



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Thursday, September 22, 2022, 10:00 AM

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FLAG ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, SECTION NUMBER 2-2 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-2. Flag.

(a) *Creation, description and coloration.* There shall be a County flag, described as follows:

- (1) ~~The central design, mounted on a white field, shall consist of a cobalt blue circular band, edged in golden yellow. Mounted on the blue band and arranged in a circle shall be 38 small stars, representing the 30 townships within the County outside of the City of Chicago, and the eight townships within Chicago. A 39th star, larger than the others, shall represent Chicago, the County's seat of government, and likewise shall appear on and at the apex of the circular band. All stars shall be five pointed. The central design, mounted on a white field, shall consist of a light blue (PANTONE® 291 C) municipal key. The top stripe shall represent the North Shore Canal, the Skokie River/ Lagoons, the Des Plaines River, and the North Branch of the Chicago River while the bottom stripe shall represent the Grand Calumet River, the Illinois River, Salt Creek, and the South Branch of the Chicago River. The central stripe shall represent the main stem of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan.~~
- (2) ~~On the white field within the blue band shall appear an outline of the County map, upon which are shown township lines. The map shall be a golden yellow, with border lines and township lines traced in madder earmine. (2) On the white field, around the light blue municipal key, shall appear a green (PANTONE® 7733 C) outline. The green shall symbolize the Forest Preserve District and nature found throughout the County. The placement of the green stripes shall symbolize a riverbank like seen at the Des Plaines River Trail and North Branch Trail.~~
- (3) ~~Across the face of the map and extending on each of its sides, but still within the blue band, shall appear a white scroll, delineated in cobalt blue. The scroll shall bear the inscription "JANUARY 1831," designating the month and year in which the County was created by the Illinois legislature. The white field shall represent Cook County's innovation, commerce, and national economic leadership marked by major industries and significant advancements in technology, healthcare, architecture, and countless other pivotal fields.~~

- (4) ~~On the white field above the central design shall appear in bold letters the word "COOK," and beneath the design, the word "COUNTY." All lettering on the flag shall be in capitals, colored madder earmine.~~ (4) On the hoist end of the flag, there shall be a circle of six (PANTONE® 7622 C) red seven-pointed stars. The six stars shall represent foundational moments of Cook County including: the founding of Cook County in 1831; the founding of Cook County Health Hospitals Stroger and Provident in 1832 and 1891 respectively; the founding of the Cook County Department of Public Health, which remains relevant today through the pandemic vaccination, declaring gun violence as a public health issue, fighting food deserts, and ending health disparities; the founding of the Forest Preserves in 1914, which today remains a critical part of preserving natural lands and offering open space to residents; the founding of the first in the nation the Arthur J. Audy Home in 1899 marking Cook County's leadership in juvenile and family justice reform; and an ode to townships and local governments that make Cook County and which echoes the 30 stars on the old flag.

(b) *Display.* The flag is to be displayed, when possible, in such manner that, when unfurled, ~~its wording will appear on a horizontal line,~~ the municipal key will appear horizontally, or at an angle of not more than 45 degrees.

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