



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

New Items Agenda

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 10:00 AM

Fifth Set

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Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CALLING MEMBERS OF THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S MERIT BOARD TO SUPPLY MONTHLY DATA AND APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, pursuant 55 ILCS 5/3-7002 of the Counties Code, the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board (the "Merit Board") is created by the State of Illinois as an independent statutory body charged with performing specific functions, independent of the Cook County Sheriff ("Sheriff"), related to the Sheriff's hiring, promotion, discipline, and termination of certain Sheriff's employees; and

WHEREAS, members of the Merit Board are appointed with the advice and consent of the Cook County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board appropriates the funding of the Merit Board in the annual appropriation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is tasked by the legislature to operate the County Jail, security in the Court system and public safety in general for all unincorporated areas and the County's 5.5 million residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-7006, pursuant to recognized merit principles of public employment, the Merit Board, acting independently pursuant to its statutory obligations, shall formulate, adopt, and put into effect rules, regulations and procedures for its operation and the transaction of its business; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-7006, the Merit Board, pursuant to recognized merit principles of public employment, must establish a classification of ranks of the deputy sheriffs in the County Police department, full-time deputy sheriffs not employed as county police officers or county corrections, and employees in the County Department of Corrections, and shall set standards and qualifications for each such rank and employee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-7008, before the Sheriff may appoint any person to the following positions, the Merit Board first must certify such person as qualified for the position: deputy sheriffs in the County police department, full-time deputy sheriffs not employed as county police officers or county corrections, and employees in the County Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-7009, before the Sheriff may promote any person to the following positions, the Merit Board first must certify such person as qualified for the promotion: deputy sheriffs in the County Police Department, full-time deputy sheriffs not employed as county police officers or county corrections officers, and employees in the County Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-7010, the Merit Board is charged with making appointment and promotion decisions pursuant to its statutory obligations and applying its own criteria which it considers and establishes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-7012, the Sheriff may not remove, demote or suspend any county corrections officer, deputy sheriff in the County Police Department, or full-time deputy sheriff not employed as a county police officer or county corrections officer except for cause, upon written charges filed with the Board by the Sheriff, and until the Board conducts a hearing and renders a decision on the matter, except where applicable collective bargaining agreement language provides that such discipline matters with respect to covered bargaining unit members may be subject to arbitration; and

WHEREAS, promoting public safety, as well as accountability and confidence in Cook County law enforcement requires adequate staffing levels and the provision of adequate services in the Cook County Department of Corrections, the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department, and the Cook County Court system; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff must receive from the Merit Board, on a regular basis, an adequate number of qualified certified applicants for both hire and certified candidates for promotion, to meet the Sheriff's minimum staffing needs; and

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate staffing levels within any of the Sheriff's Departments may cause unnecessary financial burden on the County in several forms, including the payment of overtime, and other employee benefits which may result from mandated overtime; and

WHEREAS, promoting public safety, as well as accountability and confidence in Cook County law enforcement requires the prompt and efficient adjudication of disciplinary proceeding pending before the Merit Board; and

WHEREAS, unnecessarily delayed and prolonged disciplinary proceedings before the Merit Board may cause financial burdens on the County in several forms, including unnecessary backpay caused by delay; and

WHEREAS, since the Merit Board is a separate statutory entity from the Sheriff's Office that promulgates its own rules and regulations and does not report to any other County agency or office, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Cook County that the County Board require the Merit Board provide the following information on a monthly basis, and provide explanatory and clarifying information, as required by the County Board:

- The number of new hire applications received by the Merit Board, per month;
- The number of new hire applicants currently under consideration for certification by the Merit Board, per month;

- The number of new hire applicants certified as qualified for hire, per month;
- The average length of time it takes to make a certification decision concerning new hire applicants;
- The number of promotional candidates certified as eligible for promotion, per month;
- The number of disciplinary hearings conducted, per month;
- The number of disciplinary decisions issued, per month;
- The number of budgeted vacancies to be filled by the Merit Board within the Sheriff's Office per month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the Chair and the Executive Director of the Merit Board shall provide the information outlined above to the Secretary to the County Board by the 15th day of every month for the preceding month for distribution to the County Board, and shall appear to answer questions concerning that information in a hearing before the Criminal Justice Committee of the County Board as requested; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that, recognizing the Merit Board reports will address employment issues impacting personal and private information of a sensitive nature, and legal matters, including related to pending and/or anticipated litigation, such reports and hearings shall include both open public hearings and closed Executive Sessions.

