

14-0292
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

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THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COOK COUNTY JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 Administration, Article VI Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 1 Generally, Section 2-473(a) is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-473. Cook County Justice Advisory Council.

(a) There is hereby created a Judicial Advisory Council which shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the President of the County Board; said Council shall be referred to as the Cook County Justice Advisory Council. All shall be persons learned in the law, and two at least of their number shall be members of the judiciary. The persons thus appointed shall hold office for four years and until their respective successors have been duly appointed and qualified. They shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in carrying out the duties defined by this section.

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

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0091
ORDINANCE**

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**THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. STEELE, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, STANLEY MOORE
PETER N. SILVESTRI AND DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY AND LARRY SUFFREDIN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

UNLAWFUL CLOUDING OF TITLE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 58 OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE II. – OFFENSES INVOLVING PROPERTY RIGHTS, SECTION 58-45 of the Cook County Code is hereby enacted as follows:

Sec. 58-45. Unlawful Clouding of Title.

(a) Any person who intentionally records or files or causes to be recorded or filed any document in the Office of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds that is a cloud on the title of land in Cook County, knowing that the theory upon which the purported cloud on title is based is not recognized as a legitimate legal theory by the Courts of the United States, the State of Illinois, or any County within the State of Illinois, commits the offense of unlawful clouding of title.

(b) Any person who commits the offense of unlawful clouding of title shall be fined \$5,000.00 for the first offense. Any person who commits this offense a second time shall be fined \$7,500.00. Any person who commits this offense a third or subsequent time shall be fined \$10,000.00 for each offense.

(c) This Section does not apply to any attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois who, in good faith, files a lien on behalf of his or her client and who, in good faith, believes that the validity of the lien is supported by law or by a good faith argument for an extension, modification, or reversal of existing law relating to the validity of the lien.

(d) For purposes of this Section, the term “cloud on title” or “cloud on the title” means an outstanding claim or encumbrance that, if valid, would affect or impair the title of the owner of an estate in land and on its face has that effect, but can be shown by extrinsic proof to be invalid or inapplicable to that estate.

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TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

14-0888
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THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE

PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Part II Land Development Ordinances, Chapter 103 Land Bank Authority, Article II Land Bank Authority Board of Directors and Staff, Section 103-17 through 103-19 of the Cook County Code are hereby enacted as follows:

ARTICLE II. LAND BANK AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF

Sec. 103-17. Cook County Land Bank Board of Directors.

The Land Bank shall be governed by a Board of Directors that shall be appointed by the President, subject to approval by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, within 45 days of the adoption of this Ordinance. Board of Directors shall be residents of Cook County. The Board of Directors shall consist of 16 members.

Sec. 103-18. Appointment of members.

Candidates for the Board of Directors appointed by the President shall be selected from the following categories.

- (a) One Cook County Commissioner to serve as an Ex-Officio Member with voting rights. The Ex-Officio Member shall serve as a liaison between the County Board and the Board of Directors;
- (b) Three Suburban Cook County Mayors, Presidents or Village Managers;
- (c) One representative from the City of Chicago as recommended by the Mayor of the City of Chicago;
- (d) One representative from the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development;
- (e) One representative from a community development finance institution;
- (f) One representative from the banking community;
- (g) One representative from a local or state Realtor Association;
- (h) One representative from the non-profit housing development community;
- (i) One representative from the commercial/industrial development community;
- (j) One representative from the open space community;
- (k) One representative from a City of Chicago community organization;

- (l) One representative from a Suburban Cook County community organization; and
- (m) One representative from the legal community.
- (n) One representative with commercial retail development experience.

Sec. 103-19. Term of office.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the members of the Board of Directors appointed under Section 103-18 shall be appointed for a term of three years.

(a) *Ex-officio member.* The ex-officio member shall be the appointed Cook County Commissioner who shall serve as the ex-officio member for the length of the Commissioner's term.

(b) *The remaining members.* The remaining 15 members of the Board of Directors shall serve terms as follows:

1. For the initial members:
 - a. Four of the members, subject to the approval of the County Board, shall serve a term that expires on January, 1, 2014.
 - b. Four of the members, subject to the approval of the County Board, shall serve a term that expires on January, 1, 2015.
 - c. Three of the members, subject to the approval of the County Board, shall serve a term that expires on January, 1, 2016.
 - d. Four of the members, subject to the approval of the County Board, shall serve a term that expires on January 1, 2017.
2. Thereafter, the members other than the ex-officio member appointed shall serve a term of three years.
 - a. Each member, whether initial or subsequent, shall serve until a successor is appointed.
 - b. Any member who is appointed to fill a vacancy, other than a vacancy caused by the expiration of the predecessor's term, shall serve until the expiration of his or her predecessor's term.
3. Other than the Ex-Officio Commissioner, a member may not serve more than two consecutive full terms.

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Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk