



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Workforce, Housing & Community Development Committee**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

**9:45 AM**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Gainer, Boykin, Suffredin and Tobolski (4)

**Absent:** Sims (1)

**Also Present:** Goslin, Fritchey, Morrison, Schneider and Silvestri (5)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

1. Mary Hartsfield - Warriors on the Watch, Inc
2. George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

**17-2114**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 2/8/2017

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to approve 17-2114. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Boykin, Suffredin and Tobolski (4)

**Absent:** Sims (1)

17-2117

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 2/15/2017

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to approve 17-2117. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Boykin, Suffredin and Tobolski (4)

**Absent:** Sims (1)

17-1165

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, and LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, STANLEY MOORE, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**ORDINANCE MODIFICATION**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is a “Fair and Equal County for Immigrants;” and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of Cook County benefits, opportunities, or services is not conditioned on matters related to citizenship or immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Code currently contains multiple references to “citizen” instead of “resident.”

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Officers and Employees, Division 5, Inspector General, Section 2-284(10) of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**Sec. 2-284. - Functions, authority and powers**

In addition to other powers conferred herein, the OIG shall have the following functions, authority and powers:

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(10) To create and maintain a toll-free "Office of the Independent Inspector General Hotline" for the purpose of receiving ~~citizen and employee~~ reports of corruption, fraud, waste, mismanagement, unlawful political discrimination and misconduct. The identity of any individual placing a call to the Office of the Inspector General Hotline shall be kept confidential during and after the investigation of any complaint made by the caller, unless the caller consents to disclosure of his or her name or disclosure of the caller's identity is otherwise required by law. Alternatively, reports may be made anonymously.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Departments and Similar Agencies, Division 3, Bureau of Finance, Subdivision III, Department of Revenue, Section 2-434(5) of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-434. - Power and duties of Director of Revenue**

The Department of Revenue shall have the following powers and duties:

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(5) To investigate, analyze and propose new revenue programs for the County toward the end that the financial burdens of revenue, tax, license and permit fees may be equitably distributed ~~among the citizens of~~ within the County.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2, Administration, Article VII, Ethics, Division 3, Lobbyists, Subdivision II, Registration, Section 2-638 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-638. - Right to petition County Officials**

Nothing in this Division shall be construed to infringe in any way the right ~~of a citizen~~ to lawfully petition a Commissioner or any other County Official as guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and the State.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 10, Animals, Article I, In General, Sections 10-1(1), and 10-3(b) of the Cook County Code are hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 10-1. - Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide harmonious relationships in the interaction between human and animal by:

- (1) Protecting ~~the citizens of the County~~ from rabies by specifying such preventive and control measures as may be necessary;

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**Sec. 10-3. - Violations**

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- (b) ~~The Administrator or State's Attorney or any citizen of the County may maintain a~~ complaint may be brought in the Circuit Court of Cook County to enjoin all persons in the control of a dangerous animal from allowing or permitting such animal to leave their premises when not under the control of a leash and muzzle or other recognized methods of physical restraint.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 10, Animals, Article III, Vicious and Dangerous Dogs, Section 10-78(d) of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 10-78. - Declaration of a "vicious" dog**

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- (d) In order to have a dog deemed "vicious" a complaint must be filed ~~by the County Department of Animal Control, the Office of the State's Attorney, any citizen of the County, or any victim of a dog attack if such attack occurred within the County,~~ in the Circuit Court of the County ~~to deem a dog a~~ "vicious" dog.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 14, Community Development, Article IX, Commission on Social Innovation, Section 14-92(f) of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 14-92. - Purpose**

The purpose of this article is to create the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation, which shall engage in the following activities:

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- (f) The commission shall identify useful strategies to ~~educate and train~~ provide education and training concerning citizens, nonprofit organizations, governments, students, and businesses on entrepreneurial concepts specifically as applied in the social sector.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 26, Emergency Management and Services, Article III, 9-1-1 Surcharge, Section 26-80 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 26-80. - Limitation on use of County funds**

