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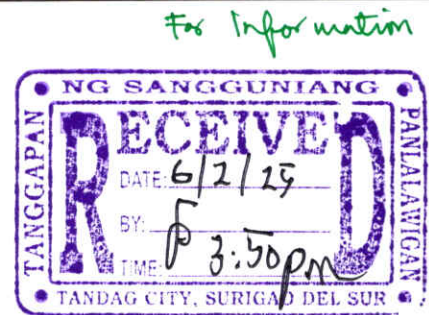
29 May 2025

MR. EDGAR G. PEREZ II, J.D.

Secretary

Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao Del Sur

2F Legislative Building, Capitol Hills, Tandag City



noted

Subject: Request for Opinion on Provincial Franchise for
Cockpit Operations

Dear Mr. Perez:

This refers to your *Letter dated 21 May 2025*, seeking the opinion of the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) on the authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to issue franchises to cockpit owners, concurrently with or in lieu of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or Sangguniang Bayan.

At the outset, we wish to emphasize that GAB's jurisdiction over cockfighting is limited to the licensing of international cockfight derbies¹. As the issue at hand involves the licensing and regulation of regular or local cockfighting, it falls outside GAB's jurisdiction, and as such, we regret to inform you that we are constrained from rendering an opinion on the matter.

Considering that the issue at hand involves the interpretation of certain provisions² of the Local Government Code, we submit that the matter may be more appropriately lodged with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), through its Legal and Legislative Liaison Service (LLLS)³. As the lead government agency charged to implement the Local Government Code, particularly to assist local government units in maximizing the exercise of their powers and functions⁴, the DILG may be in a better position to address your concerns.

We trust that you will find this letter responsive.

Very truly yours,

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Chairman

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¹Pursuant to Sections 2 and 3 of Executive Order (E.O.) No. 636, as amended by E.O. No. 149

²Sections 447 (a) (3) (v) and 458 (a) (3) (v) on the Powers, Duties and Functions of the Sangguniang Bayan and Sangguniang Panlungsod, respectively

³ Procedure for Rendition of Legal Opinion under the DILG 2024 Citizen's Charter

⁴ Section 1(f) of Administrative Order No. 269

