



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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New Items Agenda

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Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE LIMITING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 - Administration, Article VII - Ethics, Division 2 - Code of Ethical Conduct, Section 2-585 - Limitations of contributions to candidates and elected officials of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-585. - Limitations of contributions to candidates and elected officials.

(a) No person shall make contributions exceeding the limits established by the Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/9-1 et seq., when making contributions to any of the following elected officials or candidates for such office: County Board President; Cook County Commissioner; Cook County State's Attorney; Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court; Cook County Assessor; Cook County Treasurer; Cook County Board of Review Commissioner; Cook County Sheriff, Cook County Clerk; and Cook County Recorder of Deeds except as otherwise provided in Section 2-585.

(b) No person who does business with the County or who has done business with the County within the preceding four years; or is seeking to do business with the County; or is a person required to register as a lobbyist with the County; or who has sought official action by the County within the preceding four years, or is an officer, director or partner of a firm, contracted by the County to act as financial counsel, bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, legal counsel, or financial manager for the issuance of any bond and directly working on said bond transaction; or firm, officers, directors or partners, contracted by the County to provide financial audits of County finances and directly working on said contract shall make contributions in an aggregate amount exceeding \$750.00:

- (1) To any candidate for County office or elected County official during a single candidacy; or
- (2) To any elected official of the government of the County during any nonelection year of his or her term.
- (3) To any local, state, or federal political committee that is established in support of, a specific candidate for County office or an elected County official. The combined effect of these provisions is intended to permit total contribution up to, but not exceeding, \$1,500.00 in a year in which a candidacy occurs. A year, for purposes of this Section, is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

(c) For purposes of Subsection (b) of this Section, an entity and its subsidiaries, parent company or otherwise affiliated companies (including a separate segregated fund of an entity, as that term is described

in 52 U.S.C. § 30118(b)), shall be considered a single person. The political contributions of an entity's employees, officers, directors, and/or partners for which they are reimbursed by the entity or its affiliates shall also be considered those of a single person. However, nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit such an employee, officer, director or partner from making a political contribution for which he is not reimbursed by a person with whom he or she is affiliated.

(d) Effective October 2, 2013, no Board or commission appointee of a County official whose board or commission appointment provides for compensation and requires confirmation by the Cook County Board of Commissioners shall make contributions in an aggregate amount exceeding \$750.00:

- (1) To the appointing County official or the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners during a single candidacy; or
- (2) To the appointing County official or the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners during any nonelection year of his or her term.

The combined effect of these provisions is intended to permit total contribution up to, but not exceeding, \$1,500.00 in a year in which a candidacy occurs. A year, for purposes of this Section, is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

(e) Any contributions made under this Section shall be reported as required by the Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.

(f) Any candidate for any County office or any current elected official in Cook County government shall return contributions found in excess of the limitations set forth in this Section within 30 days of notification from the Board of Ethics. Failure to return contributions within 30 days shall be a violation of this Section and subject to fines under Section 2-602.

(g) Ethics shall be transparent and apparent to the public.

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

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Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR A HEARING OF THE COOK COUNTY CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Cook County Health and Hospitals System in 2018 spent more than \$165 million on procurement for goods and services, and

WHEREAS, of that \$165 million, two percent went to African American owned firms as subs, and

WHEREAS, zero percent of the money was awarded to African American owned firms as primes, and

WHEREAS, African Americans made up a quarter of the county's population and are 76 percent of the patients served by CCHHS, and

WHEREAS, this rate is abysmal, and the Cook County Health and Hospitals System's procurement department and the county's contract compliance should be working quickly on a concrete plan to improve that rate, and

WHEREAS, said departments should appear before the Board to update the Board on the improvements being made and the state of the problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board and President of the Board that a meeting of the Contract Compliance Committee shall be called, and representatives from Cook County Contract Compliance and the CCHHS administration shall appear and offer an explanation and possible solutions.

[18-1749](#)

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ILLINOIS BLIND VENDORS ACT

WHEREAS, The Illinois Business Enterprise Program for the Blind with the guidance and federally mandated oversight of the Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors is created for the purposes of providing blind persons with remunerative employment, enlarging the economic opportunities of the blind, and stimulating the blind to greater efforts in striving to make themselves self-supporting. In order to achieve these goals, blind persons licensed under this Act shall be authorized to operate vending facilities on any property within Cook County as provided by this Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Labor blind persons suffer 70% rate of unemployment, and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress enacted the Randolph-Sheppard Act in 1937 giving blind persons the right to employment on Federal property through the Act, and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Legislature enacted "The Blind Vendors' Act" on January 1, 2010 affirming and expanding the rights of blind persons licensed under the Randolph-Sheppard Act the right to operate vending facilities on state property, and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors is "To provide the highest level of self-employment opportunities to blind men and women while employing people of all disabilities, and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama on January 20, 2012 declared his full support of the Randolph-Sheppard act by requiring full federal compliance with the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program, and

