



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City Government of Pasig

Ordinance No. 55
Series of 2022

AN ORDINANCE DISALLOWING THE OPERATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF LICENSES TO OPERATE ONLINE GAMES OF CHANCE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ON-LINE CASINOS, E-GAMES, ONLINE SABONG, E-BINGO OUTLETS, ONLINE POKER, COMPUTER GAMING STATIONS, AS WELL AS THE OPERATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE SAME, SUCH AS PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATIONS (POGOS) AND ANY RELATED BUSINESS THEREOF WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF PASIG CITY AND SETTING A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE CESSATION OF OPERATIONS OF LISTED OPERATING ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Author: **Councilor Simon Gerard R. Tantoco**

am pamm
WHEREAS, Sec. 458 (4) (vii) of Republic Act No. 7610 otherwise known as Local Government Code of 1991 states that the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* has the power to regulate the establishment, operation, and maintenance of any entertainment or amusement facilities, including the theatrical performances, circuses, billiards, pools, public dancing school, public dance halls, sauna baths, massage parlors and other places of entertainment, particularly those which tend to disturb the community or annoy the inhabitants, or require the suspension or suppression of the same, prohibit certain forms of amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and moral welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Pasig is one with the parents, school officials, and other concerned residents in the desire to give the best environment to its citizens and every opportunity for their development;

Asy
WHEREAS, verified reports have previously reached the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* on the unabated proliferation of online gaming in Pasig City, particularly offshore gaming, on-line casinos, e-games, and e-bingo outlets, as well as computer gaming stations and installations of software by internet shops for the purpose of gaming for a fee, including on on-line games and other similar games at these establishments; *Further*, these harmful developments prompted the promulgation of Resolution No. 95, Series of 2017 setting a moratorium on the aforestated practices for a period of three (3) years from approval, or from 30 March 2017;

WHEREAS, due to the myriad ills still present, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* subsequently issued Resolution No. 92, Series of 2020, or "A Resolution Disallowing Applications and Approval of New License/s to Operate for Online Gaming, Particularly On-Line Casinos, E-Games, Online Sabong, E-Bingo Outlets, Computer Gaming Stations as Well as the Operations of Service Providers



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City Government of Pasig

Ordinance No. 55
Series of 2022

-page 3-

AN ORDINANCE DISALLOWING THE OPERATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF LICENSES TO OPERATE ONLINE GAMES OF CHANCE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ON-LINE CASINOS, E-GAMES, ONLINE SABONG, E-BINGO OUTLETS, ONLINE POKER, COMPUTER GAMING STATIONS, AS WELL AS THE OPERATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE SAME, SUCH AS PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATIONS (POGOS) AND ANY RELATED BUSINESS THEREOF WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF PASIG CITY AND SETTING A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE CESSATION OF OPERATIONS OF LISTED OPERATING ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

[Handwritten signature]

Providing Technical Support to the Same Such as Philippine Offshore Gaming Operations (POGOs) and Allowing the Continued Operations of Existing Establishments which were Affected by the Moratorium on Operation Ending on March 2020", where it was resolved that new licenses to operate for online gaming establishments, including the operations of service providers providing technical support for the same would be disallowed;

WHEREAS, in order to promote the objectives of the City Government of Pasig and to repress the evils of online gaming for chance, which undermines the social, moral, and economic growth and development of our society, and which has proven to be inimical to Pasig City and its constituents, to the morals and to the safety as well as security of those living in the city, especially in light of the recent spate of abduction cases involving employees of the establishments and the social costs in general of online gambling, it is highly imminent that the City Government of Pasig act on the disallowance of these kinds of establishments to curb its detrimental effects;

WHEREAS, in order to protect its constituency, the City Government of Pasig deems it necessary to totally disallow the operations and applications to operate of online games of chance as well as service providers providing technical support to the same such as POGOs and any related businesses thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG PASIG, IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 1. DISALLOWANCE OF OPERATIONS AND APPLICATIONS TO OPERATE ONLINE GAMES OF CHANCE AND ITS SUPPORT SERVICES AND AS WELL AS SERVICE PROVIDERS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE SAME SUCH AS PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATORS AND OTHER RELATED BUSINESSES THEREOF. - New applications to operate online games of chance, including, but not limited to, on-line casinos, e-games, online sabong, e-bingo outlets, online poker, computer gaming stations, as well as the operations of service providers providing technical support to the same such as Philippine Offshore Gaming Operations (POGOs) and other related businesses thereof are hereby disallowed.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - The following terms are defined as follows:

