

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

### **Cook County Building Code and Other Relevant Code Provisions**

**An Ordinance authorizing comprehensive amendments to Cook County’s Buildings and Building Regulations Code, also known as the Cook County Building Code or Building and Environmental Ordinance.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6(a) of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that “a County which has a Chief Executive Officer elected by the electors of the County ... (is) a Home Rule Unit” and The County of Cook, Illinois (the “County”), has a Chief Executive Officer elected by the electors of the County and is therefore a Home Rule Unit and may, under the power granted by said Section 6(a) of Article VII of the Constitution of 1970, exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County originally passed the Cook County Building Ordinance on March 11, 1949 and approved comprehensive amendments to the Building Ordinance on June 2, 1997 and September 9, 2015; additional amendments have been approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Chapter 102 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, shall be replaced with the following comprehensive Code amendments that are attached hereto which recognize the following standards: 2021 International Building Code, 2021 International Residential Code, 2018 International Energy Conservation Code, 2021 International Mechanical Code, 2021 International Fire Code and 2021 International Existing Building Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the nothing in the revised code provisions shall be construed so as to conflict with applicable Federal or State Laws, rules or regulations. Nothing in the revised code shall authorize the department to impose any duties or obligations in conflict with limitations on authority established by State or federal law at the time such agency or department action is taken. The County shall suspend enforcement of the revised code to the extent that said enforcement would conflict with any preemptive State or federal legislation subsequently adopted. Where this revised code may conflict or overlap, whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail; and

**WHEREAS**, the revised code provisions attached hereto will bring Cook County in line with commonly recognized building practices utilized within and across Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting these comprehensive amendments will make Cook County consistent with many of its bordering governing bodies and municipal entities, thereby promoting transparency, economic development and incorporation of unincorporated areas of Cook County.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Part II, Land Development Ordinances, Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III – BUILDING CODE, Sections 102-110, of the Cook County

Code are hereby enacted as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Part II, Land Development Ordinances, Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III – BUILDING CODE, Sections 102-115, of the Cook County Code are hereby enacted as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Part II, Land Development Ordinances, Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III – BUILDING CODE, Sections 102-120 of the Cook County Code are hereby enacted as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Part II, Land Development Ordinances, Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III – BUILDING CODE, Sections 102-125 of the Cook County Code are hereby enacted as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Part II, Land Development Ordinances, Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III – BUILDING CODE, Sections 102-126 of the Cook County Code are hereby enacted as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Part II, Land Development Ordinances, Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III – BUILDING CODE, Sections 102-127 of the Cook County Code are hereby enacted as attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Part II, Land Development Ordinances, Chapter 102 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III – BUILDING CODE, Section 102-130, of the Cook County Code are hereby enacted as attached hereto.

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