The County shall not expend any County funds for the implementation, installation and maintenance or other related costs attributable to providing a 9-1-1 emergency system for the ~~citizens of~~ the County. However, the County may pay for the personnel necessary to operate the 9-1-1 system.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 34, Finance, Article IV, Procurement Code, Division 8, Minority and Woman Owned Business Enterprises, Subdivision I, General Provisions, Section 34-263 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 34-263. - Definitions**

*Socially Disadvantaged* means having been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice or cultural bias within American society because of identity as a member of a group, and without regard to individual qualities, stemming from circumstances beyond the relevant person's control. ~~A Socially Disadvantaged natural person must be a citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.~~

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 34, Finance, Article IV, Procurement Code, Division 8, Minority and Woman Owned Business Enterprises, Subdivision II, Participation in Cook County Public Works Contracts, Section 34-290 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 34-290. - Definitions**

*Socially Disadvantaged* means having been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice or cultural bias within American society because of identity as a member of a group, and without regard to individual qualities, stemming from circumstances beyond the relevant person's control. ~~A Socially Disadvantaged natural person must be a citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.~~

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 42, Human Relations, Article II, Human Rights, Section 42-34(e)(2) of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 42-34. - Commission on Human Rights**

The organization and administration of the Cook County Commission on Human Rights shall be sufficiently independent to assure that no interference or influence external to the office adversely affects the independence and objectivity of the Commission on Human Rights.

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(e) *Additional powers and duties.* The Commission shall have such additional powers and duties as reasonably flow from its responsibilities, including but not limited to:

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(2) Advising and consulting with the President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and officials, departments, and agencies of the County government on assuring and improving the equality of services to all citizens.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 46, Law Enforcement, Article IV, Jail Diversion Program, Division 2, Program Established, Section 46-201(7) of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 46-201. - Purpose**

The purposes of the County Jail Diversion Program are to:

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(7) Improve positive relationships between target population ~~citizens~~ and law enforcement officers.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 54, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article II, Dance Halls and Roadhouses, Division 2, License, Section 54-61 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 54-61. - License required**

No ~~citizen, firm or corporation~~ person of this State shall operate a public dance hall or roadhouse used for public dances in the County, and outside the limits of any city, town or village, without first having obtained a County roadhouse license for each location of any roadhouse or dance hall.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 54, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article IV, Outdoor Movie Theaters, Division 2, License, Section 54-271 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 54-271. - Required**

No ~~citizen, firm or corporation~~ person of this State shall operate a public outdoor movie theater used for public viewing of motion pictures or city, town, or village, without first having obtained an outdoor movie theater license for each location.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 54, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article X, General Business Licenses, Section 54-381 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 54-381. - Purpose**

The Cook County Board of Commissioners ~~determines that in order to effectively protect the public health, general welfare, and safety of its citizens~~ it has deemed it necessary to establish a General Business License for Unincorporated Cook County for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 78, Telecommunications, Article II, Cable Television Ordinance, Section 78-41(4) of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 78-41. - Purpose**

The purpose of this article is to:

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- (3) Provide for the development of cable television as a means to improve communication between and among the ~~citizens~~ persons and public institutions of the County; and

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles, Article I, County Vehicle Code, Section 82-2 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 82-2. - Purpose**

~~In order to better promote the public safety, health, and welfare of its citizens this~~ This Vehicle Code was established for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. This Vehicle Code will apply to:

- (1) Properties owned and managed by Cook County;
- (2) Private properties and roads within Cook County whereby the County has entered into an agreement to enforce parking and/or traffic regulations; and

- (3) Public Properties and public ways, streets and highways located in incorporated areas of Cook County, whereby the County has entered into an intergovernmental agreement to enforce parking and/or traffic regulations.
- (4) Public ways, streets and highways under the jurisdiction of the County located in unincorporated areas of the County.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Part II, Land Development Ordinances, Appendix A, Zoning, Article 5, Commercial Districts, Section 5.0 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**5.0. - Purpose**

