



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

**Monday, May 9, 2022**

**4:00 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

No public speakers

[22-3027](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 04/05/2022

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried.**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

[22-2483](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING THE SELECTION OF THE FINAL FLAG DESIGNS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS A NEW FLAG FOR COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County flag is the official banner of Cook County, Illinois, the second-largest

county in the United States with a population of over 5.2 million people; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 1961, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the current County flag by Resolution, designed by four County employees and the County Treasurer and submitted by then-President Daniel Ryan; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, it was determined by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that in celebration of the County's bicentennial anniversary a new flag would be created to be representative of the rich culture and diversity of the residents, geography, and history of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners invited all high school aged students in grades 9 through 12 to submit flag designs for consideration using colors, symbols, shapes and patterns to represent the following aspects of Cook County, including:

- County Mission and History: Cook County has played a large role in the development of the modern United States and has innovated government services delivery over the past 200 years, including access to health care, transportation and roadways, the justice system, environmental preservation, immigrant sanctuary, business assistance, social services, and as the center of commerce and shipping for the nation.
- Geography: Cook County's natural landscape is as diverse as the residents that enjoy it including, the 60,000-acre Forest Preserve, Lake Michigan, more than a dozen rivers, and the six main geographic regions of the County.
- People: Cook County is home to people from every background who come from all over the nation and world, of which nearly 60% are people of color, of which 35% are residents who speak a language other than English at home, and where there are 14 languages on the ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 300 submissions were received for the Flag Redesign Competition from students at 40 schools and from every Commissioner's District in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, a Flag Advisory Panel, chaired by Commissioner Scott Britton and Cook County Historic Archives and Records Office Historian Matthew DeLeon and comprised of historians, community members, design experts, County Board members, and County leadership, was appointed to review, analyze, and evaluate the flag designs submitted by students. The Flag Advisory Panel members included esteemed community leaders and are thanked for dedicating their time and expertise:

- Cook County Commissioner Alma Anaya
- Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen
- Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore
- Lisa Lee, National Public Housing Museum Director and UIC School of Art Director
- Ty McCarthy, City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development Project Coordinator

- Jonathan Meitus, WEBSTER9
- Stephany Rimland, Harper College Professor and Art Department Chair
- Arnold Randall, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Superintendent
- Carl Vogel, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Director of Communications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Flag Advisory Panel scored each flag based on composition, such as colors and design elements but not mode or medium, and representation of the County's mission, history, people, and geography as well as the student's description and title of their flag; and

**WHEREAS**, after rigorous deliberation, the Flag Advisory Panel selected 25 semi-finalist designs, whose student-submitters were paired with volunteer design professionals as mentors to diligently hone, clarify, and professionalize the flag artwork and descriptions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Flag Advisory Panel thoughtfully reevaluated the refined 25 semi-finalist designs for a second round of determination; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Flag Advisory Panel is proud to submit to the Board of Commissioners the final six designs for consideration as a new flag for Cook County:

- Freedom: Jaime Joshua Fregoso (Ray Graham Training Center)
- Harmony: Alex Tomy (Maine East H.S.)
- I Will Banner: Andrew Duffy (Glenbrook South H.S.)
- New Century Flag: Tim Mellman (Oak Park H.S. and River Forest H.S.)
- Our Star: Sofia Hogue (Evanston Township H.S.) and Ryan Bradley (Disney II Magnet H.S.)
- Strides for Cook County: Charlye Hunt (Alan Shepard H.S.) and Rayn White (Providence St. Mel H.S.); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a public committee meeting be held for the Board of Commissioners to discuss and assess the final flag designs, and provide the Flag Advisory Panel and President of Cook County with feedback on the six finalist flag designs for Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that following the public committee meeting, the President and the Flag Advisory Panel shall consider the feedback and determine the final selection which shall be submitted to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for advice and consent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the six finalist flags will be flown in the lobby of the County Building for the next month in celebration of this Countywide bicentennial milestone; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, President Toni Preckwinkle, the Board of Commissioners, and the Flag Advisory Panel celebrate and thank the hundreds of students who participated in the Flag Redesign Competition for their creativity and contributions in the development of the future symbol and banner that

will represent Cook County for the next millennium; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the volunteer design professionals, who served as mentors to student designers, be recognized for their civic duty to Cook County, including: Martin Burciaga, Graphic Design Specialist at Cook County Graphics Department; Martinez E-B, Art Professor at Harper College; Denny Liu, Senior Designer at The Office of Experience; Scott Rench, Freelance Creative Director; Carl Vogel, Director of Communications at the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; Josh Witherspoon, Executive Creative Director at VSA Partners; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the finalist student designers and volunteer design professional mentors to recognize and honor their passion, tenacity, and commitment to the future of Cook County.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for approval 22-2483. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

[22-1913](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
ADOPTION AND FAMILY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 38 - Health and Human Services, Article VIII. - Adoption and Family Supportive Services, Section 38-170 Establishment and Section 38-173 Fees of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**Sec. 38-170. Establishment**

The Cook County Office of Adoption and ~~Child Custody Advocacy~~ Family Supportive Services shall hereby be renamed the Cook County Department of Adoption and Family Supportive Services ("Department") and shall remain within the administrative responsibility and jurisdiction of the Cook County ~~Bureau of Administration~~ Presiding Judge.