[22-2797](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FEE

WHEREAS, Cook County is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the Illinois legislature, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/15-178, granted the Cook County Assessor's Office authority to charge a reasonable application fee for the Affordable Housing Special Assessment Program; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists a Fee Schedule granting authority to the Assessor's Office to charge certain fees for administrative expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Chapter 74, TAXATION, Article II, REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY, Assessor's fee for copy of Commercial/Industrial Manual, Sec. 74-35 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 74-35. Assessor's fee for copy of Commercial/Industrial Manual.

(a) The County Assessor shall charge a fee as set out in Section 32-1 for furnishing a copy of the Cook County Commercial/Industrial Manual containing guidelines and data related to assessing industrial and commercial property.

(b) Certified document copy fee. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge, as set out in Section 32-1, a fee to provide certified reproductions of documents or records. Requests for certified copies shall be limited to documents in their entirety.

(c) Incentive fees. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge fees, as set out in Section 32-1, for filing of the original application and supporting documentation, any change or amendment to the original application or supporting documentation, any additional filing required to complete the incentive requirements, a request to reclassify, or a request to renew an incentive classification as provided for in the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

(d) Division requests. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge a fee for the filing of each petition for division and/or consolidation, plat of subdivision, plat of vacation, plat of vacation and dedication or condominium declaration that is submitted for the purpose of dividing, consolidating or otherwise reconfiguring parcels or portions of real property.

(e) Amended division requests. The Assessor is also hereby authorized to charge a fee for the filing of each amendment to a petition for division and/or consolidation, plat of subdivision, plat of vacation, plat of vacation and dedication or condominium declaration submitted for the purpose of a division or consolidation of parcels or portions of real property.

(f) Division requests filed between September 1 and October 31. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge a fee for the filing of any petition for division or consolidation that is filed between September 1 and October 31 along with a request that the work be processed in that following year.

(g) Collection and enforcement. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge the above fees in this Section as set out in Section 32-1. The fees shall be charged and collected by the Assessor in the manner in which all other fees or costs are collected. These fees shall be in addition to all other fees and charges of such Assessor.

(h) Affordable Housing Special Assessment Program fees. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge fees, as set out in Section 32-1, for filing of the original application and supporting documentation, and any change or amendments to the original or supporting documentation, as authorized by 35 ILCS

200/15-178.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 32, FEES, Sec. 32-32.1 Fee Schedule, of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 74, TAXATION

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| 74-1(b)(1) | Base fee for imaged copy of tax maps, per set | 300.00 |
| 74-1(c)(1) | Copy of map of Cook County, per copy | 10.00 |
| | Copy of tax map page, per copy | 5.00 |
| 74-33(c) | Charge for real property location data | 84,000.00 |
| 74-34(b) | Rental charge for the Redi package and for each Redi File: New data sets, per record | 0.02 |
| 74-34(b)(1) | Redi package: Commercial users, per tax year | 91,800.00 |
| | Noncommercial users, per tax year | 175.00 |
| 74-34(b)(2) | County Treasurer's payment transaction Redi File: Commercial users: Per quarter | 2,000.00 |
| | Per tax year | 8,000.00 |
| | Noncommercial users: Per quarter | 75.00 |
| | Per tax year | 300.00 |
| 74-34(b)(3) | County revenue Redi File: Commercial users, per tax year | 20,000.00 |
| | Noncommercial users, per tax year | 110.00 |
| 74-34(b)(4) | County Assessor Redi File: | |
| 74-34(b)(4)a | Data set containing records of tax permanent index numbers by divisions and consolidations: Commercial users, per tax year | 11,600.00 |
| | Noncommercial users, per tax year | 80.00 |
| 74-4(b)(4)b | Data set containing property characteristics Commercial users, per tax year | 20,400.00 |
| | Noncommercial users, per tax year | 75.00 |
| 74-35 | County Assessor's fee for copy of Commercial/Industrial Manual | 125.00 |

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| 74-35(a) | Certified document | 20.00 |
| 74-35(b) | Incentive application filing | 500.00 |
| 74-35(b) | Amend original incentive application | 100.00 |
| 74-35(b) | Class 9 Part II incentive filing | 100.00 |
| 74-35(b) | Incentive class change | 100.00 |
| <u>74-35(g)</u> | <u>Affordable Housing Special Assessment Program</u> <u>Application Fee - Part 1</u> | <u>500.00</u> |
| <u>74-35(g)</u> | <u>Affordable Housing Special Assessment Program</u> <u>Application Fee - Part 2</u> | <u>100.00</u> |
| 74-35(c) | Division/consolidation petition, 3 tracts | 50.00 |
| | Each additional tract | 10.00 |
| 74-35(d) | Filing of amendment to petition to divide/consolidate fee | 25.00 |
| 74-35(e) | Division/consolidation petitions filed | 200.00 |
| | between September 1 and October 31, 3 tracts | |
| | Each additional tract | 40.00 |
| 74-40(b) | Tax sale automation fee, per parcel | 10.00 |
| 74-41(b) | Duplicate real estate tax bill, each bill | 5.00 |
| 74-44 | Bulk payment correction fee | 50.00 |
| 74-45 | Property tax research requests fee | 50.00 |
| 74-46(a) | Assessment fee | 1,000.00 |
| 74-46(b) | Assessment fee | 2,500.00 |

