



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-7

**SENIOR BILL OF RIGHTS AND ESTABLISHING
THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF AGING**

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is home to over 542,000 Chicago seniors, age 60 and above, or 19% of all Chicago residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has a vital interest in ensuring that senior Chicagoans are able to live with dignity, safety, independence, and security in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, senior Chicagoans should be able to age in place in safe, sanitary, accessible, and well-maintained housing and should be treated fairly and with compassion, decency, and respect in their interactions with City government; and

WHEREAS, senior Chicagoans have a particular interest in maintaining their privacy, accessing essential services, communicating effectively with government, organizing and advocating for themselves, and receiving appropriate accommodations for hearing, sight, disability, and language needs; and

WHEREAS, the City can better protect senior residents by coordinating senior services, housing assistance, accessibility resources, emergency response, public benefits, and other City programs across departments; and

WHEREAS, protecting senior Chicagoans requires not only responding to crises but ensuring that City government affirmatively identifies and addresses conditions that threaten seniors' ability to remain safely and independently in their homes; now, therefore,

I, Brandon Johnson, Mayor of the City of Chicago, order as follows:

Section 1. Senior Bill of Rights.

It shall be the policy of the City of Chicago that every Chicago resident age 60 or older has the right, in their interactions with City government, and City-funded programs:

1. To be treated with dignity, compassion, decency, and respect.
2. To live independently and age in place to the greatest extent practicable.
3. To live in safe, sanitary, accessible, and well-maintained housing.

4. To have their privacy and confidential information protected.
5. To receive meaningful language access and reasonable accommodations for disability, hearing, sight, and other communication needs.
6. To receive information regarding City programs and services in an accessible and understandable manner.
7. To organize, advocate, and raise concerns regarding their housing, neighborhoods, City services, and conditions affecting their health and well-being without retaliation.
8. To have meaningful avenues to report unsafe housing conditions, mistreatment, neglect, exploitation, or barriers to City services.
9. To receive coordinated assistance from City departments when conditions threaten their health, safety, housing stability, or ability to remain in their homes.

Section 2. Mayor's Office on Aging

There is hereby established within the Office of the Mayor a Mayor's Office on Aging (MOA), which shall coordinate the City's programs, policies, and services affecting Chicago residents age 60 and older.

The Director of this Office shall, in coordination with the Department of Family and Support Services, and its Senior Services Division to:

- (a) coordinate City departments and sister agencies in implementing the Senior Bill of Rights included in this Order;
- (b) develop strategies to enable senior Chicagoans to remain safely and independently in their homes and communities;
- (c) coordinate the City's response to elder abuse, neglect, exploitation, housing instability, and unsafe housing conditions;
- (d) conduct outreach to senior Chicagoans and organizations serving them;
- (e) identify gaps in City services and recommend administrative, budgetary, or legislative action necessary to address those gaps; and
- (f) seek and coordinate federal, State, philanthropic, and other resources supporting senior Chicagoans.

Section 3. Senior Services Working Group.

This Order established a Senior Services Working Group ("Working Group").

The Purpose of the Working Group shall be to propose recommendations and a transition plan to re-open the Department of Aging for administering programs serving senior Chicagoans.

Within 30 days of the onboarding of the Director of the MOA, the Mayor shall appoint up to nine community members to the working group, identified based on their lived experience or long-standing experience supporting senior populations. The Working Group will also include at least two members of the DFSS Senior Advisory Council, representatives from the Department of Family and Support Services, Department of Housing, Department of Buildings, Chicago Department of Public Health, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Deputy Mayor of

Infrastructure, Office of Budget and Management and such other departments and agencies as the Mayor may designate.

Within nine months, after the onboarding of the Director of the MOA, the Working Group shall submit recommendations and a transition plan to the Mayor regarding the feasibility of re-establishing the Department of Aging for administering programs serving Senior Chicagoans. Prior to issuing these recommendations, the Working Group shall host at least one community meeting to seek input on programs, services, gaps and coordination for Senior services in the City.

Section 4. Rules and Implementation.

Each affected department shall take all actions necessary and appropriate, consistent with applicable law and available appropriations, to implement this Order.

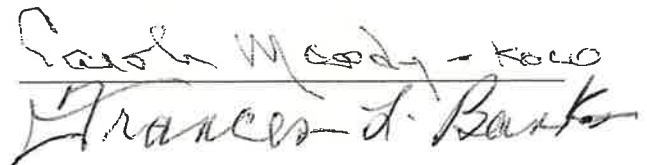
Nothing in this Order shall be construed to create a private right of action or any right or benefit enforceable at law against the City, its departments, officers, employees, agents, or any other person.

Section 5. Effective Date.

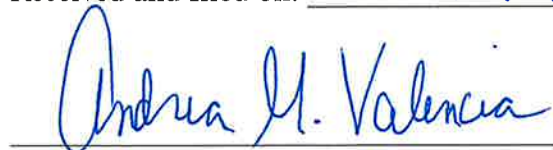
This Order shall take effect upon its execution and filing with the City Clerk.



Mayor



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