



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

**11:45 AM Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm. 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

16-3638

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/22/2016

16-3124

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Judith Hamill

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 6/8/2021, or until a successor is appointed

Legislative History: 5/11/16 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

16-3125

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Dale Niewiardowski

Position: Trustee

Department/Board/Commission: Northwest Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 6/8/2020, or until a successor is appointed and qualified

Legislative History: 5/11/16 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

16-3126

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Michael Sullivan

Position: Commissioner

Department/Board/Commission: Weller Creek Drainage District Board of Commissioners

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 9/4/2018, or until a successor is selected and qualified

Legislative History: 5/11/16 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

16-2302

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING ILLINOIS SENATE BILL 1883 AND ILLINOIS HOUSE BILL 3422, THE GUN DEALER & AMMUNITION SELLER ACT

WHEREAS, between 2009 and 2013, four particular gun dealers, each located a short drive outside of Chicago, supplied 20% of all guns recovered from Chicago crime scenes; and

WHEREAS, firearms dealers are subject to very little federal oversight, and on average, are only inspected once a decade. ATF lacks the resources and authority to monitor the 138,000 gun dealers, manufacturers, collectors and others that it licenses; and

WHEREAS, measures such as law enforcement inspections, background checks for employees, inventory inspections, video surveillance and improved security, and restrictions on the locations of gun dealers and ranges, would promote best practices, discourage theft, and thwart illegal sales and straw purchases; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois possess the infrastructure and resources to institute licensing and regulation of gun dealerships, by requiring them to obtain a state license from the Department of Financial & Professional Regulation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois licenses and regulates a wide range of professions to promote public safety, health and welfare, including for example, acupuncturists, cosmetologists, real estate appraisers and geologists, but not gun dealers; and

WHEREAS, Illinois State Senator Don Harmon and Illinois State Representative Christian Mitchell have introduce Senate Bill 1883 and House Bill 3422, the Gun Dealer and Ammunition Seller Act (“the Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that it is unlawful for any person engaged in the business of selling, leasing or otherwise transferring firearms or ammunition without a dealer license issues by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires all applicants for a dealer license and their employees to have a valid Firearm Owner’s Identification Card and to have background check conducted; and

WHEREAS, the Act prohibits the consumption of alcohol on the premises of any firearm dealer and allows the Department of State Police to establish rules requiring employees and agents of licenses to undergo training regarding legal requirements and responsible business practices as applicable to the sale or transfer of firearms or ammunition; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County supports Illinois Senate Bill 1883 and Illinois House Bill Number 342, and encourages the Illinois General Assembly to pass both bills and for Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner to sign them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to State Senator Don Harmon, State Representative Christian Mitchell, Illinois Speaker of the House Michael Madigan, Illinois Senate President John Cullerton and Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner.

Legislative History: 3/23/16 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

16-2678

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PENDING LEGISLATION BEFORE THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress are currently considering numerous bills that effect the services and operation of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the County's intergovernmental relations staff and hired lobbyists are actively monitoring the legislation that effects Cook County's services and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to be updated on the status of certain bills pending before the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress so that it may take positions and communicate such positions to the legislation bodies on the relevant proposed legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee be convened to discuss the status of pending legislation in the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the intergovernmental relations staff and all hired lobbyists of the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners appear before the Committee and be prepared to update the Committee on legislation pending before the General Assembly and the United States Congress that affects Cook County's services and operations.

Legislative History: 4/13/16 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

16-3175

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INSTITUTE STATEWIDE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF GUN DEALERS AND RANGES

WHEREAS, on average 1,000 people die each year from gunshot wounds in our state. The gun death toll in Illinois in 2013 included 576 homicides and 496 suicides; and

WHEREAS, guns are used in over 70% of all homicides in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the price of one gun homicide costs an average of \$441,000 in direct costs (including law enforcement, medical expenses, court costs, and prison), of which 87% is paid by taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, each gun death averages about \$6 million in total costs, including both direct and indirect costs; and

WHEREAS, Chicago police officers recover more than twice the number of crime guns per capita than in Los Angeles, and more than seven times than in New York City; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (“ATF”) almost all the guns recovered after being used in crimes were originally sold by retail dealers; and

WHEREAS, corrupt gun dealers represent a major source of illegally trafficked firearms, making oversight of dealers critical; and

WHEREAS, between 2009 and 2013, four particular gun dealers, each located a short drive outside Chicago, supplied 20% of all guns recovered from Chicago crime scenes. These stores supplied thousands of crime guns; and

WHEREAS, firearms dealers are subject to very little federal oversight, and on average are inspected only once a decade, primarily because ATF lacks the resources and authority to monitor the 138,000 gun dealers, manufacturers, collectors, and others that it licenses; and

WHEREAS, lack of oversight makes it far too easy for gun dealers to turn a blind eye to “straw purchasers,” and other traffickers who fill out the paperwork and undergo background checks in order to provide guns to criminals or other people ineligible to possess guns; and

WHEREAS, states that do not permit or require law enforcement inspections of gun dealers are the sources of crime guns recovered in other states at a rate that is 50% greater than states that do, showing that illegal trafficking of guns could be substantially reduced with better oversight of gun dealers; and

WHEREAS, measures such as law enforcement inspections, background checks for employees, inventory inspections, video surveillance and improved security, and restrictions on the location of gun dealers and ranges, would promote best practices, discourage theft, and thwart illegal sales and straw purchases; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois possesses the infrastructure and resources to institute licensing and regulation of gun dealerships, by requiring them to obtain a state license from the Department of Financial & Professional Regulation (IDPFR); and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois licenses and regulates a wide range of professions to promote public safety, health, and welfare, from acupuncturists and cosmetologists to real estate appraisers and professional geologists, but not gun dealers; and

WHEREAS, too many Illinois families have suffered the loss of a loved one and too many innocent

people have been injured or lost their lives as bystanders or victims of gun crimes; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby petition the Illinois General Assembly to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public in Illinois by requiring firearms dealers and ammunition sellers to obtain a state license and conduct business responsibly to avoid the diversion of guns into the illegal market.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk notifies the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor of this request.

Legislative History: 5/11/16 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

16-2289

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN AMENDMENT TO THE COOK COUNTY ETHICS ORDINANCE


BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 - Administration, Article VII - Ethics, Division 2 - Code of Ethical Conduct, Section 2-575 Electronic Communication Regarding Official Government Business of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-575. Electronic Communication Regarding Official Government Business

All electronic communication by officials, board or commission appointees and employees regarding official government business shall be by and through official government email accounts. Use of personal email, texts or social media to communicate official government business is prohibited except as specified herein with respect to separately elected officials. Use of social media to broadcast information to the general public is permitted. Separately elected officials and their staffs may use separate email accounts associated with their own offices or personal email accounts if they notify the Secretary to the Board that such email accounts are being used for official government business and they include information from such accounts in response to Freedom of Information Act requests.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

Legislative History: 3/23/16 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee


Secretary

Chairman: Suffredin
Vice-Chairman: Fritchey
Members: Committee of the Whole