



Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

12:15 PM

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (15)
Absent: Butler and Moody (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in Accordance with Cook County Code.

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

17-2746

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/22/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to approve 17-2746. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (15)
Absent: Butler and Moody (2)

17-2224

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Thurman Smith

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: Three years from the date of approval or until a successor is appointed and qualified

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to recommend for approval 17-2224. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (15)
Absent: Butler and Moody (2)

17-2380

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Diane Limas

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: Three years from the date of approval or until a successor is appointed and qualified.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to recommend for approval 17-2380. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (15)
Absent: Butler and Moody (2)

17-2390

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PENDING LEGISLATION BEFORE THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress are currently considering numerous bills that effect the services and operation of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the County's intergovernmental relations staff and hired lobbyists are actively monitoring the legislation that effects Cook County's services and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to be updated on the status of certain bills pending before the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress so that it may take positions and communicate such positions to the legislation bodies on the relevant proposed legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee be convened to discuss the status of pending legislation in the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the intergovernmental relations staff and all hired lobbyists of the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners appear before the Committee and be prepared to update the Committee on legislation pending before the General Assembly and the United States Congress that affects Cook County's services and operations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to recommend for approval 17-2390. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (15)
Absent: Butler and Moody (2)

17-2389

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, JOHN P. DALEY and ROBERT STEELE, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN AMENDMENT TO THE VITAL RECORDS FEES FOR COUNTY CLERK ORDINANCE

Sec. 2-174. - Vital records fees for County Clerk. Section 32-1

(a) *Birth records.* The Cook County Clerk shall continue to charge and collect a fee for the first copy, and a fee for each additional copy of a birth record as set out in Section 32-1. The following individuals may receive a copy of their birth record at no cost:

- (1) Individuals, or a not for profit organization representing the individuals, who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence or a person who resides in a shelter, welfare hotel, transitional program or place not ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations such as living on the street or in a car; or
- (2) Individuals in the custody of the Cook County Department of Corrections; or
- (3) Individuals residing in a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

The Cook County Clerk may promulgate regulations to determine how individuals can apply for

(b) *Marriage records.* The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the issuance of a marriage license, sealing, filing and recording the same and the certificate thereunto as set out in Section 32-1. The Cook County Clerk shall continue to charge and collect a fee for the first copy, and a fee for each additional copy of a marriage record as set out in Section 32-1.

(c) *Death records.* The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the first copy, and a fee for each additional copy of a death record as set out in Section 32-1.

(d) *Genealogical records.* The County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee as set out in Section 32-1 for the first copy and a fee as set out in Section 32-1 for subsequent copies of any genealogical birth, death or marriage certificate.

(e) *Emergency fee.* The County Clerk shall charge and collect an emergency fee as set out in Section 32-1 for providing a copy of a vital record on an overnight basis. The emergency fee authorized in this subsection shall be in addition to any other fees authorized to be collected by the County Clerk for providing the requested document.

(f) *Waiver and refund of death record fee.* The County Clerk shall waive the County portion of the vital records fee for death records requested (first copy only) as set forth in Section 32-1 by those persons legally authorized to request and obtain a death certificate and seeking a copy of a death certificate for a decedent buried at Burr Oak Cemetery. Said waiver shall apply only to death records indicating a date of death prior to July 6, 2009, and burial at Burr Oak Cemetery; the waiver extends only to the County's portion of the fee for the first copy only and shall not extend to requests for additional copies. The County Clerk is required to continue to collect a \$2.00 fee for the first copy of the death record as required by State Statute unless waived by the State. The waiver shall run through September 15, 2009, unless otherwise authorized by the Cook County Board of Commissioners. In accordance with the County Clerk's records, the County Clerk is hereby authorized to refund Cook County's portion of the death records fee for death records requested (first copy only) to those individuals who legally requested and obtained a death record/certificate since July 6, 2009, for a decedent buried at Burr Oak Cemetery.

