and maintenance of cockpits, and regulate cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks: Provided, That existing rights should not be prejudiced;

² Cockfighting Law of 1974

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 15, series of 2026 of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance granting a twenty-five (25)-year franchise to MacArthur Prime Arena OPC presented by Mr. Lubio, to establish, construct, maintain, and operate a Cockpit Arena within the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, subject to Presidential Decree No. 449, as amended, Republic Act No. 7160, and all other applicable laws, rules, regulations, and Municipal Ordinances.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Date: OCT 06 2026
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Respectfully submitting to the Honorable Provincial Board for consideration and approval the herein Municipal Ordinance No. 15, Series of 2026 entitled "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TWENTY-FIVE (25)-YEAR FRANCHISE TO MACARTHUR PRIME ARENA OPC, PRESENTED BY MR. LUBIO, TO ESTABLISH, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE A COCKPIT ARENA WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE, SUBJECT TO PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 449, AS AMENDED, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES".


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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 62ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

Honorable Jesus A. Baranda	Vice Mayor, Presiding
Honorable Raul E. Mundala	SB Member
Honorable Ronald Dominic B. Babante	SB Member
Honorable Ireneo G. Remanes Jr.	SB Member
Honorable Trina C. Burawis	SB Member
Honorable Jonathan T. Barquin	SB Member
Honorable Victoriano T. Lazar	SB Member
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Honorable Gwendolyn M. Beriso	SB Member
Honorable Jose A. Baranda	Ex-Officio Member
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ABSENT: None

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 15
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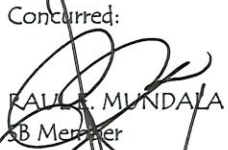
SPONSORED BY : Honorable Ireneo G. Remanes Jr.

WHEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Ireneo G. Remanes Jr., duly seconded by Honorable Victoriano T. Lazar, Honorable Gwendolyn M. Beriso, Honorable Jose A. Baranda, Honorable Trina C. Burawis, Honorable Ronald Dominic B. Babante, Honorable Ralph Martin P. Egos, Honorable Xandrix P. Pantin, Honorable Jonathan T. Barquin, and Honorable Raul E. Mundala, be it

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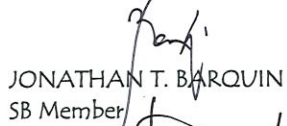
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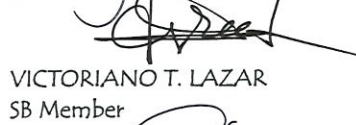

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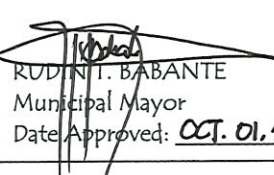

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Ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte that:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "MacArthur Prime Arena Cockpit Franchise Ordinance of 2026."

SECTION 2. EXISTING COCKPIT FRANCHISE.

The Sangguniang Bayan finds and declares that, based upon the records available to it and the proceedings conducted by the Committee on Rules, there is, as of the date of enactment of this Ordinance, no existing holder of a valid cockpit franchise or duly authorized cockpit operator within the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte.

The grant of the franchise under this Ordinance shall therefore authorize one (1) cockpit franchise within the Municipality of MacArthur, subject to the limitations imposed by applicable laws, rules, and regulations and without prejudice to any existing right duly recognized by law.

SECTION 3. GRANT OF FRANCHISE.

A franchise is hereby granted to MACARTHUR PRIME ARENA OPC, represented by Mr. Lubio, to establish, construct, maintain, and operate one (1) cockpit arena within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, subject to the terms and conditions of this Ordinance and to all applicable national and local laws, rules, regulations, permits, licenses, and clearances.

The franchisee shall comply with Presidential Decree No. 449, as amended, and all applicable implementing rules and regulations, as well as subsequent laws, rules, regulations, and lawful issuances governing the establishment, construction, licensing, maintenance, and operation of cockpits and the conduct of cockfighting.

The Municipality of MacArthur, having a population of less than one hundred thousand (100,000) shall observe the applicable statutory limitation on the number of cockpits that may be established, maintained, and operated within the municipality.

