



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

REMOVING GENDER-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FROM THE COOK COUNTY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that **Chapter 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 1-7. - Format of new ordinances; amendments to Code of the Cook County Code** is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 1-7. - Format of new ordinances; amendments to Code.

(a) *Format of new ordinances.* All new ordinances shall, whenever practicable, specify the headings and numbers of the specific sections, subdivisions, divisions, articles or chapters to be enacted in a manner which is consistent with the numbering system of this Code.

(b) *Numbering of amendments.* All provisions in ordinances adopted subsequent to this Code that amend, repeal or in any way affect this Code shall, whenever practicable, be numbered in accordance with the numbering system of this Code and printed for inclusion in this Code.

(c) *Modification of numbering by Clerk.* The Clerk of the Board in consultation with the Secretary of the Board shall review the numbering of sections, subdivisions, divisions, articles or chapters which are enacted as new ordinances or amendatory ordinances and may modify the proposed numbering at any time prior to their final adoption by the Board as necessary in order to achieve consistency with the numbering set forth in the Code. Such modifications shall not constitute modifications to the ordinance and shall not require prior Board approval.

(d) *Language indicating amendment to existing Code provision.* Amendments to provisions of this Code may be made with the following language: "Section (Chapter, Article, Division or Subdivision, as appropriate) of the Cook County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:...."

(e) *Language indicating new enactment to be added to existing Code.* If a new section, subdivision, division, article or chapter is to be added to this Code, the following language may be used: "Section (Chapter, Article, Division or Subdivision, as appropriate) of the Cook County Code is hereby enacted as follows:"

(f) *Language indicating repeal of existing Code provision.* All provisions desired to be repealed should be repealed specifically by section, subdivision, division, article or chapter number in the same manner set forth in this Code, or by setting out the repealed provisions in full in the repealing ordinance.

(g) *Format for proposed ordinances.* The County Board may, from time to time, specify in the rules of the Board requirements relative to the format to be followed with respect to proposed ordinances. Unless otherwise provided in a rule of the Board, ordinances which are proposed for enactment by the Board shall be drafted in a manner which is consistent with the requirements set forth in this section. In addition, proposed ordinances shall include the following matters, which shall not be a substantive permanent and general part of the ordinance and shall

not be included in published supplements to this Code, but shall be a part of the record of proceedings:

- (1) The date upon which the ordinance shall become effective, if enacted.
- (2) The date of enactment of the ordinance.
- (3) The signature of the President and an attestation by the Clerk.
- (4) A certification by the Clerk that each proposed ordinance conforms to this section.

(h) *Language to be gender neutral.* The Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to remove all gender-specific references pronouns within the Code. All future amendments to the Code shall be drafted with gender-neutral language pronouns.

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