



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

New Items Agenda - Fourth Set

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 11:00 AM

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Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Secondhand Sales of Wireless Communications Devices

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 54, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article XIII Secondhand Sales of Wireless Communications Devices, Sections 54-421 to 54-423 of the Cook County Code is hereby enacted as Follows:

Sec. 54-421. Definitions.

Secondhand Dealer means any person who engages in the business of purchasing, selling, receiving, trading, consignment selling or otherwise transferring for value any secondhand property.

Wireless communication device means any device through which personal wireless services, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 332(c)(7)(C)(i), are transmitted.

Secondhand property means any previously owned audio-video equipment; construction materials, including, but not limited to, plumbing, electrical, roofing, masonry and carpentry supplies; jewelry or watch made of precious metal or precious stone or gem; article made of precious metal or precious stone or gem; sporting or athletic gear or equipment, including a bicycle; or currency.

Sec. 54-422. Registry Search Required.

No secondhand dealer shall purchase, take or receive from any person in pawn or pledge, for money loaned, any cell phone whose make, model and serial number is identified in a stolen cell phone database. Before purchasing, taking or receiving from any person in pawn or pledge, for money loaned, any cell phone, the secondhand dealer shall check the stolen cell phone database to verify that the cell phone is not a stolen or lost cell phone, and shall record in an inventory log the date and time of such verification, the make, model and serial number of the cell phone, and a unique inventory number for each such cell phone.

Sec. 54-423. Violation

Any person who violates the provisions of this section, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$1000.00 nor more than \$2,000.00 for each offense. All actions seeking the imposition of fines only shall be filed as quasi-criminal actions subject to the provisions of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 110, Section 1-101, et seq. (1985), as amended. Each purchase, use, sale, gift or transfer of any such replica firearm shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense, and each day a person unlawfully engages in the business of selling or exhibits for sale any such replica firearm shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect January 1, 2018

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE

THE COOK COUNTY PROPERTY TAX LOAN FUND

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to more than five million people and collects property taxes on each parcel of property on behalf of taxing districts across the county, and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office, as required by state statute, puts unpaid taxes up for sale if homeowners cannot pay their bill, and

WHEREAS, homeowners whose taxes are sold have a limited amount of time to cover the unpaid tax an exuberant fees and interest, and

WHEREAS, if homeowners fail to pay their back taxes and the fees and interest, they face the likely possibility that the tax buyer will take possession of their home.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 74, Taxation, Article XXIII Cook County Property Tax Loan Fund, Sections 74-860 to 74-864 of the Cook County Code is hereby enacted as Follows:

Sec. 74-860. Short title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited to as the "Cook County Property Tax Loan Fund".

Sec. 74-861. Definitions.

Eligible resident shall mean a homeowner in Cook County

Eligible property shall mean the eligible resident's primary residence

Hardship shall mean a life-altering event that temporarily prevents a homeowner from being able to pay a property tax bill.

Equity shall mean the property currently has no liens or any liens it does have are less than the amount of the tax bill.

Loan length shall mean the amount of time the homeowner has to repay the fund.

Sec. 74-862. Eligible residents.

Any homeowner in Cook County may apply to the fund once it becomes apparent that they will be unable to pay a property tax bill.

Sec. 74-863. Terms and conditions.

Eligible residents may apply to the Cook County Treasurer's Office with sufficient documentation showing the hardship and that there is no lien or mortgage on the eligible property that is more than the tax bill the eligible resident is unable to pay. The county will loan the eligible resident the money to cover the tax bill. The full amount of the loan becomes due after four years. There is no interest on the loan.

Sec. 74-864. Fund.

The County Treasurer shall create a fund and the County Board shall determine a funding source to establish the loan program.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect July 1, 2018.