(g) *Civil Union records.* The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the issuance of a civil union license, sealing, filing and recording the same and the certificate thereunto as set out in Section 32-1. The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the first copy, and a fee for each additional copy of a civil union record as set out in Section 32-1.

(h) *Commemorative Certificates.* The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the issuance of a Commemorative Certificate of Marriage or for the issuance of a Commemorative Certificate of Civil Union as set out in Section 32-1. With each Commemorative Certificate issued, the Clerk shall also issue a certified copy of the underlying record. The fee charged and collected as set forth in Section 32-1 shall cover the cost of both the commemorative certificate and the certified copy.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to accept as substituted 17-2389. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (15)
Absent: Butler and Moody (2)

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ITEM # 17-2389

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- i) Individuals, or not for profit organizations representing such individuals, who meet the definition of homeless as defined by Section 103 the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, (42 U.S.C. 11302, *et. seq.*), or any individual residing in any of the living situations defined in 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2), as such statutes existed at the time of the enactment of this ordinance; or
- ii) Individuals in the custody of, or who have been released within the previous 90 days by, the Cook County Department of Corrections or the Illinois Department of Corrections; or
- iii) Individuals residing in a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

The Cook County Clerk may promulgate regulations to determine how individuals can apply for a no cost birth record.

(b) *Marriage records.* The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the issuance of a marriage license, sealing, filing and recording the same and the certificate thereunto as set out in [Section 32-1](#). The Cook County Clerk shall continue to charge and collect a fee for the first copy, and a fee for each additional copy of a marriage record as set out in [Section 32-1](#).

(c) *Death records.* The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the first copy, and a fee for each additional copy of a death record as set out in [Section 32-1](#).

(d) *Genealogical records.* The County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee as set out in [Section 32-1](#) for the first copy and a fee as set out in [Section 32-1](#) for subsequent copies of any genealogical birth, death or marriage certificate.

(e) *Emergency fee.* The County Clerk shall charge and collect an emergency fee as set out in [Section 32-1](#) for providing a copy of a vital record on an overnight basis. The emergency fee authorized in this subsection shall be in addition to any other fees authorized to be collected by the County Clerk for providing the requested document.

(f)*Waiver and refund of death record fee.* The County Clerk shall waive the County portion of the vital records fee for death records requested (first copy only) as set forth in [Section 32-1](#) by those persons legally authorized to request and obtain a death certificate and seeking a copy of a death certificate for a decedent buried at Burr Oak Cemetery. Said waiver shall apply only to death records indicating a date of death prior to July 6, 2009, and burial at Burr Oak Cemetery; the waiver extends only to the County's portion of the fee for the first copy only and shall not extend to requests for additional copies. The County Clerk is required to continue to collect a \$2.00 fee for the first copy of the death record as required by State Statute unless waived by the State. The waiver shall run through September 15, 2009, unless otherwise authorized by the Cook County Board of Commissioners. In accordance with the County Clerk's records, the County Clerk is hereby authorized to refund Cook County's portion of the death records fee for death records requested (first copy only) to those individuals who legally requested and obtained a death record/certificate since July 6, 2009, for a decedent buried at Burr Oak Cemetery.

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(Ord. No. 01-O-19, §§ 1—3, 8-9-2001; Ord. No. 03-O-27, §§ 1, 2, 10-7-2003; Ord. No. 03-O-28, § 1, 10-7-2003; Ord. No. 03-O-29, §§ 1, 2, 10-7-2003; Ord. No. 07-O-51, 7-10-2007; Ord. No. 08-O-11, 2-6-2008; Ord. No. 09-O-45, 7-21-2009; Ord. No. 11-O-34, 3-15-2011; Ord. No. 11-O-65, 7-12-2011; Ord. No. 11-O-86, 9-20-2011.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to recommend for approval as substituted 17-2389. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (15)
Absent: Butler and Moody (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Morrison to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (15)
Absent: Butler and Moody (2)

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Larry Ruppel in blue ink.

Chairman

Handwritten signature of Matthew B. DeLeon in blue ink.

Secretary

A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.