

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO 18-2073  
(Finance Committee 5/16/2018)**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CONSENSUS REVENUE FORECASTING COMMISSION FOR COOK COUNTY**

**Sponsored by:** JESUS G. GARCIA and LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Article III, County Board, Division sections 2-84 through 2-85 of the Cook County Code, is hereby enacted as follows:

**Sec. 2-84. An Ordinance to establish a Consensus Revenue Forecasting Commission for Cook County**

- (a) The purpose of the Commission will be to develop a consensus revenue forecast on an annual basis to be updated quarterly. The forecast will include but not be limited to: Sales and taxes, Property Taxes, Cigarette Taxes, Fuel Taxes and other sources of County revenue.
- (b) The Commission will also be responsible for evaluating and forecasting any new revenue sources proposed by the Board and or Executive.
- (c) The forecast will be completed no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> of each fiscal year, and will be updated quarterly thereafter, to enable coordination with the County Budget and to allow for mid-year adjustments.
- (d) The Commission will have seven members appointed by the County Board President and confirmed by the County Board, but also by virtue of their respective positions including:  
Chairman of the Business and Economic Development Committee, Chairman of the Pension Committee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chief Financial Officer of Cook County, an economist working for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, an academic economist with expertise in local economic conditions housed at a University located in Cook County, one member of the public with expertise in public finance.
- (e) Board Members will serve for three years and can be reappointed for consecutive terms.
- (f) The Commission has the authority to purchase subscriptions to economic and financial data, engage outside forecasting resources and hire staff as needed as approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- (g) All meetings of the Commission will be open to the public.
- (h) The forecast and assumptions will be made publicly available on the County's website.

**Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption