



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Rules and Administration Committee**

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

9:30 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois
(Board Room Closed to Public -
Meeting Virtual for Public)**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (9)

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (9)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Britton asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

No public speakers

[22-6481](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/19/2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-6481. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (9)

[22-6127](#)

Presented by: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

COOK COUNTY CLERK, Karen A. Yarbrough, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the special meeting held on 10/06/2022.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 22-6127. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (9)

[22-6425](#)

Presented by: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

COOK COUNTY CLERK, Karen A. Yarbrough, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 10/20/2022.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 22-6425. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (9)

[22-4663](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FLAG ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, SECTION NUMBER 2-2 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-2. Flag.

(a) *Creation, description and coloration.* There shall be a County flag, described as follows:

(1) ~~The central design, mounted on a white field, shall consist of a cobalt blue circular band, edged in golden yellow. Mounted on the blue band and arranged in a circle shall~~

~~be 38 small stars, representing the 30 townships within the County outside of the City of Chicago, and the eight townships within Chicago. A 39th star, larger than the others, shall represent Chicago, the County's seat of government, and likewise shall appear on and at the apex of the circular band. All stars shall be five pointed. The central design, mounted on a white field, shall consist of a light blue (PANTONE® 291 C) municipal key. The top stripe shall represent the North Shore Canal, the Skokie River/ Lagoons, the Des Plaines River, and the North Branch of the Chicago River while the bottom stripe shall represent the Grand Calumet River, the Illinois River, Salt Creek, and the South Branch of the Chicago River. The central stripe shall represent the main stem of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan.~~

- ~~(2) On the white field within the blue band shall appear an outline of the County map, upon which are shown township lines. The map shall be a golden yellow, with border lines and township lines traced in madder carmine. (2) On the white field, around the light blue municipal key, shall appear a green (PANTONE® 7733 C) outline. The green shall symbolize the Forest Preserve District and nature found throughout the County. The placement of the green stripes shall symbolize a riverbank like seen at the Des Plaines River Trail and North Branch Trail.~~
- ~~(3) Across the face of the map and extending on each of its sides, but still within the blue band, shall appear a white scroll, delineated in cobalt blue. The scroll shall bear the inscription "JANUARY 1831," designating the month and year in which the County was created by the Illinois legislature. The white field shall represent Cook County's innovation, commerce, and national economic leadership marked by major industries and significant advancements in technology, healthcare, architecture, and countless other pivotal fields.~~
- ~~(4) On the white field above the central design shall appear in bold letters the word "COOK," and beneath the design, the word "COUNTY." All lettering on the flag shall be in capitals, colored madder carmine. (4) On the hoist end of the flag, there shall be a circle of six (PANTONE® 7622 C) red seven-pointed stars. The six stars shall represent foundational moments of Cook County including: the founding of Cook County in 1831; the founding of Cook County Health Hospitals Stroger and Provident in 1832 and 1891 respectively; the founding of the Cook County Department of Public Health, which remains relevant today through the pandemic vaccination, declaring gun violence as a public health issue, fighting food deserts, and ending health disparities; the founding of the Forest Preserves in 1914, which today remains a critical part of preserving natural lands and offering open space to residents; the founding of the first in the nation the Arthur J. Audy Home in 1899 marking Cook County's leadership in juvenile and family justice reform; and an ode to townships and local governments that make Cook County and which echoes the 30 stars on the old flag.~~

(b) *Display.* The flag is to be displayed, when possible, in such manner that, when unfurled, ~~its wording will appear on a horizontal line,~~ the municipal key will appear horizontally, or at an angle of not more than 45 degrees.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Degnen, to accept as substituted 22-4663. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (9)

[22-4663](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO FILE 22-4663
(Rules and Administration Committee November 16, 2022)**

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FLAG ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, SECTION NUMBER 2-2 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended in its entirety as Follows:

Sec. 2-2. Flag.

(A) *Creation, description and coloration.* There shall be a County flag, described as follows:

(1) The central design, mounted on a white field, shall consist of a light blue (PANTONE® 291 C) municipal key: a chevron extending from the hoist edge of the flag and pointed towards the opposite side of the flag with a horizontal stripe line of the same width connected from the chevron point, extending to the far edge of the flag, forming a horizontally-oriented “Y” shape.

(a) The top arm of the chevron shall represent the waterways of the northern half of the county, including the North Shore Canal, the Skokie River/Lagoons, the Des Plaines River, and the North Branch of the Chicago River.

(b) The bottom arm of the chevron shall represent the waterways of the southern half of the county, including the Grand Calumet River, the Illinois River, Salt Creek, and the South Branch of the Chicago River.

(c) The horizontal stripe line shall represent the main west to east stem of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan.

(2) Around all sides of the light blue municipal key, shall appear a green (PANTONE® 7733 C) outline. The green shall symbolize the Forest Preserve District and nature found throughout the County. The placement of the green stripes shall symbolize a riverbank like seen at the Des Plaines River Trail and North Branch Trail.

(3) The white field shall represent Cook County’s innovation, commerce, and national economic

leadership marked by major industries and significant advancements in technology, healthcare, architecture, and countless other pivotal fields.

(4) On the hoist end of the flag, within the white triangle created by the municipal key, there shall be a circle of six red (PANTONE® 7622 C) seven-pointed stars. The stars shall represent have both geographic and historical significance as follows:

(a) Geographic significance. Each star shall represent a geographic region of the county which consists of townships, municipalities and other local governments. The six geographic regions are: the City of Chicago (County Seat) and the following suburban areas North, Northwest, West, Southwest and South.

(b) Historical significance. Foundational moments of Cook County including:

(i) the founding of Cook County by the Illinois State Legislature on January 15, 1831.

(ii) the provision of health services to all as an essential County mission and the creation over time of institutions to fulfill that mission including John H. Stroger, Jr., Provident and Oak Forest Hospitals; the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center, the Ambulatory Care Network and the Cook County Department of Public Health.

(iii) the protection of individual rights and voting rights through County ordinances and the conduct of free and fair elections for the entire jurisdiction of Cook County.

(iv) the protection and preservation of the environment including natural lands and open spaces primarily through the establishment of the Forest Preserves in 1914.

(v) the establishment of the world's first juvenile court system, which separated children from adults with an emphasis on individualized treatment instead of rigid adherence to due process, and probation over incarceration.

(vi) the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation with all local governments as partners for progress through the work of county offices and agencies

(b) Display. The flag is to be displayed, when possible, in such manner that, when unfurled, the municipal key will appear horizontally, or at an angle of not more than 45 degrees.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Degnen, to recommend for approval as substituted 22-4663. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (9)

ADJOURNMENT

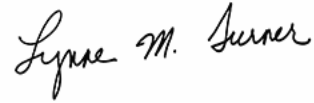
A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Degnen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (9)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.