

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is a home rule unit of government as defined in Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, as a home rule unit of government, the City of Chicago may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the management, structure, powers, and functions of its departments and agencies is a matter pertaining to the government and affairs of the City of Chicago; now, therefore,

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

This ordinance is organized into the following Articles, as follows:

Article I. Chicago Independent Budget Office Ordinance

Article II. Severability; Superseder

Article III. Effective Date

Article I. Chicago Independent Budget Office Ordinance

SECTION 1. Chapter 2-52 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting Section 2-52 in its entirety, and inserting a new Chapter 2-52, as follows:

2-52-010 Definitions.

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Chicago Independent Budget Office Ordinance."

2-52-020 Independent Budget Office Establishment and Purpose.

(a) There is hereby established an Independent Budget Office ("IBO"), headed by a Director.

(b) Its purpose is to provide independent, objective, and impartial analyses of the City's budget, revenue projections, fiscal condition, and the fiscal impact of proposed legislation or policies to the members and committees of city council, district councilors, advisory boards, councils, commissions and special service areas, and for public understanding.

(c) There is hereby established an IBO Advisory Committee consisting of seven members appointed jointly by the City Council and Mayor for five year staggered terms. The members shall all have extensive experience and knowledge in the fields of finance, economics, accounting, public administration and public policy analysis including at least one former senior member of City's office of budget and management or comptroller's office or comparable office in a local government jurisdiction; one former senior member of the Illinois State office of management and budget or of a comparable legislative or executive office in

another state government; one senior member of a graduate school of business administration or public policy located in the City; one senior member of a graduate economics department of a college or university located in the City; one economic advisor of a labor union and one economic advisor to a business corporation; one officer or former officer of a civic or public interest advocacy organization involved in budgetary matters. Vacancies occurring because of the expiration of terms shall be filled promptly on the recommendation of the members of the committee whose terms are not expiring. Vacancies occurring otherwise shall be filled promptly on the recommendation of the remaining members of the committee. The members of the committee shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses.

2-52-030 Director: Appointment, Term, Removal and Qualifications.

(a) The Director of the IBO shall be appointed jointly by the City Council and the Mayor upon the recommendation of the IBO Advisory Committee. The appointment shall be based solely on professional merit in the successful performance of the duties assigned by this chapter, including extensive experience and knowledge in public finance, economics, budgeting, or auditing, and without regard to political affiliation.

(b) The term of office of the Director is four years, and the terms of office of directors subsequently appointed shall expire on such date in each fourth year thereafter. Any individual appointed to fill a vacancy prior to the expiration of a term shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term and in accordance with the same appointment process. An individual serving as director at the expiration of a term may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

(c) The Director may be removed prior to the expiration of their term only for cause—substantial neglect of duty, misconduct, or inability to perform essential functions—documented in writing to the IBO Advisory Committee Chair and requiring approval of the majority of Committee members.

2-52-040 Budget, Staffing, and Resources.

(a) Appropriations to pay for the expenses of the IBO shall be at least ten percent (10%) of the appropriations for the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget for each fiscal year.

(b) The Director may appoint such personnel, purchase up-to-date equipment, and/or obtain the services of experts and consultants to develop techniques for the evaluation, within the appropriations available, as may be necessary for the director to carry out the duties and functions assigned herein.

2-52-050 Independence and Safeguards.

(a) No City officer, employee, alderperson, or official shall interfere with, direct, or influence the IBO's analyses, conclusions, hiring, or deliverables except by submitting publicly filed requests or through the IBO Advisory Committee that are anonymously published publicly. The Director may adopt internal rules to

preserve analytical integrity, avoid conflicts, and ensure independent operations and must make these rules public via website.

(b) Neither the Director nor any employee of the IBO shall engage in any political activity as defined in Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code.

(c) City departments and agencies must provide the IBO with timely access to any and all such information, data, databases, modeling techniques, assumptions and methodology, estimates and statistics from the agencies of the City as the director determines to be necessary to execute the powers and duties of the office.

(d) At least two public hearings shall be held annually to solicit input on IBO priorities, with notices and recordings distributed per Open Meetings Act standards.

2-52-060 Powers and Duties.

The IBO is empowered to provide information to enhance public education and in assistance to elected officials and related bodies in the discharge of their budgetary and fiscal responsibilities and may:

- (a) Prepare independent revenue forecasts and budget analyses;
- (b) Evaluate the long-term fiscal condition of the City;
- (c) Provide cost estimates for proposed legislation;
- (d) Analyze collective bargaining impacts within legal constraints;
- (e) Review capital budgets and debt payment schedules;
- (f) Conduct special studies, reports, audits, and offer technical assistance to alderpersons to the extent practicable as requested by such officials and related bodies;

2-52-070 Reports and Public Access.

(a) All work products must be written in plain language for accessibility by the general public and include citations of data sources, estimates, and statistics; and modeling techniques, assumptions and methodology must be enumerated

- (1) Any underlying dataset utilized must be provided as appendices via spreadsheet or dashboard with personally identifying information removed if necessary

(b) All work products must be published on the IBO's public website

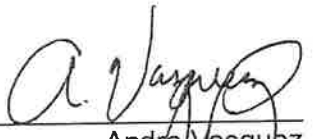
Article II. Severability; Superseder

SECTION 1. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any provision of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

SECTION 2. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other ordinance, resolution, motion, or order, this ordinance shall prevail.

Article III. Effective Date

SECTION 1. This ordinance shall take effect at the passage and publication of the ensuing annual appropriation ordinance.



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