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City Government of Pasig

Ordinance No. 55
Series of 2022

-page 3-

AN ORDINANCE DISALLOWING THE OPERATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF LICENSES TO OPERATE ONLINE GAMES OF CHANCE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ON-LINE CASINOS, E-GAMES, ONLINE SABONG, E-BINGO OUTLETS, ONLINE POKER, COMPUTER GAMING STATIONS, AS WELL AS THE OPERATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE SAME, SUCH AS PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATIONS (POGOS) AND ANY RELATED BUSINESS THEREOF WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF PASIG CITY AND SETTING A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE CESSATION OF OPERATIONS OF LISTED OPERATING ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Amfamm

[Handwritten signature]

- (a) **Online Gaming** - refers to gaming activities including, but not limited to, table and card games, e-bingo, online *sabong*, online poker, and similar games of chance partially or primarily conducted through some form of computer network, most often the internet.
- (b) **Online Gaming Establishments** - refers to an establishment which houses any of the online gaming operations in the Philippines, as well as other logistical, administrative, and support services for gaming operations.
- (c) **Offshore Gaming** - refers to the offering by a licensee of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) authorized online games of chance, including the acceptance of bets from offshore customers, via the internet using a network and software or program, exclusively to offshore authorized players excluding Filipinos abroad, who have registered and established an online gaming account with the licensee.

Offshore gaming shall have three components as follows:

- (i) Prize consisting of money or something else of value which can be won under the rules of the game;
- (ii) A player who:
 - (a) Being located outside of the Philippines and not a Filipino citizen, enters the game remotely or takes any step in the game by means of a communication device capable of accessing an electronic communication network such as the internet
 - (b) Gives or undertakes to give, a monetary payment or other valuable consideration to enter in the course of, or for, the game; and
- (iii) The winning of a prize is decided by chance.

Apply

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]

- (d) **Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGO)** - refers to entities which provide and participate in offshore gaming services (i.e. provides the game to players, takes bets, and pays players winnings).



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City Government of Pasig

Ordinance No. 55
Series of 2022

-page 4-

AN ORDINANCE DISALLOWING THE OPERATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF LICENSES TO OPERATE ONLINE GAMES OF CHANCE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ON-LINE CASINOS, E-GAMES, ONLINE SABONG, E-BINGO OUTLETS, ONLINE POKER, COMPUTER GAMING STATIONS, AS WELL AS THE OPERATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE SAME, SUCH AS PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATIONS (POGOS) AND ANY RELATED BUSINESS THEREOF WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF PASIG CITY AND SETTING A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE CESSATION OF OPERATIONS OF LISTED OPERATING ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Amann

- (e) **POGO Service Providers** - refers to entities that provide support to the operations of POGOs in various areas of operations including customer relations, strategic support, information technology (IT) support, and gaming software platform providers and live studio and streaming providers.
- (f) **Offshore gaming agent** - refers to the representative in the Philippines of an offshore-based operator who shall act as a resident agent for the mere purpose of receiving summons, notices, and other legal processes for the offshore gaming licensee.
- (g) **Online or e-sabong** - online or remote or off-site wagering or betting on live cockfighting matches, events, and/or activities streamed or broadcasted live from cockpit arena/s.

For purposes of applicability of this Ordinance, entities such as POGO gaming agents, service providers, gaming support providers, and any related business thereof, who provide only a particular or specific component of the offshore gaming activities to the POGO, who may not be licensed, but who may have a separate registration with the national government, are included herein.

SECTION 3. CESSATION OF ALL EXISTING ONLINE GAMING BUSINESSES. - All listed businesses in Resolution No. 92, Series of 2020, which had validly applied for and had been previously granted permits to operate, are allowed to renew their business permits during the January 2023 renewal period for a validity date of only until 31 December 2023.