**Sec. 38-171. - Powers and duties.**

The Department shall perform the following services and duties:

(a) Social Study Investigations. Upon the direction and order of a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Department shall conduct a social study investigation and issue a report to the judge who ordered said investigation for the following matters:

(1) Adoptions;

(2) Allocation of parental responsibility or parenting time cases; and

(3) Probate cases involving guardianship and/or custody of a child;

(b) Other Services. The Department may provide additional services on behalf of the Circuit Court of Cook County including, but not limited to:

(1) Intake screening interview of prospective adoptive parents and, if age appropriate, the child or children;

(2) Interviews with birth parents prior to adoption consent to obtain extensive background information with the understanding that non-identifying information, as authorized by statute, will be available to the adoptive parents and the adoptee later in life;

(3) Fingerprinting processing for statutorily required criminal background checks;

(4) Post adoption services involving inquiries from adult adoptees and to a lesser degree adoptive and birth parents and other qualifying relatives for non-identifying information concerning the adoptee's biological background; and

(5) Any other service authorized by an Illinois statute, a General Administrative Order of the Circuit Court of Cook County or ordinance of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

(b) The Director of the Department shall attempt to meet, minimally on a quarterly basis, with (i) the presiding judges of the circuit court responsible for adoption, probate and domestic relations cases and (ii) the Office of the Chief Judge to discuss court orders and case management relevant to the Department's responsibilities. ~~The Department Director shall report the outcome of these meetings to the Chief of the Bureau of Administration.~~

**Sec. 38-173. - Fees**

The Department shall charge fees for the following services with the amounts as set in Section 32-1 of this Code.

(1) Adoption Intake Interview - Initial meeting with prospective adoptive family providing an overview of the adoption process, review of qualifications for adoption and implementation of the process for criminal and DCFS background check.

(2) Birth Parent Interview and Consent - Interviewing and collecting information from the birth parent and overview of the signature of documents that allow the birth parent(s) to relinquish rights and responsibilities of the child to a specific person.

(3) Adult Adoptee Inquiry (paid by Adoptee) - Retrieval and review of adoption file and generating a report of non-identifying information.

(4) Adoption Fingerprint Processing (paid by adoptive parent(s) - Assists attorneys and parents

with retrieval and processing of state and federal criminal background checks.

(5) Foreign Jurisdiction Social Study Investigation Request (paid by individual residing outside of the court's jurisdiction) - Court of foreign jurisdiction (outside of Cook County) informally requests that the Department conduct a child custody social study investigation of a Cook County resident that includes interviews of all household residents, Cook County criminal background checks and DCFS background checks and retrieval of school progress reports.

(6) Adoption Social Study Investigation Fee (per child) (Based on annual income of, and paid by, adoptive parent(s) - Annual income shall be verified by either a current federal or state tax return or current wages and tax statements, e.g., W-2 and/or 1099 forms) - Includes interview of all household residents and child care providers of the adoptee; retrieval of financial information, character and employment references, medical information, school progress reports and other mandatory information integrated into a written report concerning adoption proceedings.

All fees shall be collected by the Department and remitted to the Cook County Department of Revenue.

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

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to accent the Substitute Ordinance Amendment. The motion carried.**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

[22-1913](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**Substitute to Item #: 22-1913**

**Sponsored by President Toni Preckwinkle and Commissioner Larry Suffredin**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 38 - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ARTICLE VIII. ADOPTION AND FAMILY SERVICES is repealed in its entirety and the following is substituted in its place:

***ARTICLE VIII. FAMILY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES Sec. 38-170. Establishment.***

Family Supportive Services is an operating unit within the Office of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**Sec. 38-171. Powers and duties.**

Family Supportive Services provides the following services:

(a) Upon the direction and order of a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Family Supportive Services conducts a home and social investigation, and issues a report to the judge who ordered said investigation for the following matters:

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- (1) Adoptions
  - (2) Allocation of parental responsibility or parenting time
  - (3) Probate cases involving guardianship and/or custody of a child
  - (b) Fingerprinting processing for required criminal background checks
  - (c) Post adoption services to confidential intermediaries appointed pursuant to the Adoption Act, 750 ILCS 50/18.3a

**[Sec. 38-172. Reserved.] Sec. 38-173. Fees.**

Family Supportive Services charges fees for the following services in the amounts set forth in Section 32-1 of this Code. All fees shall be collected by the Cook County Department of Revenue.

- (1) Adult Adoptee Inquiry
- (2) Adoption and Guardianship Fingerprint Processing
- (3) Foreign Jurisdiction Home and Social Investigation
- (4) Adoption Home and Social Investigation
- (5) Follow-up Home Study
- (6) Subpoena, including statutory mileage fee for necessary travel.

