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City of Peoria Statement on Motion to Dismiss, Filed February 16, 2026

On Friday, February 13, 2026, the City of Peoria filed a Motion to Voluntarily Dismiss their case versus Boyd Gaming Corporation, the Illinois Gaming Board, and the City of East Peoria. The lawsuit stated that Boyd's proposal to relocate its riverboat casino to a land-based location was in violation of the 1991 Intergovernmental Agreement between Peoria and East Peoria, which stated that any land-based casino must be located within the city of Peoria.

At the February 5, 2026, meeting of the Illinois Gaming Board, Boyd withdrew its proposal for a land-based casino and presented a proposed design for a casino to be built on a barge that would be moored on the Illinois River. The Illinois Gaming Board is scheduled to meet on February 26 to consider this design. Should Boyd revert to a land-based casino in East Peoria, the City of Peoria will reinstate the lawsuit.

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