



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**  
**Report of the Zoning and Building Committee**  
**(recessed and reconvened meeting from 11/6//2014)**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

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

**SECTION 1**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Sims, Steele, Suffredin, Tobolski and Moore (17)

**Also Present:** James Avery, State's Attorney

**Court Reporter:** Anthony W. Lisanti, C.S.R.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chairman Silvestri asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd).

1. Howard Handler, Government Affairs - Illinois Association of Realtors
2. Paul Cogan, Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago
3. Richard Riley, Chairman Illinois State Wireless Association
4. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

**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.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Vice Chairman Murphy, that this Ordinance be accepted as substituted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Sims, Steele, Suffredin, Tobolski and Moore (17)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Murphy, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval as substituted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Sims, Steele, Suffredin, Tobolski and Moore (17)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Murphy, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Sims, Steele, Suffredin, Tobolski and Moore (17)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Murphy, that this meeting was adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Sims, Steele, Suffredin, Tobolski and Moore (17)

**SECTION 2**

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

File ID 5599

Recommended for Approval as Amended

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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