WHEREAS, Cook County currently partners with 11 blind operators and had done so successfully for the past 40 years, and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors and its blind managers on Cook County property have partnered with PepsiCo for a 10-year exclusive commission structure benefitting Cook County revenues, and

WHEREAS, Partnering with blind managers secures excellent service, equipment, oversight and future partnering opportunities for the County with the backing and support of the Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors and the Illinois Business Enterprise Program for the Blind that benefit Cook County, and

WHEREAS, Overall revenue and earnings for Cook County Blind Vendors have dramatically decreased in recent years causing once good jobs to be lost, and

WHEREAS, Large multi-national vending and foodservice companies have overwhelmingly benefited from County contracts, and

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 - Administration, Article V, Departments and Similar Agencies, Division 2, Real Estate Management Division, Section 2-363-365 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 263. Illinois Blind Vendors Act Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Business Enterprise Program for the Blind (BEPB) means a state agency in the Department of Human Services that administrates the Blind Vending Program in Illinois.

Blind Vendor means a blind person licensed by the Business Enterprose Program for the Blind to operate a vending facility on State, federal, or other property. "Blind person" means a person whose central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses or whose visual acuity, if better than 20/200, is accompanied by a limit to the field of vision in the better eye to such a degree that its widest diameter subtends an angle of no greater than 20 degrees. In determining whether an individual is blind, there shall be an examination by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye, or by an

optometrist, whichever the individual shall select.

Blind Vendor Trust Fund means a regulated account owned by the Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors for the benefit of Blind Vendors.

Building means only the portion of a structure owned or leased by the County or any County Department.

Cafeteria means a food dispensing facility capable of providing a broad variety of prepared foods and beverages (including hot meals) primarily through the use of a line where the customer serves himself or herself from displayed selections. A cafeteria may be fully automatic or some limited waiter or waitress service may be available and provided within a cafeteria and table or booth seating facilities are always provided.

Committee means the Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors, an independent representative body for blind vendors established by the federal Randolph-Sheppard Act.

Commission means commission income paid directly to the blind vendor, the Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors or the Business Enterprise Program for the Blind.

County means Cook County.

County Department means any department, board or agency created by Cook County.

County property means all property owned, leased, or rented by any Cook County department, agency, board or instrumentality.

Department means Cook County Department.

Federal property means any structure, land, or other real property owned, leased, or occupied by any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States (including the Department of Defense and the U.S. Postal Service), or any other instrumentality wholly owned by the United States, or by any department or agency of the District of Columbia or any territory or possession of the United States.

Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors means a federally mandated oversight committee for the Illinois Blind Vending Facility Program (ICBV). ICBV is a 501c3 non for profit.

License means a written instrument issued by the Department to a blind person, authorizing such person to operate a vending facility on State, federal, or other property.

Normal working hours means an 8-hour work period between the approximate hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Priority means the right of a blind person licensed by the Department of Human Services, Division

of Rehabilitation Services, to operate a vending facility on any and all County property leased or owned, in the same manner and to the same extent as the priority is provided to blind licensees on federal property under the Randolph-Sheppard Act, 20 U.S.C. 107, and federal regulations, 34 C.F.R. 395.30.

Vending facility means automatic vending machines, snack bars, cart service, counters, office coffee service, micromarket and such other appropriate auxiliary equipment that may be operated by blind vendors and that is necessary for the sale of newspapers, periodicals, confections, tobacco products, foods, beverages, and notions dispensed automatically or manually and prepared on or off the premises in accordance with all applicable health laws, and including the vending and payment of any lottery tickets or shares authorized by State law and conducted by a State agency within the State. "Vending facility" does not include large cafeterias.

Vending Machine for the purpose of assigning vending machine income under this Act, means a coin, currency, or debit card operated machine that dispenses articles or services.

Vending machine income means the commissions or fees paid to the ICBV from vending machine operations on County property where the machines are operated, serviced, or maintained by, or with the approval of, a County Department by a commercial or not-for-profit vending concern other than Licensed Blind Vendors that operates, services, and maintains vending machines, micromarkets, office coffee service or other non-cafeteria foodservice concern.

Vendor means a blind licensee who is operating a vending facility on State, federal, or other property.

Sec. 2-364. Purpose.

(a) The Randolph-Sheppard Act, 20 U.S.C. Sections 107-107f shall serve as a model for minimum standards for the operation of the Business Enterprise Program for the Blind. The federal Randolph-Sheppard Act provides employment opportunities for individuals who are blind or visually impaired through the Business Enterprise Program for the Blind. Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act, all federal agencies are required to give priority to licensed blind vendors in the operation of vending facilities on federal property. It is the intent of this Cook County Ordinance to provide the same priority to licensed blind vendors on County property by requiring County Departments to give priority to licensed blind vendors in the operation of vending facilities on County property and preference to licensed blind vendors in the operation of cafeteria facilities on State property, as such the County shall:

- (1) Establish, continue, maintain, and promote the opportunities for vending facilities in conjunction with Business Enterprise Program for the Blind on all property owned or leased by the County.
- (2) Provide documents detailing all current vending, office coffee, micromarket and foodservice contracts including contracting company, location, type of service, commission structure, overall sales and expiration date.
- (3) Facilitate transitions from outside companies to the Blind Vendor and the Business Enterprise

Program on County property.

- (4) Monitor vending machine income payments from outside contractors to Blind Managers or the Business Enterprise Program for the Blind.
- (5) Assure that priority is given to blind vendors in the operation of vending, micromarket, Office Coffee Service (OCS) and lottery operations on county property owned or leased
- (6) Bid preference is given the Blind Vendors in the operation of cafeterias operated with the County property. If a tie is rendered by the County's bid process than the counteract goes to the Blind Vendors. The Blind Vendors may partner with contractors in the County Bid Process.
- (7) No County Department may impose any commission, service charge, rent or utility charge on a licensed Blind Vendor who operates a vending facility on Cook County property.
- (8) The County shall actively pursue all commissions from vending facilities not operated by blind vendors as provided in this Ordinance, and shall propose new placements of vending facilities on County property where a facility is not yet in place.
- (9) A commission rate equal to commission currently paid to the County or of 20% on Net Sales (whatever is greater) shall be paid by outside vending micro-market or Office Coffee Services contractors to the Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors for use by the ICBV to benefit blind vendors through the existing Blind Vendor Trust Fund.
- (10) Partnerships and teaming arrangements between blind vendors and private industry, including franchise operations, shall be allowed and encouraged by the County.

Sec. 2-365 Satisfactory Vending Facility Sites

(a) Beginning March 1, 2018, all County real estate agreements shall: With the BEPB jointly undertake to determine whether a current or future building constructed, altered, renovated or currently occupied by the County constitutes a suitable, satisfactory site for a Vending Facility. Any current Vending Facility site not operated by Blind Vendors shall be considered a suitable site for a Blind Vendor.

(b) Upon receiving a request for a determination of satisfactory site, the BEPB and the Committee shall have 20 days in which to notify that requesting County agency as to whether the new property or building is satisfactory or not satisfactory for the operation of a blind vendor vending facility. A site shall be deemed to be a satisfactory site by examining the potential customer base, including, but not limited to, County employees, County contractual employees, and the general public. The determination shall be based upon a site survey or any other reasonable means enabling an accurate assessment of the location. If the property has an existing private vendor, bottler, or vending machine operator, then the property shall be presumed to be a satisfactory site. If the BEPB, in consultation with the Committee, determines that the number of people using the location is or will be insufficient to support a vending facility, then the BEPB shall determine the property to be not satisfactory. Upon a determination by the BEPB and the

Committee that the new property or building is satisfactory for the operation of a blind vendor vending facility, the the Director of County Real Estate shall inform the County Department to comply with the priority established for the operation of vending facilities by blind persons under this Ordinance. All County departments shall fully cooperate with the BEPB to ensure that priority is given to blind vendors in the operation of vending facilities on County property. This includes notifying the Department prior to the expiration of existing contracts or agreements for vending facilities or when such contracts or agreements are considered for renewal options. The notification must be given no later than 6 months prior to the potential expiration or renewal of the existing vending facility contract or agreement.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect March 1, 2018.

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Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

REQUIRING QUARTERLY REPORTING ON THE COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 18 Courts, Article 1 In General, Section 18-4 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 18-4. Quarterly Reporting.

(a) The offices of the Chief Judge and Clerk of the Circuit Court shall report to the Board of Commissioners quarterly on the cost their offices incur due to processing court cases involving firearms.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV Officers and Employees, Division 9 State's Attorney, Section 2-338 is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-338. Quarterly Reporting

(a) The State's Attorney shall report to the Board of Commissioners quarterly on the cost that the office incurs due to processing court cases involving firearms.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 38 Health and Human Services, Article VI Medical Examiner, Division 1 Generally, Section 38-157 is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 38-157. Quarterly Reporting

(a) The Medical Examiner shall report to the Board of Commissioners quarterly on the cost that the office incurs due to performing autopsies on cases involving firearms.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 38 Health and Human Services, Article V Cook County Health and Hospitals System, Section 34-94 is hereby amended as Follows:

(a) The Health and Hospitals System shall report to the Board of Commissioners quarterly on the cost it incurs due to processing medical cases involving firearms.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 46 Law Enforcement, Article II Sheriff, Division 1 Generally, Section 46-40 is hereby amended as Follows:

(a) The Sheriff's Office shall report to the Board of Commissioners quarterly on the cost that the office incurs to investigating and processing cases involving firearms.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect March 1, 2018

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Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR A HEARING OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Cook County spends hundreds of thousands of dollars a year on lobbying services, and

WHEREAS, the County Board must ensure the residents of the County are receiving the best return on investment, and

WHEREAS, the County budget is stretched thin, so the Board must make sure all expenditures are justified, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has not heard directly from all its Springfield lobbyists, so a hearing of the Legislation Committee would permit all the lobbyists an opportunity to update the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cook County Board and the President of the Board that a hearing of the Legislation Committee shall be held for an update on lobbying activities.