The commercial district regulations are intended to govern the location, intensity and method of development for business and commercial uses ~~servicing the citizens of~~ within Cook County. Regulations provide for groupings of business and commercial uses that are compatible with the type of commodity sold, the scope of services provided and the method of operations. All business and commercial uses are contained in the following eight commercial districts:

- C-1 Restricted Business District
- C-2 Restricted Office District
- C-3 General Service District
- C-4 General Commercial District
- C-5 Commercial Transition District
- C-6 Automotive Service District
- C-7 Office/Research Park District
- C-8 Intensive Commercial District

For purposes of determining the restrictiveness of the eight commercial zoning districts, each of the districts shall be deemed independently and equally restrictive.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Part II, Land Development Ordinances, Appendix A, Zoning, Article 11, Off-Street Parking and Loading Space, Section 11.2.6(A)(7) of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**11.2. - Off-Street Parking Space**

*11.2.6. Space requirements.* All off-street parking space shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- A. Residential uses.

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7. Senior ~~citizen~~-housing. One off-street parking space shall be provided for every three dwelling units.

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

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to recommend for approval 17-1165. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Boykin, Suffredin and Tobolski (4)

**Absent:** Sims (1)

**17-1732**

**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET GAINER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, LARRY SUFFREDIN, and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE and DEBORAH SIMS,  
Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**HEALTHY WORKFORCE AND HEALTH CARE ACCESS AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the various protections offered under the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance (“CCHRO”), the CCHRO also prohibits persons from engaging in unlawful discrimination in the provision or distribution of any Cook County (“County”) facilities, services or programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the CCHRO defines unlawful discrimination as “discrimination against a person because of the actual or perceived status, practice, or expression of that person’s race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, source of income, gender identity or house stats; or the actual or perceived association with such a person;” and

**WHEREAS**, while the CCHRO currently prohibits discrimination in the provision or distribution of any County facilities, services or programs based upon national origin and other protected classes, the provisions of the CCHRO do not specifically cover immigration status or documentation of immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, expansion of the definition of unlawful discrimination in the CCHRO to prohibit discrimination of persons based upon immigrant status or documentation of immigrant status in the application of County services or programs ensures the equal provision of County services; and

**WHEREAS**, expansion of the definition of unlawful discrimination in the CCHRO to prohibit discrimination of persons based upon immigrant status provides further confidence in the County’s provision of health services and is also beneficial to the protection of the public health of all County residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that Chapter 42 Human Relations, Section 42-39, of the Cook County Code shall be amended as follows:

**Sec. 42-39. - County facilities, services and programs.**

(a) *Prohibition.* No person shall engage in unlawful discrimination in the provision or distribution of any Cook County ("County") facilities, services, or programs. For purposes of this section, "unlawful discrimination" shall include immigration status, unless consideration of immigration status is required by Federal or State law.

(b) *Exception.* The Cook County Commission on Human Rights ("Commission") as defined in Section 42-34 shall adopt rules specifying any exceptions to the prohibition contained in this section based on bona fide considerations of public policy.

(c) *Sexual harassment.*

- (1) No person shall engage in sexual harassment in the provision or distribution of any County facilities, services, or programs.
- (2) When used in this subsection, the term "sexual harassment" means any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favors, or conduct of a sexual nature when:
  - a. Submission to such conduct is an explicit or implicit term or condition of an individual's use of County facilities, or the provision of County services or programs;
  - b. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for any decision affecting the provision or allocation of County services or programs, or the use of County facilities; or
  - c. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's access to County services, programs, or facilities, or the conduct creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment for the provision of County services or programs, or in the use of County facilities.

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

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to recommend for approval 17-1732. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Boykin, Suffredin and Tobolski (4)

**Absent:** Sims (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**


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

**Ayes:** Gainer, Boykin, Suffredin and Tobolski (4)

**Absent:** Sims (1)

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary

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