



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

Third New Items Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-1343

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF A DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR COOK COUNTY HOME BUYERS

WHEREAS, the County of Cook is a political subdivision and a home rule unit of government duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County (“the Board”) hereby determines it to be advisable and in the best interests of the County, its residents, and its taxpayers that the County continue the promotion of economic development, affordable housing, and home ownership within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board further determines it to be advisable and in the best interests of the County, its residents, and its taxpayers that the County initiate and administer a program through which qualified first-time home buyers of residences in the County might more easily obtain competitive fixed-rate 30-year mortgage loans coupled with assistance for down payments and closing costs, herein referred to as a Down Payment Assistance Program (DPA Program); and

WHEREAS, the Board is further desirous that to launch and administer a DPA Program, the Bureau of Economic Development’s Department of Planning and Development and the Bureau of Finance retain one or more Program Administrators to administer a DPA Program in accord with relevant federal, state, and local law, County policies, and established best practices, said administration to include assisting said Bureaus in the promulgation of Program policies and procedures, if any; satisfying requests for assistance, support, and information made by said Bureaus; packaging and circulating the loans into the secondary market; and taking such other action as is necessary, advisable, or incidental to the administration of a DPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board is further desirous that to launch and administer a DPA, the Bureau of Economic Development’s Department of Planning and Development and the Bureau of Finance, to gain better access to capital and lower interest rates for the Program, retain one or more Mortgage Servicing Companies to identify and contract with mortgage originators; set rates for the loans and the arbitraging of said loans to ensure that relevant loan rates remain competitive in the market; and service the DPA loans; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that a DPA Program as described herein will assist eligible, qualified borrowers in obtaining affordable mortgage loans and other assistance to aid in their purchase of affordable single family residences in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the Bureau of Economic Development’s Department of Planning and Development and the Bureau of Finance are hereby authorized to jointly initiate a DPA Program by: (a) retaining one or more Program Administrators to (1) administer the DPA Program in accord with relevant federal, state, and local law,

County policies (including the DPA Program Guidelines which are attached hereto and hereby approved by the Board), and established best practices; (2) assist in the Bureaus' joint promulgation of Program policies and procedures, if any; and (3) satisfy requests for further assistance, support, and information made by the Bureaus; (b) entering into such agreements with one or more Program Administrators and one or more Mortgage Servicers as are attached hereto; and (c) updating and revising from time to time, as necessary, advisable, or prudent, the Program Guidelines to ensure the DBA Program's compliance with applicable law, policy, and best practice, and to ensure that competitive mortgage loans continue to be made available to eligible borrowers.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Bureau of Economic Development's Department of Planning and Development be authorized to terminate said DPA Program should the Department of Planning and Development determine that the DPA Program is no longer in the best interests of the County.

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

16-1545

Sponsored by: LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS THE "RECOGNIZE, ASSIST, INCLUDE, SUPPORT AND ENGAGE (RAISE) FAMILY CAREGIVERS ACT"

WHEREAS, across the country, more than 40 million Americans selflessly dedicate themselves to providing unpaid care for older parents, spouses, children with disabilities, disabled veterans and other loved ones; and

WHEREAS, by providing much-needed help with daily activities such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation, managing medications, transportation, and more, family caregivers have become the backbone of care in America; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2015, the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act, (*H.R.3099 - RAISE Family Caregivers Act*) was introduced in Congress and would require the development of a strategy that would identify specific actions that government, communities, providers, employers, and others can take to recognize and support family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3099 - RAISE Family Caregivers Act directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop, maintain, and periodically update a National Family Caregiving Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the approval of this bill would help disabled and older Americans live at home, where they want to be by

- Promoting greater adoption of person- and family-centered care in all health and Long Term Service and Support (LTSS) settings
- Offering assessment and service planning (including care transitions and coordination) involving care recipients and family caregivers

- Providing training and other supports
- Providing information, education, referral and care coordination
- Offering respite options
- Contribution to financial security
- Promoting workplace policies and supports that allow family caregivers to remain in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2015 the H.R. 3099 - RAISE Family Act was referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education for consideration; and

WHEREAS, many Americans have been or will be family caregivers or are likely to need the help of someone to live independently in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, supporting caregivers is a bipartisan issue that touches almost every family.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and support the contributions that roughly 40 million family caregivers make every day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby urge the United States Congress to pass H.R. 3099 - RAISE Family Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and copies of this resolution be presented to Rep. Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the House; Rep. Kevin McCarthy, Majority Leader; and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader.

16-1586

Sponsored by: GREGG GOSLIN, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, SEAN M. MORRISON and PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

REPLICA FIREARMS ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 54, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article XII, Replica Firearms, SECTION NUMBER 54-420 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 54-420. Replica Firearms.

(e) Exceptions. The manufacture, marketing, distribution, sale and possession of replica firearms are permitted if the devices are manufactured, marketed, distributed, sold or held solely for subsequent transportation in intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce. Such devices shall not be displayed to the general public or sold for other use in the County.

(1) Additionally, Licensed Firearms Instructors, who have a current registration from the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, are exempted if they are using replica firearms for education, instruction and training of safety and proper handling of firearms within a business or classroom setting.

(f) Violation. Any person who violates the provisions of this section, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$750.00 for each offense. All actions seeking the imposition of fines only shall be filed as quasi-criminal actions subject to the provisions of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 110, Section 1-101, et seq. (1985), as amended. Each purchase, use, sale, gift or transfer of any such replica firearm shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense, and each day a person unlawfully engages in the business of selling or exhibits for sale any such replica firearm, ~~paint pellet or paint pellet gun~~ shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense.

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