The Business Permit and Licensing Department is tasked to note in the permits of these establishments the one-year effectivity date without chance for renewal. Further, the Business Permit and Licensing Department shall facilitate and monitor the retirement of all listed establishments, to be completed by 01 January 2024, and submit a report on the compliance to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* within fifteen (15) days from the date of completion.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS. - It shall be unlawful for owners, operators, and support providers of the establishments mentioned in Section 2 to:

1. Continue to operate from the effectivity of this Ordinance, if such establishment is not included in Resolution No. 92, Series of 2020; and



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City Government of Pasig

Ordinance No. 55
Series of 2022

-page 5-

AN ORDINANCE DISALLOWING THE OPERATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF LICENSES TO OPERATE ONLINE GAMES OF CHANCE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ON-LINE CASINOS, E-GAMES, ONLINE SABONG, E-BINGO OUTLETS, ONLINE POKER, COMPUTER GAMING STATIONS, AS WELL AS THE OPERATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE SAME, SUCH AS PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATIONS (POGOS) AND ANY RELATED BUSINESS THEREOF WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF PASIG CITY AND SETTING A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE CESSATION OF OPERATIONS OF LISTED OPERATING ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

2. Continue to operate after 31 December 2023, if such establishment is included in Resolution No. 92, Series of 2020.

SECTION 5. PENALTY. - Any person, natural or juridical, who is found liable for violating this Ordinance shall be fined in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) or an imprisonment for a period of one (1) year, or both in the discretion of the court.

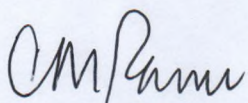
SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - Should any part, section, or regulation of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any portion thereof other than the section or regulation so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All resolutions, ordinances, or portions of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance or inconsistent with the regulations of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED, this 15th day of December 2022 at Pasig City.


HON. RAYMUND FRANCIS S. RUSTIA
City Councilor


HON. CORAZON M. RAYMUNDO
City Councilor


HON. SIMON GERARD R. TANTOCO
City Councilor

HON. SYVEL ASILO-GUPILAN
City Councilor


HON. PAUL ROMAN C. SANTIAGO
City Councilor


HON. NOEL L. AGUSTIN
City Councilor



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City Government of Pasig

Ordinance No. 55
Series of 2022

-page 6-


AN ORDINANCE DISALLOWING THE OPERATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF LICENSES TO OPERATE ONLINE GAMES OF CHANCE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ON-LINE CASINOS, E-GAMES, ONLINE SABONG, E-BINGO OUTLETS, ONLINE POKER, COMPUTER GAMING STATIONS, AS WELL AS THE OPERATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE SAME, SUCH AS PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATIONS (POGOS) AND ANY RELATED BUSINESS THEREOF WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF PASIG CITY AND SETTING A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE CESSATION OF OPERATIONS OF LISTED OPERATING ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.


HON. RODERICK MARIO U. GONZALES
City Councilor

Official Leave

HON. QUIN A. CRUZ
City Councilor

HON. REGINO S. BALDERRAMA
City Councilor


HON. MARION ROSALIO M. MARTIRES
City Councilor

Official Business


HON. RIGOR J. ENRIQUEZ
LIGA President

Official Leave

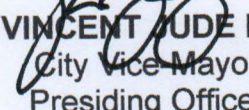
HON. GEORGIA LYNNE P. CLEMENTE
SK Fed. President

UMAAGOS NG PAG-ASA


HON. MARIA LUISA M. DE LEON
City Councilor
Minority Floor Leader


HON. MARK GIL M. DELOS SANTOS
City Councilor
Majority Floor Leader

Attested by:


HON. ROBERT VINCENT JUDE B. JAWORSKI, JR.
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City Government of Pasig

Ordinance No. 55
Series of 2022

-page 7-

AN ORDINANCE DISALLOWING THE OPERATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF LICENSES TO OPERATE ONLINE GAMES OF CHANCE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ON-LINE CASINOS, E-GAMES, ONLINE SABONG, E-BINGO OUTLETS, ONLINE POKER, COMPUTER GAMING STATIONS, AS WELL AS THE OPERATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE SAME, SUCH AS PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATIONS (POGOS) AND ANY RELATED BUSINESS THEREOF WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF PASIG CITY AND SETTING A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE CESSATION OF OPERATIONS OF LISTED OPERATING ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

LUNGSOD NG

APPROVED:

HON. VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO
City Mayor

Attested by:

LOIDA U. VILLANUEVA
Acting City Council Secretary

UMAAGOS ANG PAG-ASA