



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

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

**REVISED 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 submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall 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 be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. 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.

[19-3667](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 04/24/2019

[19-2385](#)

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Jeffrey Morden

**Position:** Trustee

**Department/Board/Commission:** Lincoln-Lansing Drainage District

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 9/1/2022

**Legislative History :** 4/25/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[19-3168](#)

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** David Franklin Merriman

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Independent Review Forecasting Commission

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 5/16/2022

**Legislative History :** 4/25/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[19-3175](#)

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Paula R. Worthington

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Independent Revenue Forecasting Commission

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 5/16/2022

**Legislative History :** 4/25/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[19-3176](#)

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**CENSUS COMMISSION**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 Administration, Article VI Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 Generally, Section 2-479 of the Cook County Code, is hereby amended as Follows:

**Sec. 2-479. - Complete Count Census Commission of Cook County.**

(a) The Commission will have fifteen (15) diverse members including: the two (2) Commissioners who serve as Chairpersons of the Law Enforcement and Health and Hospitals Committees of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. The Chairperson of the Law Enforcement Committee shall be Chairperson of the Commission and the Chairperson of the Health and Hospitals Committee shall serve as Co-Chair. Four Six (46) of the Commission members shall be selected by the Chair and Co-Chair. Six (6) members of the Commission shall be appointed by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners which may include but not be limited to: civic leaders, business leaders or private sector representatives who have established excellent inclusion practices. In addition, the President shall appoint the Bureau Chief of Economic Development as a member of the Commission. All appointments are to be confirmed by the Cook County Board.

(b) The Commission members will serve upon adoption of this ordinance for the 2020 decennial census and for two (2) years leading up to the decennial census (typically taken every 10 years in the month of April) and can be reappointed for consecutive decennial census terms.

(c) The Commission shall ~~review and~~ make recommendations to increase community participation in hard to count communities. ~~This will be done with the Bureau of Economic Development's request for proposal to facilitate a complete event.~~

(d) The Commission may make recommendations regarding ~~will establish the guidelines and vision~~

~~for a census outreach plan. Subject to the County's procurement rules, the Chair and the Vice-Chair may provide input to the Bureau of Economic Development on creating the request for proposals related to census outreach and communication, and oversee the implementation of the plan, and work with the Bureau of Economic Development on creating the request for proposals for all services and any staff hired to work for the Commission.~~

(e) The Commission shall establish relationships with independent organizations (such as nonprofit organizations, community organizations, congregations, etc.) in each District of the Cook County Board of Commissioners to encourage and assist them to create complete count committees. The Commission may accept support from nonprofit organizations and charitable foundations.

(f) ~~The Chair and the Vice-Chair shall have Commission has the authority to review, oversee and make recommendations on all proposals submitted to the Bureau of Economic Development as it relates to all census activities. The Bureau of Economic Development shall be the using agency responsible for the procurement and management of census outreach and communication and shall keep the Commission apprised of the contract management. act as the fiscal agent for the Commission and shall promulgate processes and procedures for creating and overseeing contracts to further the Commission's activities.~~

(g) The Commission, through a written report and presentations, will advise the office of the President and Board of Commissioners not less than quarterly on its work. Six months prior to the decennial census the Commission will advise the President and the Board of Commissioners on a monthly basis. All reports will be made directly to the Board.

(h) Post-decennial activities shall include, but not be limited, to a report prepared by the Commission to be received and filed by the Board of Commissioners detailing the Commission's efforts for the decennial census including the background on the state of the County's population at the time, targeted populations, description of Commission members and subcommittees, the County's overall efforts, partnerships, materials distributed, and decennial-specific Census results for Cook County. Such recordkeeping will enrich the County's historical archive and assist future Commission efforts.

(i) All meetings of the Commission will be open to the public.

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

**Legislative History :** 4/25/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[19-2890](#)

**Presented by:** KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

**REPORT**

**Department:** County Clerk

**Report Title:** Status Update on Consolidation of Recorder of Deeds and County Clerk

**Report Period:** 1/1/2019 - 3/30/2019

**Summary:** This report is to be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee in accordance with Resolution 17-2106. The County Clerk's Office presents its quarterly status update report on progress being made towards the consolidation of the Recorder of Deeds and County Clerk Offices from 1/1/2019 - 3/30/2019.

**Legislative History :** 4/25/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[19-0412](#)

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

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

### **ANIMAL AND RABIES CONTROL ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 10, Animals, Sections 10-2, 10-7, 10-8, 10-9, 10-42, 10-78, 10-87, and 10-99, of the Cook County Code are hereby amended as follows:

#### **Sec. 10-2. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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*Bite* means seizure of a person or companion animal with the jaws or teeth of any cat, dog or other animal capable of transmitting rabies so that the person or companion animal so seized has been wounded or pierced and further includes contact of the saliva of cat, dog or other animal with any break or abrasion of the skin.

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Companion animal means a domesticated or domestic-bred animal whose physical, emotional,

behavioral and social needs can be readily met as a companion in the home, or in close daily relationship with humans.

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Scratch means to score, mark or break the skin of a human or companion animal, by a dog, cat or ferret, using nail or tooth.

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**Sec. 10-7. - Powers of municipalities and other political subdivisions to regulate animals.**

Nothing in this chapter shall be held to limit, the power of any municipality or other political subdivision to prohibit animals from ~~running at large~~being off leash, nor shall anything in this chapter be construed to limit the power of any municipality or other political subdivision to further control and regulate animals in such municipality or other political subdivision by enacting stricter requirements, including a requirement of inoculation with rabies vaccine.

