



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

**New Items Agenda**

**for the**

**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 11:00 AM**

**15-2685**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATION**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December 2013 leaders from Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Kendall County, Lake County, McHenry County, Will County and the City of Chicago began meeting to work together and develop strategies to strengthen the region's economic development growth and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, these seven counties and the City of Chicago make up the Chicago metropolitan area, as defined by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago metropolitan area has an estimated 8.4 million residents and metropolitan areas are the engines of the global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the elected chief executive leadership from each of the seven counties and the City of Chicago may designate staff to work with colleagues from the Chicago Regional Growth Initiative on any current and future economic development initiatives, including but not limited to increasing exports from small and medium sized business, streamlining truck permitting and routing, and supporting, strengthening and growing the region's metal manufacturing firms; and any other initiatives agreed upon by the group; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Regional Growth Initiative is free to pursue and secure financial support from public, non-profit and philanthropic sources for any current and future initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Regional Growth Initiative may proceed with future initiatives related to foreign direct investment, other industry clusters, workforce and training, infrastructure investment and/or resiliency planning; and

**WHEREAS**, any economic development corporation(s) that function as the economic development arm for any of the seven counties or the City of Chicago may act as a fiscal agent for any of these current or future initiatives as appropriate; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the importance of ongoing collaboration and planning that helps strengthen economic development opportunities in the Chicago metropolitan area so they endorse this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development will designate the appropriate person(s) to represent the County as a member of the Chicago Regional Growth Initiative to participate in current and future regional economic development initiatives.

**15-3038**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS** Cook County law enforcement canines are vital to the public safety of Cook County residents; Whereas: Cook County law enforcement canines perform important and essential duties that include, but not limited to: conducting building searches, searching and finding suspects and offenders, locating missing persons, performing article and evidence searches, detecting drugs and explosives, and conducting public service demonstrations;

**WHEREAS** Due to the abilities of well-trained law enforcement canines and their significant value to comprehensive public safety practices, Cook County Government utilizes law enforcement canines within the Cook County Sherriff's Police Department, the Cook County Sherriff's Court Services Department, and the Cook County Sherriff's Department of Corrections.

**WHEREAS** Law enforcement canines that perform official public safety duties for Cook County are required to be certified to perform such duties and must be documented as receiving on-going professional training as well as maintain exceptional physical and mental health.

**WHEREAS** Even though law enforcement canines are required to maintain exceptional levels of health, productivity and performance, as law enforcement canines become older their ability to perform their duties declines and become more difficult;

**WHEREAS** Due to the inevitable decline of health, productivity, and performance that law enforcement canines experience because of age it is in the best interest of the Cook County law enforcement units that utilize canines to implement a mandatory retirement age for active-duty canines.

**WHEREAS** It is also in the best interest of the Cook County law enforcement units that utilize canines to adopt standardized best practices to ensure that its canines are well trained and in exceptional health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 46, Law Enforcement, Article I., Section 46-6 of the Cook County Code is hereby enacted as follows:

**Sec. 46-6. Mandatory retirement age of law enforcement canines.**

- (a) mandatory retirement age of a law enforcement canine shall be upon its 10th birthday.
- (b) all veterinarians, trainers, and handlers of all law enforcement canines must be licensed,

certified, and in good standing with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

- (c) all law enforcement canines should be trained 16-24 hours a month by a trainer; and
- (d) all law enforcement canines should be evaluated every 6 months by a veterinarian; and
- (e) all law enforcement canines should receive vaccines annually by a veterinarian; and
- (f) when a law enforcement canine turns five years of age, the canine should be proactively treated for the health of their joints and bones with the appropriate supplements; and
- (g) in the case that a law enforcement canine is removed from active duty, each law enforcement canine must have documented approval by both a veterinarian and its handler in order to be placed back on active duty; and failure to do so will result in retirement for the canine; and
- (h) law enforcement canines with major surgeries or health conditions such as, but not limited to back, heart, kidney, and cancer, or injuries that cannot positively be corrected by surgery, than the canine will be retired automatically; and
- (i) Cook County owned law enforcement canines will not be used for secondary employment;
- (j) Cook County owned canine use during Cook County Department-sanctioned special duty will be authorized on an individual basis by the Department Head or designee; and
- (k) Cook County owned law enforcement canines will not be used for breeding purposes.
- (l) Upon retirement, the handler of a Cook County owned canine will receive a mandatory \$500.00 stipend annually for the purpose of maintaining the health and fitness of the canine.

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

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2015**

**15-0712** PROPOSED ORDINANCE Sweat-Shop Free Procurement