



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Zoning and Building Committee**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

The recessed Public Hearing of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 will **reconvene on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

According to the Cook County Board's Rules of Organization and Procedure, Section 2-107 (dd), public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board and at committee meetings of the Board. 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. 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.

**14-5599**

**Presented by:** TIMOTHY P. BLEUHER, Commissioner, Department of Building and Zoning

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, and PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**COOK COUNTY BUILDING CODE AND OTHER RELEVANT CODE PROVISIONS**

**An Ordinance authorizing comprehensive amendments to Cook County's Buildings and Building Regulations Code, also known as the Cook County Building Code or Building and Environmental Ordinance.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6(a) of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that "a County which has a Chief Executive Officer elected by the electors of the County ... (is) a Home Rule Unit" and The County of Cook, Illinois (the "County"), has a Chief Executive Officer elected by the electors of the County and is therefore a Home Rule Unit and may, under the power granted by said Section 6(a) of Article VII of the Constitution of 1970, exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County originally passed the Cook County Building Ordinance on March 11, 1949 and approved comprehensive amendments to the Building Ordinance on June 2, 1997; additional amendments have been approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Building Code is currently made up of four components; building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical and it is the desire of the Department of Building and Zoning to introduce comprehensive amendments to the Cook County Building Code, Electrical Code, Storm Water Code for consideration and adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Chapter 102 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article I and Article III, shall be replaced and enacted with the following comprehensive Code amendments that are attached hereto which recognize the following standards: 2009 International Building Code, 2009 International Residential Code, 2012 International Energy Conservation Code, 2012 International Mechanical Code, 2014 Cook County Electrical Code, and 2014 State of Illinois Plumbing Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 118 will be amended to enact required provisions for the County's Storm Water Code in order to be compatible with the recognized international code standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the revised code provisions attached hereto will bring Cook County in line with commonly recognized building practices utilized within and across Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting these comprehensive amendments will make Cook County consistent with many of its bordering governing bodies and municipal entities, thereby promoting transparency, economic development and incorporation of unincorporated areas of Cook County.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 66 ROADS AND BRIDGES, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, is hereby amended as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I - BUILDING CODE, Section 102-1 is hereby comprehensively amended as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III - BUILDING CODE, Sections 102-102, 102-103, 102-104, and 102-105 of the Cook County Code are hereby comprehensively enacted as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that that Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III - BUILDING CODE, Sections 102-110, 102-115, 102-120, 102-125, 102-130, and 102-135 of the Cook County Code are hereby comprehensively enacted as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III - BUILDING CODE, Section 102-140 of the Cook County Code is hereby comprehensively enacted as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III - BUILDING CODE, Section 102-150 of the Cook County Code is hereby comprehensively enacted as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 118 STORM WATER, Section 118 is hereby comprehensively amended and enacted as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the 2014 Cook County Electrical Code is hereby adopted and is fully set forth in Cook County, Illinois Code of Ordinances, Part II-Land Development Ordinances, Appendix B-Electrical Code as referenced in Chapter 102 and attached hereto.

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



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Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

Chairman: Silvestri  
Vice-Chairman: Murphy  
Members: Committee of the Whole