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Clerk's #	Sponsor(s) <b>Part 1.</b>	Topic(s); Code §; Summary; Committee Referral <b>Municipal Code Amendments</b>
O2013-9188	Mayor; Ald. Burke (14)	<p><b>Medical Cannabis; public health and safety; Zoning; Title 17; Ch. 7-24</b> The Illinois General Assembly has passed, and the governor has signed into law, the "Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act" (codified at 410 ILCS 130/1 <i>et seq.</i>) The new law recognizes the beneficial use of cannabis (marijuana) as part of treatment for specified medical conditions. The act also authorizes and regulates cultivation, processing and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes. Every entity involved in the cultivation, processing, dispensing and actual use of regulated medical cannabis would be required to register with the State. Compliance with the pilot program act would provide a defense against criminal prosecution for cultivation, possession, distribution and delivery. This ordinance is a response to that law.</p> <p>First, the ordinance would establish defenses for possession of cannabis and possession of cannabis in a motor vehicle, if the possession was in compliance with the State pilot program law.</p> <p>Second, the ordinance establishes zoning restrictions for location of cultivation centers and dispensing organizations. Both would be special uses within Manufacturing Districts. Off-street parking in zones M-1, M-1.5 and M-2 would not be required for the first 4,000 sq. ft. of floor area; above that, 2.5 vehicle spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. In M-3 zones, the threshold for off-street parking would be 10,000 sq. ft., then 2.5 spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. One bicycle space would be required for each 5 motor vehicle spaces.</p> <p>Ref. to <b>Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards</b></p>
O2013-9185	Mayor; Ald. Thompson (16) and Mitts (37)	<p><b>Flavored tobacco products; retail tobacco licensing; protection of minors; Code ch. 4-64.</b> The preamble of this ordinance recites the known dangers of tobacco use, and points out an alarming trend in manufacturing and marketing of cigars: addition of candy flavorings and fruit flavorings, the use of bright wrapping to appeal to the young, and sale in small-count packages to make the flavored product affordable to the young.</p> <p>The ordinance would amend the Code by adding a new § 4-64-098 defining flavored tobacco products, and amending § 4-64-180 by preventing the sale or distribution of flavored tobacco products</p>

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Topic(s); Code §; Summary; Committee Referral  
**Flavored tobacco products; retail tobacco licensing; protection of minors; Code ch. 4-64.** (continued)

within 500 feet of any public, private, or parochial elementary, middle or secondary school located in the City of Chicago. The commissioner of business affairs and consumer protection and the commissioner of health are authorized to promulgate any rules necessary to enforce this section.

Ref. to **Joint Committee: Finance/Health and Environmental Protection**

O2013-9172 Ald. Tunney (44)

**Liquor licenses; fees; Sports Plaza Venues; amusements; ch. 4-5, ch. 4-60.** This ordinance creates a new category of retail liquor license: "Sports Plaza Venue." A "Sports Plaza" is defined as an outdoor open area, not on the public way, marked to indicate means of ingress and egress, and immediately adjacent to a sports stadium with a capacity of at least 30,000 persons. (Only three such stadia exist in Chicago: Wrigley Field; U.S. Cellular Field; and Soldier Field) A Sports Plaza Venue license could not be located within 125 feet of any existing residential building, and could only be issued to a person holding a valid consumption-on-premises liquor license for an indoor location adjacent to the Sports Plaza (in other words, within the stadium). The license fee would be \$1,760 per license period.

The new Plaza Venue license would permit sale of beer and wine only, in plastic cups not exceeding 16 oz. in capacity, and clearly marked to identify the licensee. Drinks could be carried into the adjacent stadium but otherwise could not be removed from the Plaza Venue. Packaged goods sales at the Plaza Venue location would be prohibited. Toilet facilities within the adjacent stadium would be counted toward the Plaza Venue's sanitation requirement.

Hours of operation would be restricted as follows: Sunday through Thursday nights, closed from 11:00 p.m. to the 11:00 a.m. the next morning; Friday and Saturday nights, closed from midnight to the following 11:00 a.m.

A Sports Venue Plaza could also be used for amusement activities, but not during the hours of midnight and 11:00 a.m. Outdoor

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activity at the location would be considered a "special event" if the activity involved electronic amplification of sound, achieving a level in excess of normal conversation as heard from 100 feet..

Ref. to **Committee on License and Consumer Protection**

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**Part 2.**

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**Non-codified Ordinances**

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O2013-9177 Mayor

**TIF; Termination of 89<sup>th</sup>/State Redevelopment Project Area.** This TIF district was created on April 1, 1998. Now that all redevelopment project costs have been paid, the City must adopt an ordinance to dissolve the special tax allocation fund and terminate the designation of the redevelopment project area. The City desires to do this by December 31, 2013. All proper notice required has been given and the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Economic Development is authorized to take steps necessary to terminate and dissolve this TIF.

Ref. to **Committee on Finance**

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**Part 3.**

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**Transactional Ordinances**

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**3.a Intergovernmental Agreements**

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O2013-9176 Mayor

**CTA; TIF funds; Quincy Loop Station project.** This ordinance would authorize up to \$15,700,000 in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds from the LaSalle/Central Redevelopment Project Area TIF, to be used by the CTA to rehabilitate and modernize the Quincy Street station of the Brown/Purple/Orange elevated train lines. The project would include replacement of the entrance stairs, installation of elevators, lighting improvements and new electrical service. Historic ceilings of the mezzanine would be repaired and painted.

If the ordinance is approved, the work would begin in 2014 and must be completed by the end of 2020.

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O2013-9176 (continued)		<b>CTA; TIF funds; Quincy Loop Station project. (continued)</b>  If the project costs less than the amount authorized by this ordinance, the City would pay the entire cost (assuming eligibility of expenses for TIF use).  Located in <b>42<sup>nd</sup> Ward</b>  Ref. to <b>Committee on Finance</b>
<b>3.b Real Estate Transactions</b>		
<i>None introduced at this meeting.</i>		
<b>3.c Other Transactions</b>		
O2013-9173	Mayor	<b>Housing Revenue Bonds; Sangamon Terrace; 6145 S. Sangamon.</b> This ordinance is a so-called “inducement ordinance,” declaring the City’s intention to issue and sell tax-exempt bonds (or other form of debt), the proceeds of which will be used to fund the acquisition of the above property, and construction and equipping of a 24-unit housing project for very low income seniors at the above address. Costs incurred by the developer after the introduction date of the inducement ordinance are eligible for reimbursement from the bond proceeds. The availability of reimbursements is the inducement for the developer’s incurring expenses necessary for the project.  The City’s bonds will not exceed \$4,500,000 in principal value. The borrower is Sangamon Terrace LP, an Illinois limited partnership; the general partner of Sangamon Terrace LP is (or will be) Sangamon Terrace GP, LLC, a limited liability company.  This ordinance does not itself authorize issuance of the bonds, or contain the form of agreement related to the financing of the project.  Located in <b>16<sup>th</sup> Ward</b>  Ref. to <b>Committee on Finance</b>

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O2013-9163	Mayor	<b>Neighborhood Housing Services; 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to South Chicago Redevelopment Project agreement.</b> The South Chicago TIF Redevelopment Area was established in 2000 to provide funding for improvements to single family homes within the define redevelopment project area. The City entered into an agreement with Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, to provide necessary administrative services. The original amount of the contract was \$1,200,000. The first amendment to the agreement raised the amount to \$1,500,000; a subsequent amendment changed the scope of services and reporting requirements. This ordinance would make an additional \$500,000 available, raising the total amount of TIF funds for improvements and administrative costs to \$2,000,000.

Located in **10<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Ref. to **Committee on Finance**

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O2013-9161	Mayor	<b>Children's Place Community Living LLC; The Children's Place Association; Redevelopment Agreement; Chicago/Central Park TIF funds; 3533-3545 W. Chicago Ave.</b> The Children's Place Association is a not-for-profit established in 1991, and dedicated to improving the lives of children, youth and families confronted by HIV/AIDS or other life-changing health conditions. Its principal offices are at 700 North Sacramento, Chicago. The organization operates an Early Learning Center at 1800 North Humboldt Boulevard and a residential facility at 3059 West Augusta Boulevard. Children's Place Community Living LLC is a related entity, and will be actual owner of record of the project.
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This ordinance commits up to \$1,000,000 in TIF funds from the Chicago/Central Park TIF redevelopment as part of the financing for development of new affordable housing for families with special medical needs.

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O2013-9161 (continued)		<b>Children's Place Community Living LLC; The Children's Place Association; Redevelopment Agreement; Chicago/Central Park TIF funds; 3533-3545 W. Chicago Ave.</b> (continued)  <b>Project:</b> 3-story building, 13 rental units for low-income families (at least person with medical disability in each resident family); <b>Total Budget:</b> \$5.25 million; <b>TIF funds/Total City funding:</b> \$1 million; <b>Location:</b> 3533-3545 W. Chicago Avenue.

Located in: 27<sup>th</sup> Ward

Ref. to **Committee on Finance**

<b>Part 4.</b>		<b>Non-ceremonial Resolutions</b>
R2013-1103	Ald. Balcer (11)	<b>Submission of public question to Chicago voters regarding banning high capacity magazines; firearms; March 14, 2014 primary election.</b>

This resolution calls for an advisory referendum on the following question: "Should the State of Illinois pass legislation banning high capacity magazines with more than 15 rounds a clip?"

If the resolution is adopted, the question would be presented at the primary election on March 18, 2014. The Election Code prohibits more than 3 advisory referenda on any ballot. *See* 10 ILCS 5/28-1.

Ref. to **Committee on Finance**

R2013-1104	Ald. Beale (9)	<b>Submission of public question to Chicago voters regarding an increase in Chicago taxi cab rates; March 18, 2014, primary election.</b>
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This resolution calls for an advisory referendum on the following question: "Should the City of Chicago increase taxi rates, which would be the first increase in eight years and bring Chicago's taxi fleet in line with other cities?"

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R2013-1104 (continued)		<p><b>Submission of public question to Chicago voters regarding an increase in Chicago taxi cab rates; March 18, 2014, primary election.</b> (continued)</p> <p>If the resolution is adopted, the question would be presented at the primary election on March 18, 2014. The Election Code prohibits more than 3 advisory referenda on any ballot. See 10 ILCS 5/28-1.</p> <p>Ref. to <b>Committee on Finance.</b></p>
R2013-1102	Ald. Burke (14)	<p><b>Submission of public question to Chicago voters during the scheduled election on March 18, 2014, regarding Firearm Concealed Carry Act.</b></p> <p>This resolution calls for an advisory referendum on the following question: "Should Illinois amend the Firearm Concealed Carry Act to ban the possession of a concealed firearm in any establishment licensed to serve alcohol?"</p> <p>If the resolution is adopted, the question would be presented at the primary election on March 18, 2014. The Election Code prohibits more than 3 advisory referenda on any ballot. See 10 ILCS 5/28-1.</p> <p>Ref. to <b>Committee on Finance</b></p>
R2013-1105	Ald. Burnett (27)	<p><b>Class 6(b) Industrial Facilities Tax Incentives; 845 W. Madison St.</b></p> <p>Authorizes Class 6(b) (industrial structures) tax incentives to encourage industrial development, rehabilitation of existing industrial structures, and industrial reutilization of abandoned buildings, under the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance, for 845 W. Madison Ave. The tenant of the subject property is H2O Plus, LLC, a manufacturer of cosmetics. The subject property is an approximately 82,000 square foot industrial facility and is considered important to the local industrial economy.</p> <p>Under the county's classification ordinance, when requirements are met, the subject property would be assessed at 10% of its market value for the first 10 years and any subsequent 10-year</p>

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R2013-1105 (continued)		

would rise to 15% of market value in year 11, 20% in year 12 and 25% of market value thereafter.

Ref. to **Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development**

R2013-1106	Ald. Moreno (1); Fioretti (2); Dowell (3); Burns (4); Pope (10); Cardenas (12); Muñoz (22); Solis (25); Maldonado (26); Colon (35); Sposato (36); Arena (45)	<b>Public hearing on Comcast Cable's compensation system; inquiry into compliance with City's Cable Ordinance and Cable Franchise Resolution.</b>  This resolution calls for a hearing concerning Comcast Cable's violation of legal rights of organized labor and unfair compensation of employees. At the proposed hearing, Comcast Cable would respond to (unspecified) complaints about its "alleged inequitable compensation and non-compliance" with the City's Cable Ordinance and Cable Resolution. The company would also present documents showing classifications and rates of pay, and identify a course of action to remediate any actual inequity in compensation.
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Ref. to **Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics**

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