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WHEREAS, as part of the consolidation of the 12th and 13th Police Districts in the City's FY2012 budget, the 13th District station located at 937 N. Wood St. closed in December 2012, and the new 12th District station opened at 1412 S. Blue Island Ave.; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of these districts – specifically, the closure of the Wood St. station – leaves community areas like West Town and Humboldt Park without an easily accessible police station, since the travel time from the 12th District station can often exceed 30-45 minutes; and

WHEREAS, during the 2024 primary election, voters in the 14th through 27th precincts of the 36th Ward overwhelmingly approved an advisory referendum to reopen the former 13th District station, with 70% voting in favor; and

WHEREAS, this is in addition to the multiple requests from the Aldermen representing these communities over the past several years, including a proposal to open a new station in the former Goldblatt's Building at 1615 W. Chicago Ave.; and

WHEREAS, however, the former Wood St. station now serves as the Cook County Sheriff's Office Central Warrant Unit Headquarters pursuant to a lease with the City that runs until 2034, subject to a further 10-year extension; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. Within 60 days of the passage of this ordinance, the Commissioner of Fleet and Facility Management (the "Commissioner"), in consultation with the Superintendent of Police and the Aldermen of the 1st and 36th Wards, shall identify a suitable location, preferably in the Westtown community, for a new satellite police station within the 12th Police District.

SECTION 2. Within 60 days after identifying a suitable location, the Commissioner shall introduce an ordinance for consideration by the Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development to authorize: (1) the purchase, acquisition, exchange, or other manner of securing control over such location, as applicable; (2) the development of a new 12th District satellite station (the "Project"), including, at a minimum, a reasonable Project schedule and a Project budget; and (3) the potential use of City's Capital Improvement Program funds to fund the Project.

SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect immediately upon passage.



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