**Secs. 38-174-38-200. Reserved.**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval as substituted 22-1913. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

[22-2797](#)

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FEE**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the Illinois legislature, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/15-178, granted the Cook County Assessor's Office authority to charge a reasonable

application fee for the Affordable Housing Special Assessment Program; and

**WHEREAS**, there currently exists a Fee Schedule granting authority to the Assessor's Office to charge certain fees for administrative expenses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Chapter 74, TAXATION, Article II, REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY, Assessor's fee for copy of Commercial/Industrial Manual, Sec. 74-35 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**Sec. 74-35. Assessor's fee for copy of Commercial/Industrial Manual.**

(a) The County Assessor shall charge a fee as set out in Section 32-1 for furnishing a copy of the Cook County Commercial/Industrial Manual containing guidelines and data related to assessing industrial and commercial property.

(b) Certified document copy fee. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge, as set out in Section 32-1, a fee to provide certified reproductions of documents or records. Requests for certified copies shall be limited to documents in their entirety.

(c) Incentive fees. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge fees, as set out in Section 32-1, for filing of the original application and supporting documentation, any change or amendment to the original application or supporting documentation, any additional filing required to complete the incentive requirements, a request to reclassify, or a request to renew an incentive classification as provided for in the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

(d) Division requests. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge a fee for the filing of each petition for division and/or consolidation, plat of subdivision, plat of vacation, plat of vacation and dedication or condominium declaration that is submitted for the purpose of dividing, consolidating or otherwise reconfiguring parcels or portions of real property.

(e) Amended division requests. The Assessor is also hereby authorized to charge a fee for the filing of each amendment to a petition for division and/or consolidation, plat of subdivision, plat of vacation, plat of vacation and dedication or condominium declaration submitted for the purpose of a division or consolidation of parcels or portions of real property.

(f) Division requests filed between September 1 and October 31. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge a fee for the filing of any petition for division or consolidation that is filed between September 1 and October 31 along with a request that the work be processed in that following year.

(g) Collection and enforcement. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge the above fees in this Section as set out in Section 32-1. The fees shall be charged and collected by the Assessor in the manner



in which all other fees or costs are collected. These fees shall be in addition to all other fees and charges of such Assessor.

(h) Affordable Housing Special Assessment Program fees. The Assessor is hereby authorized to charge fees, as set out in Section 32-1, for filing of the original application and supporting documentation, and any change or amendments to the original or supporting documentation, as authorized by 35 ILCS 200/15-178.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 32, FEES, Sec. 32-32.1 Fee Schedule, of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 74, TAXATION**

74-1(b)(1)	Base fee for imaged copy of tax maps, per set	300.00
74-1(c)(1)	Copy of map of Cook County, per copy	10.00
	Copy of tax map page, per copy	5.00
74-33(c)	Charge for real property location data	84,000.00
74-34(b)	Rental charge for the Redi package and for each Redi File:	
	New data sets, per record	0.02
74-34(b)(1)	Redi package:	
	Commercial users, per tax year	91,800.00
	Noncommercial users, per tax year	175.00
74-34(b)(2)	County Treasurer's payment transaction Redi File:	
	Commercial users:	
	Per quarter	2,000.00
	Per tax year	8,000.00
	Noncommercial users:	
	Per quarter	75.00
	Per tax year	300.00
74-34(b)(3)	County revenue Redi File:	
	Commercial users, per tax year	20,000.00
	Noncommercial users, per tax year	110.00
74-34(b)(4)	County Assessor Redi File:	
74-34(b)(4)a	Data set containing records of tax permanent index numbers by divisions and consolidations:	

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	Commercial users, per tax year	11,600.00
	Noncommercial users, per tax year	80.00
74-4(b)(4)b	Data set containing property characteristics	
	Commercial users, per tax year	20,400.00
	Noncommercial users, per tax year	75.00
74-35	County Assessor's fee for copy of Commercial/Industrial Manual	125.00
74-35(a)	Certified document	20.00
74-35(b)	Incentive application filing	500.00
74-35(b)	Amend original incentive application	100.00
74-35(b)	Class 9 Part II incentive filing	100.00
74-35(b)	Incentive class change	100.00
<u>74-35(g)</u>	<u>Affordable Housing Special Assessment Program Application Fee - Part 1</u>	<u>500.00</u>
<u>74-35(g)</u>	<u>Affordable Housing Special Assessment Program Application Fee - Part 2</u>	<u>100.00</u>
74-35(c)	Division/consolidation petition, 3 tracts	50.00
	Each additional tract	10.00
74-35(d)	Filing of amendment to petition to divide/consolidate fee	25.00
74-35(e)	Division/consolidation petitions filed between September 1 and October 31, 3 tracts	200.00
	Each additional tract	40.00
74-40(b)	Tax sale automation fee, per parcel	10.00
74-41(b)	Duplicate real estate tax bill, each bill	5.00
74-44	Bulk payment correction fee	50.00
74-45	Property tax research requests fee	50.00
74-46(a)	Assessment fee	1,000.00

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74-46(b)	Assessment fee	2,500.00
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**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon becoming law.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 22-2797. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

**ADJOURNMENT**

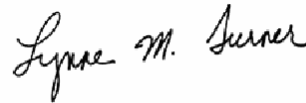
**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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