



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND VARIOUS AGREEMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 26 Emergency Management and Services, Section 26-35 of the Cook County Code of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 26-35. Agreements with other political subdivisions and nongovernmental organizations.

- (a) Mutual Aid, Intergovernmental or Interagency Agreements. The Executive Director of DHSEM may negotiate Mutual Aid Agreements and Intergovernmental or Interagency Agreements with other political subdivisions and taxing districts of the State as well as agreements with nongovernmental organizations, provided such agreements are consistent with the State Emergency Operations Plan and emergency management program. ~~but no such agreement shall be effective until it has been approved by the County Board. Negotiated Mutual Aid Agreements, Intergovernmental Agreements or Interagency Agreements shall be approved by the County Board in advance of execution by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be authorized to enter into Memoranda of Understanding, setting forth the agreed roles of the parties thereto with respect to preparedness and response activities within Cook County without further approval by the Board.~~
- (b) Agreements and/or Memoranda of Understanding Related to Training and Curriculum Development. The Executive Director or his/her designee is authorized to negotiate and execute agreements or Memoranda of Understanding ("MOU") with other political subdivisions or governmental units, nonprofit entities, ~~and~~ volunteer groups, and private parties for the purpose of procuring and providing training and curriculum development for first responder agencies and other stakeholders throughout Cook County, as appropriated, and including provisions providing indemnification. Said agreements or MOUs shall not require additional authorization from the County Board when limited to the purpose of procuring and/or providing training and/or curriculum development for first responder agencies and other stakeholders.
- (c) Agreements and/or Memoranda of Understanding to Advance Additional Partnership Opportunities. In order to facilitate and advance additional partnership opportunities to effectuate effective and efficient emergency response and coordination activities, the Executive Director shall be authorized to negotiate and execute MOUs or agreements with other political subdivisions, governmental units, nonprofit entities, volunteer groups and private parties, setting forth the agreed roles of the parties thereto with respect to preparedness and response activities within Cook County, without further approval by the County Board. These agreements or MOUs shall not bind Cook County to indemnification provisions, nor shall such MOUs obligate Cook County to make any direct payments to a third party. Said agreements or MOUs may not require a separate Mutual Aid Agreement, Intergovernmental Agreement or Interagency Agreements;

however, should the agreement or MOU require the County to indemnify the other party, County Board authorization will be required in advance of execution.

- (d) The Executive Director shall further maintain a record of all agreements or MOUs entered into pursuant to the authority afforded in subsection (b) and (c) and make available to the President or the Cook County Board of Commissioners a quarterly report listing the various agreements or MOUs entered into pursuant to this authority at their request

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