

**ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) population in Illinois has grown 31% since 2010, reaching more than 900,000 residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the AANHPI population in the Chicago metropolitan area is the fastest growing racial group, increasing by 11.7% from 684,000 in 2020 to 764,000 in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, current City data practices continue to group all AANHPI residents under a single category, concealing differences in health, education, and access to public services across more than 50 ethnicities and 100 languages; and

**WHEREAS**, one such concealed disparity is the 5.5% average uninsured rate for AANHPIs nationally, compared to a 21% uninsured rate for Mongolian residents; and

**WHEREAS**, while the national poverty rate for AANHPIs is approximately 10%, roughly 12% of AANHPIs in Cook County are living below the federal poverty line, highlighting the need for disaggregated data to reveal differences and inform policy solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, accurate and comprehensive community-based data informs government efforts to distribute public resources equitably and reflect the needs of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 was revised on March 28, 2024, to require the collection of detailed data on race and ethnicity beyond the minimum categories, including Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, Another group, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, and Another group; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago does not currently require City departments and agencies to collect and report on data disaggregated by AANHPI ethnicity; now, therefore

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

**SECTION 1.** Title 2 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by a new Chapter 2-41, as follows:

**CHAPTER 2-41  
DATA COLLECTION FOR THE ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC  
ISLANDER POPULATION**

**2-41-010 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

“AANHPI” means Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

“Disaggregate” means breaking down collected data into subcategories to identify differences and patterns within specific populations.

“Department” means the Department of Family and Support Services.

“Ethnicity” means an individual’s national or ancestral origin.

“Personally identifiable information” means information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, either alone or when combined with other personal or identifying information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual.

“Race” means classification or association based on an individual’s ancestry, ethnicity, and/or physical traits. The major racial categories are: (i) American Indian or Alaska Native; (ii) Asian; (iii) Black or African American; (iv) Middle Eastern and North African; (v) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; and (vi) White.

#### **2-41-020 Collection of Data.**

The Department and the Chicago Department of Public Health shall annually collect race and ethnicity data of City residents and shall disaggregate the data into categories and tabulations for the following: (i) each major Asian subcategories, including Asian Indian, Filipino, Chinese, Korean, Pakistani, Vietnamese, Japanese, Thai, Burmese, and Taiwanese; (ii) each major Pacific Islander subcategory, including Polynesian, Native Hawaiian, Micronesian, Samoan, Chamorro, Melanesian, Fijian, Guamanian, Palauan, and Marshallese; and (iii) an other Asian or Pacific Islander subcategory.

#### **2-41-030 Reporting.**

On or before July 1 of each year, the data collected pursuant to this chapter shall be made publicly available on the Department’s website and shall include the following: (i) a summary of progress each City department has made, or plans to make, to improve and distribute resources to meet the needs of these populations; and (ii) an action plan to increase public awareness of the City’s diverse residents.

#### **2-41-040 Processes and Procedures.**

The Department of Technology and Innovation shall assist other City departments by establishing common technological processes and procedures to: (i) collect, share, store data, improve, and clean data; (ii) match data across City Departments; (iii) manage data requests; and (iv) ensure all major City Department programs can report disaggregated data by race and ethnicity.

#### **2-41-050 Protection of Data and Personally Identifiable Information.**

(a) All data collected by the City under this chapter shall be collected, stored, aggregated, reported, presented, and posted in a manner that protects any personally identifiable information from disclosure.

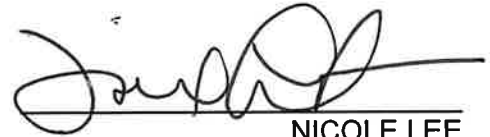
(b) In addition to any applicable requirements, restrictions, or limitations under Chapter 2-173 and Article I of Title 6, any release or other disclosure of any data collected pursuant to this chapter, including to any State or Federal entity, shall be subject to City Council approval.

#### **2-41-060 Annual Meetings.**

Within 60 days of publishing the annual report as required under Section 2-41-030, the Department and the Chicago Department of Public Health shall convene at least one public

meeting with community-based organizations that primarily serve AANHPI residents to solicit guidance on the implementation of this chapter, including best practices for data collection and analysis pursuant to this chapter. Information gathered through such meetings shall inform the City's efforts to collect and report disaggregated data in accordance with this chapter.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance takes effect upon passage and approval.

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NICOLE LEE  
Alderman, 11th Ward