

ORDINANCE**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

SECTION 1. Chapter 2-4 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 2-4-125 as follows:

2-4-125 Urban Flooding and Climate Resiliency Task Force.

(a) *Establishment.* There is hereby established the Urban Flooding and Climate Resiliency Task Force.

(b) *Composition.* The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) the following officials, or their respective designees, serving ex officio:

- (A) the Chief Sustainability Office;
- (B) the Commissioner of Water Management;
- (C) the Commissioner of Public Health;
- (D) the Commissioner of Family and Support Services;
- (F) the Director of Emergency Management and Communications;
- (G) the Commissioner of Planning and Development;
- (H) the Commissioner of Buildings;
- (I) the Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation; and
- (J) the Budget Director;

(2) one representative of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, selected by the District's Board of Commissioners; and

(3) up to 10 additional members appointed by the Mayor with relevant expertise in urban flooding, stormwater management, civil engineering, public health, environmental justice, climate resiliency, housing, transportation, emergency management, community development, or community-based flood advocacy, including residents of communities impacted by recurring flooding, sewer backups, or other flood-related impacts.

(c) *Chair; terms.* Subject to approval by the City Council, the Mayor shall designate a chair and vice-chair of the task force. Members shall serve without compensation. Except for the ex officio members, members shall serve terms of two years. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of an unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments.

(d) *Powers and duties.* The task force shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) to advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council concerning City policies, programs, pilot programs, practices, and best practices related to urban flooding, stormwater management, climate adaptation, emergency response, and post-flood recovery;

(2) to facilitate coordination among City departments, Sister Agencies, and other governmental units concerning flooding, drainage, sewer capacity, roadway flooding, alley flooding, green infrastructure, and climate adaptation;

(3) to review available data, including 311 requests, flood damage reports, sewer backup reports, drainage data, infrastructure data, public health data, and climate projections, to identify recurring flooding concerns and areas of greatest need;

(4) to recommend infrastructure, green infrastructure, transportation, housing, environmental, and capital planning strategies to reduce flooding and related impacts;

(5) to recommend public health and emergency response strategies related to mold, sewage exposure, standing water, environmental contamination, and other flood-related hazards;

(6) to recommend strategies to support residents and communities impacted by flooding, including seniors, persons with disabilities, low-income households, renters, and other vulnerable residents;

(7) to recommend improvements to public communication before, during, and after severe storm events;

(8) to identify opportunities to acquire federal, State, local, philanthropic, and other funding for flood mitigation and climate resiliency projects and to recommend strategies to assist City departments and Sister Agencies in obtaining such funding; and

(9) to perform such other advisory functions related to urban flooding and climate resiliency as may be assigned to the task force by the Mayor or City Council.

(e) *Meetings*. The task force shall meet at least quarterly. Additional meetings may be called by the chair of the task force. The task force may hold public meetings, community meetings, or hearings to solicit information and recommendations related to urban flooding and climate resiliency. When appropriate, the task force may invite representatives of other governmental units, Sister Agencies, community-based organizations, academic institutions, utilities, labor organizations, professional associations, and subject matter experts to assist the task force in carrying out its powers and duties.

(f) *Reports*. Beginning December 31, 2027, and on or before December 31 of each year thereafter, the task force shall submit a written report to the Mayor and City Council concerning its activities, findings, and recommendations. The report required under this subsection shall include, at a minimum:

(1) a summary of the task force's meetings and activities;

(2) the task force's findings concerning recurring flooding concerns and areas of greatest need;

(3) the recommendations made by the task force pursuant to subsection (d), including any recommended priorities or strategies for implementation; and

(4) any proposed ordinance, rule, administrative action, budgetary action, capital improvement, or intergovernmental agreement needed to implement the recommendations of the task force.

(g) *Administrative support; cooperation.* The Department of the Environment and the Department of Water Management shall provide administrative support to the task force and shall cooperate with the task force by furnishing such information, data, records, reports, estimates, and statistics as the task force may request to carry out its powers and duties.

SECTION 2. This ordinance takes effect upon passage and publication.



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