The grant of this franchise is based upon the evaluation and recommendation of the Committee on Rules of the Sangguniang Bayan after consideration of the qualifications, documents submitted, compliance with requirements, personal appearances, and representations of the applicants.

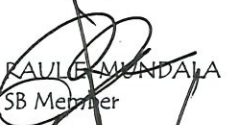
SECTION 4. TERM OF FRANCHISE.

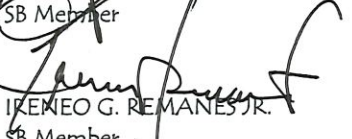
The franchise granted under this Ordinance shall be for a period of twenty-five (25) years, commencing upon the activity of this

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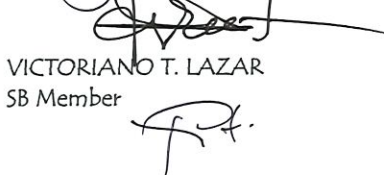

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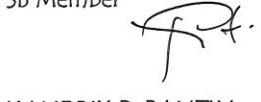

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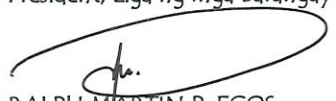

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Ordinance, unless sooner terminated, revoked, or cancelled in accordance with law or ordinance.

SECTION 5. LOCATION AND SITE.

The cockpit shall be established only at the location identified and approved in the application and supporting documents submitted by the franchisee.

The location may be changed only in accordance with applicable law and ordinance and upon securing the required approval from the proper authorities.

The franchisee shall secure the required zoning or locational clearance and all other approvals concerning the location of the cockpit arena before construction and/or operation.

No operation shall commence unless the arena, building, and facilities have complied with all applicable building, fire-safety, environmental, health, sanitation, zoning, and other regulatory requirements.

SECTION 6. NO OPERATION WITHOUT REQUIRED PERMITS AND LICENSES.

The grant of this franchise shall not, by itself, constitute a permit, license, building permit, occupancy permit, business permit, or authority to immediately commence construction or operation of the cockpit.

The franchisee shall first secure and continuously maintain all permits, licenses, clearances, certificates, and approvals required by law from the Municipality of MacArthur and the appropriate government agencies.

These shall include, where applicable, a building permit, occupancy permit, fire safety inspection certificate, sanitary permit, business permit, zoning or locational clearance, environmental clearance or permit, and such other permits or authorizations as may be required by law.

SECTION 7. CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

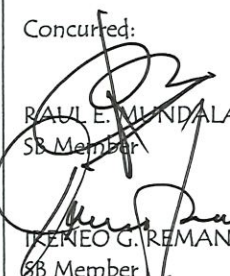
The construction of the cockpit shall comply with the National Building Code of the Philippines, the Fire Code of the Philippines, applicable structural and electrical standards, zoning regulations, environmental requirements, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

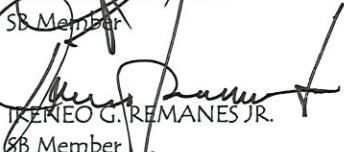
The franchisee shall provide adequate and safe facilities, including appropriate entrances and exits, emergency exits, fire protection equipment, lighting, ventilation, sanitation facilities, spectator areas, parking facilities, and other safety measures required by law.

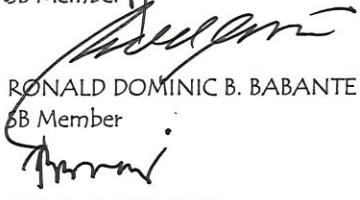
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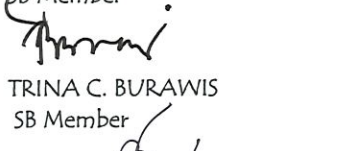

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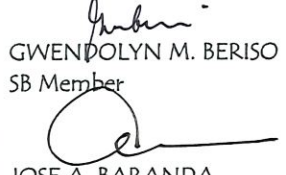

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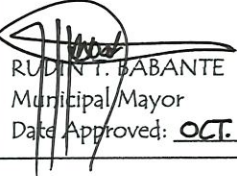

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The franchisee shall maintain the premises in a condition that will protect the safety and welfare of spectators, employees, participants, and the general public.