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

[22-2803](#)

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRANDON JOHNSON, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING A JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COOK COUNTY FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEES, DEPARTMENTS AND SEPARATELY ELECTED OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS ISSUES AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO A LATE MAILING OF SECOND INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the Cook County Assessor's Office could delay the second installment of the Cook County Property Taxes up to six months or more, and

WHEREAS, the delay in second installment Property Tax Bills may force local government bodies to either draw down their reserves or borrow money with interest, and

WHEREAS, the delay could have a significant financial impact on Chicago, and our suburban municipalities, townships, school districts, fire protection districts, police departments, park districts, public libraries, and other local government bodies, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Cook County Board of Commissioners to call for a Special Finance Committee meeting to include the Assessor, Board of Review, Clerk, Treasurer and Bureau of Technology to gain a better understanding of the issues and help to develop a plan if warranted, and

WHEREAS, there is currently no agenda item to allow the Finance Committee to convene with the Assessor, Board of Review, Clerk, Treasurer and Bureau of Technology to discuss the issue,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners requests the Finance Committee to convene a special meeting between the Assessor, Board of Review, Clerk, Treasurer and Bureau of Technology to address the looming financial crisis facing our local taxing bodies at the earliest possible time, so we may gain a better understanding of the issues, repercussions, and potential solutions to a late second Property Tax installment.

[22-2788](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING IN THE COOK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS VIOLENCE AND SYSTEMIC BARRIERS AGAINST COOK COUNTY TRANSGENDER RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, transgender residents in Cook County are vital members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, transgender residents and trans-led organizations in Cook County contribute in numerous ways to enrich the quality of life in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, transgender people in our lives should be embraced and celebrated for the wonderful people they are and talents they bring to our communities; and

WHEREAS, these residents face systemic barriers and epidemic levels of violence leading to lack of access, for some, of basic needs and in the most extreme cases, leading to death; and

WHEREAS, in the last year, more transgender people have been murdered in Chicago than any other U.S. city; and

WHEREAS, in March 2022 alone, two Black, trans women, Tatiana LaBelle and Elisa Malary, were found dead within 24 hours of each other days after being reported missing with LaBelle found beaten to death and put in a garbage bin in East Chatham and Elise Malary pulled out of Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in March 2022, Kathryn Newhouse, a 19 year old transgender woman formerly a resident of Illinois, was shot and killed by her father; and

WHEREAS, according the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, at least 57 transgender or gender non-conforming people were fatally shot or killed by other violent means in 2021. The majority of the deaths were Black and Latinx people with the greatest numbers being Black, Trans women; and

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association has publicly described the level of violence against the transgender community as epidemic; and

WHEREAS, most medical experts, law enforcement officials, and community members have stated that data should assume to be incomplete given the misgendering of transgender people; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Transgender Equality cites that one in five transgender people in the United States has been discriminated when seeking a home, and more than one in ten have been evicted

from their homes, because of their gender identity. One in five transgender individuals have experienced homelessness at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, according to Lambda Legal, nearly one in six transgender Americans-and one in two black transgender people-has been to prison. Many of those individuals face discrimination by administrators and threats of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, countless other barriers exist in the daily lives of transgender individuals including with Cook County government; and

WHEREAS, Cook County stands with transgender residents and there is still more work to do to provide gender-affirming services to transgender residents; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners request a convening of the Cook County Human Relations Committee to conduct a hearing regarding current protocols and future plans in serving the transgender community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the following Cook County offices appear at the hearing to report to the Board regarding this topic:

- Cook County Health
- Cook County Medical Examiners' Office
- Cook County Sheriff's Office
- Cook County Department of Human Resources
- Cook County State's Attorney's Office
- Cook County Justice Advisory Council
- Cook County Department of Human Rights and Ethics

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the reports, updates, and strategies will detail the separately elected officials, or County department's, offices', and/or bureaus individual and collaborative efforts to address this important and serious issue.