**Sec. 10-8. - Animal care.**

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(p) No person shall permit at any time their animal to:

- (1) ~~Run uncontrolled~~Be off leash, except in accordance with applicable law or regulation(s);
- (2) Molest persons or vehicles by chasing, barking or biting;
- (3) Attack other animals;
- (4) Damage property other than the owner's.

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**Sec. 10-9. - Stray animals.**

(a) Whenever an Animal Control Warden observes or is informed that an animal is a stray or is off leash and not under the control of the owner, the animal shall be immediately apprehended and impounded. Any person may apprehend a stray animal and inform the local police or the Administrator so that the stray animal can be impounded. Stray animals impounded by the Department of Animal and Rabies Control shall be kept at a location closest to the point at which the stray animal is apprehended. ~~A~~

~~minimum of two impoundment locations shall be used by the Department, one optimally convenient to that portion of the County outside the City of Chicago lying north of the Eisenhower Expressway and one optimally convenient to that portion of the County outside the City of Chicago lying south of the Eisenhower Expressway.~~

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**Sec. 10-42. - Biting animal capable of transmitting rabies.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person knowing that an individual or companion animal has been bitten or scratched by an animal to refuse to notify, within 24 hours, the police or other officer with the delegated authority who are responsible for the area in which the bite occurred.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by State law with respect to police dogs, when the Administrator receives information that any person or companion animal has been bitten or scratched by an animal the Administrator shall have the owner confine the biting animal under observation of a licensed veterinarian for a period of ten days beginning within 24 hours of the biting incident. The biting animal may be confined in the house of its owner in a manner which will prohibit it from biting any person or animal if the animal is currently vaccinated with an approved rabies vaccine. Caged animals such as rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, etc., can be placed under home confinement.

(1) When the biting animal is currently inoculated with rabies vaccine the animal's health shall be reported by the veterinarian to the Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control on the first and tenth days of the observation period for rabies.

(2) When the biting animal is not currently inoculated with rabies vaccine the animal shall be confined for ten days in a veterinary hospital or animal control or humane shelter provided there is a veterinarian daily on the premises.

(c) Confirmation of the health of the biting of the animal shall be sent by the veterinarian to the Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control within 24 hours of the first and final examinations. Official forms shall be provided by the Department.

(d) When an animal confined for biting or scratching shows signs of rabies or acts in a manner which would lead a person to believe that an animal may have rabies, the owner or veterinarian shall notify the Administrator immediately by the telephone or in person of these signs. The Administrator shall immediately notify the physician attending the bitten or scratched person or responsible health agency as soon as the Administrator receives notice of such signs and shall securely confine the animal.

(e) If the animal confined is determined not to be infected with rabies at the end of the period of confinement, it shall be released from quarantine. The animal owner shall show proof of rabies inoculation

for the animal and shall pay any fee, charge or penalty including any fee for veterinary services attributed to the bite. A confined animal, when not redeemed by the owner may be disposed of in accordance with State law.

(f) It shall be unlawful for the owner of a biting or scratching animal to euthanize, sell, give away or otherwise dispose of, or have inoculated against rabies the animal known to have bitten or scratched a person until it has been released from confinement for observation for rabies by the Administrator. It shall be unlawful for the owner of such animal to refuse or fail to comply with the written or printed instructions cannot be delivered in person they shall be mailed to the owner of such animal by regular mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. The affidavit of testimony of the Administrator delivering or mailing such instructions is prima facie evidence that the owner of such animal was notified of their responsibilities.

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

(a) A dog may be declared vicious if the Court determines that without justification, the dog attacks a person or companion animal causing serious physical injury or death, or any individual dog that has been found to be a "dangerous dog" upon three separate occasions.

(b) In order to have a dog deemed "vicious," the County Animal Control Administrator must give notice of the infraction that is the basis of the investigation to the owner, conduct a thorough investigation, interview any witnesses, including the owner, gather any existing medical records, veterinary medical records or behavioral evidence, and make a detailed report recommending a finding that the dog is a vicious dog and give the report to the State's Attorney's office and the owner.

(c) A complaint may be filed in the Circuit Court of the County after a complete investigation by the County Animal Control Administrator, or designee. The County Department of Animal Control shall accept requests for investigation by any party. Such investigation shall follow these requirements:

- (1) The investigation must be thorough and include interviews with witnesses to the conduct in question;
- (2) Medical records concerning the injuries inflicted on the person or companion animal of the alleged vicious conduct and veterinary records of the dog regarding behavioral evidence must be gathered and reviewed;
- (3) A detailed report must be provided to the Office of the State's Attorney and the owner of the dog recommending a finding that the dog is or is not vicious;



- (4) The Animal Control Administrator shall determine whether the dog shall be confined, and if so where, during the pendency of the case.

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**Sec. 10-87. - Penalties; vicious dog.**

If the owner of a vicious dog subject to enclosure:

- (1) Fails to maintain or keep the dog in an enclosure or fails to spay or neuter the dog;
- (2) The dog inflicts serious physical injury upon any other person or companion animal or causes the death of another person or companion animal; and
- (3) The attack is unprovoked in a place where such person or companion animal is peaceably conducting himself or herself and where such person or companion animal may lawfully be;

the owner shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony unless the owner knowingly allowed the dog to ~~run at large~~ be off leash or failed to take steps to keep the dog in an enclosure then the owner shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony. The penalty provided in this section shall be in addition to any other criminal or civil sanction provided by law.

**~~Sec. 10-99. - Effective date.~~**

~~This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after adoption.~~

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

**Legislative History :** 4/25/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta



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Secretary

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Chairman: Suffredin  
Vice-Chairman: Britton  
Members: Committee of the Whole