SECTION 8. COCKFIGHTING, BETTING AND GAMBLING.

The franchisee may conduct cockfighting and related activities within the cockpit premises in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and municipal ordinances.

Betting in connection with authorized cockfighting activities may be conducted within the cockpit premises, subject to applicable laws, rules, regulations, and lawful requirements.

The franchisee shall ensure that all betting and related activities conducted within the premises are properly regulated and conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

No unlawful gambling activity shall be permitted within or in connection with the cockpit.

The franchisee shall be responsible for maintaining proper order and control over all activities conducted within the premises and shall take appropriate measures to prevent any activity prohibited by law.

SECTION 9. BUSINESS TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES.

The franchisee shall pay all applicable business taxes, regulatory fees, permit fees, charges, and other lawful impositions of the Municipality of MacArthur in accordance with the Local Government Code, the Municipal Revenue Code, and other applicable ordinances.

The payment of municipal taxes, fees, and charges shall be without prejudice to the payment of all national taxes, fees, and charges imposed by law.

SECTION 10. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND ORDER.

The franchisee shall maintain adequate security within and around the cockpit premises and shall coordinate with the Philippine National Police and other appropriate government authorities whenever necessary.

The franchisee shall adopt reasonable measures to prevent disorder, violence, public disturbance, unauthorized gambling, and other unlawful activities within the premises.

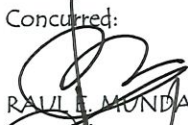
SECTION 11. ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SANITATION REQUIREMENTS.

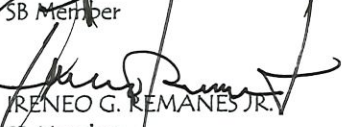
The franchisee shall comply with all applicable environmental, health, sanitation, waste-disposal, and public-health laws, rules, regulations, and municipal ordinances.

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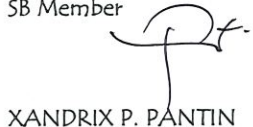

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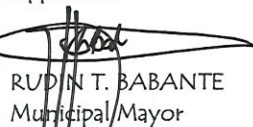

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Proper facilities and procedures shall be maintained for the collection, segregation, storage, and disposal of solid waste and other wastes generated by the operation of the cockpit.

SECTION 12. NON-TRANSFERABILITY.

The franchise granted under this Ordinance shall not be sold, assigned, transferred, leased, or otherwise conveyed to another person or entity except in accordance with applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the franchisee, and with the prior approval of the Sangguniang Bayan when such approval is required by law or ordinance.

Any unauthorized transfer, assignment, lease, or conveyance shall constitute a ground for appropriate action.

SECTION 13. COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS.

The franchisee shall commence construction and/or operation within the period prescribed by applicable laws, permits, and the conditions imposed by the Municipality.

Failure to commence actual operations within the period prescribed by the Sangguniang Bayan, without a valid and justifiable reason duly established to the satisfaction of the Sangguniang Bayan, may constitute a ground for revocation or cancellation of the franchise.

Before any revocation or cancellation on this ground, the franchisee shall be given written notice and a reasonable opportunity to explain or contest the alleged violation.

SECTION 14. CONTINUING COMPLIANCE.

Compliance with the requirements existing at the time of the approval of this franchise shall not relieve the franchisee from complying with laws, regulations, ordinances, regulatory requirements that may subsequently become applicable to the operation of the cockpit.

The franchisee shall continuously maintain all permits, licenses, clearances, and certificates required by law throughout the entire period of its operation.

SECTION 15. GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OR CANCELLATION.

