



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

2:30 PM

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

Issued on: 2-16-2024

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered to speak, with the Secretary, 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room C, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 4/26/2023

[24-1232](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET DEGNEN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

REPORT

Department: Cook County Environmental Commission

Report Title: 2023 Annual Report

Report Period: January 2023-December 2023

Summary: This report outlines the work of the Cook County Environmental Commission for the 2023 calendar year.

Legislative History : 1/25/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Environment and Sustainability C

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE

COAL TAR SEALANT BAN

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 30 ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE VIII COAL TAR SEALANT BAN of the Cook County Code is hereby enacted as Follows:

Sec. 30-973 - Title, purpose, and scope.

(a) This Article shall be known and may be cited as the Coal Tar Sealant Ban and shall be liberally construed and applied to promote its purposes and policies.

(b) The purpose of this Article, and the policy of the county, is to ban Coal Tar Sealants from Cook County

(c) The Ordinance is subject to the home rule as established by the Constitution of the State of Illinois Article VII, Section 6, Powers of Home Rule Units. This Article bans the sale and commercial application of Coal Tar Sealants within the boundaries of Cook County, excluding those cities, villages, and incorporated towns that maintain promulgated laws regarding the sale and use of coal tar sealants.

Sec. 30-974 - Definitions

(a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (1) "Coal tar" means a viscous substance obtained by the destructive distillation of coal and containing levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in excess of 10,000 milligrams per kilogram. "Coal tar" includes, but is not limited to coal tar, coal tar pitch, coal tar derivatives, coal tar pitch volatiles, coal tar mixtures or any variation assigned to the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) numbers 65996-93-2, 65996-89-6, or 8007-45-2.
- (2) "Coal tar sealant product" means a surface applied sealant product that contains coal tar or coal tar pitch volatiles.
- (3) "Commercial Entity" means any partnership, firm, trust, corporation, or limited liability company.

Sec. 30-975 - Coal Tar Sealant Ban

(a) A person may not sell at wholesale or retail a coal tar sealant product that is labeled as containing coal tar and that is designed to be applied on a driveway or parking area.

(b) A commercial entity may not apply on a driveway or parking area a coal tar sealant product that is labeled as containing coal tar and that is designed to be applied on a driveway or parking area.

Sec. 30-976 - Enforcement and Penalties.

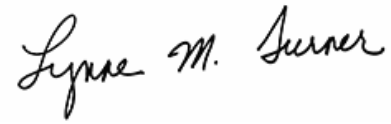
(a) The article shall be enforced by the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability in accordance with Chapter 30 of the Cook County Code.

(b) The violation of any such prohibited or unlawful act or offense, or a misdemeanor, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1000.

(c) Violators shall remediate the surface of the applied coal tar pavement product.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect 120 days from the date of its passage

Legislative History : 11/16/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Environment and Sustainability C



Secretary

Chair: Degnen

Vice-Chair: Morita

Members: Britton, Miller, K. Morrison, Quezada, Trevor