The franchise granted under this Ordinance maybe revoked or cancelled, after notice and opportunity to be heard and through the proper legislative or administrative process, on grounds established by applicable laws, rules and regulations, or municipal ordinances, including violations of the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

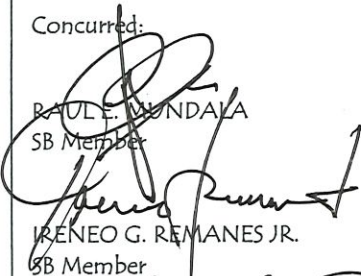
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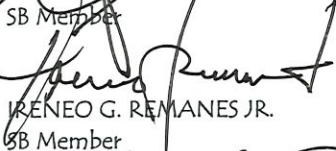
No revocation, cancellation, suspension, or other adverse action affecting the franchise shall be undertaken except in accordance with

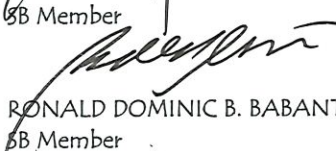
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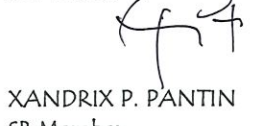

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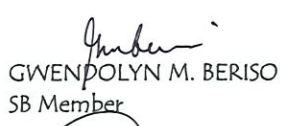

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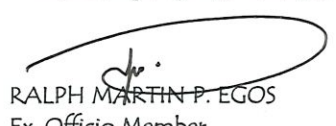

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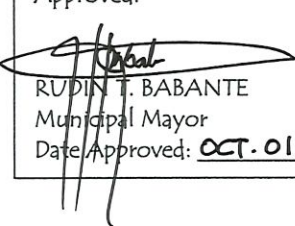

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applicable law and after the franchisee has been afforded notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

SECTION 17. INSPECTION AND MONITORING.

The Municipality, through the Municipal Mayor or his/her duly authorized offices and officials or any person, may, pursuant to law, inspect, observe, and monitor the premises and operations of the cockpit for the purpose of determining compliance with this Ordinance, applicable municipal ordinances, and other lawful requirements.

The franchisee shall allow duly authorized government personnel to conduct inspections inside the premises during operation and/or at reasonable hours and shall make available documents and records required by law.

Such inspection and monitoring shall be conducted only within the authority granted by law and shall not be construed as interference with the lawful management of the private enterprise.

SECTION 18. NO EXEMPTION FROM OTHER LAWS.

The grant of this franchise shall not be constructed as an exemption from any national or local law, rule, regulation, permit, license, clearance, tax, fee, or regulatory requirement applicable to the establishment, construction, maintenance, or operation of a cockpit.

The franchisee shall secure and maintain all necessary approvals from the appropriate government agencies.

SECTION 19. COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSEQUENT LAWS.

If, during the term of this franchise, a national law, presidential issuance, administrative regulation, court decision, or valid municipal ordinance imposes additional requirements, restrictions, or limitations upon the establishment or operation of cockpits, the franchisee shall comply therewith to the extent applicable.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted as granting the franchisee a right to continue any activity that is subsequently prohibited or restricted by a valid and applicable law or regulation.

SECTION 20. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise unenforceable by a court or competent authority, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 21. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly, insofar as they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 22. EFFECTIVITY.

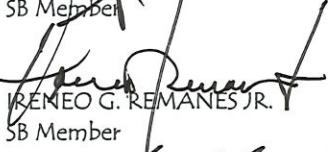
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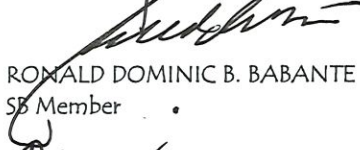
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Date Approved: OCT. 01, 2026

This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and after compliance with the requirements prescribed under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and other applicable laws and regulations.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled on September 28, 2026, at the Municipal Session Hall, Legislative Building, MacArthur, Leyte, Philippines.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Municipal Ordinance No. 15, Series of 2026 of the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, Leyte, duly enacted on 28 September 2026 and approved last 1 October 2026 has been posted since 5 October 2026 at the bulletin board of the Legislative Building, at Poblacion Public Market, and at Palale I Outpost pursuant to Section 511 of R.A. 7160.


MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
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