ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Section 2-8-065 of the Municipal Code of Chicago prohibits individual fee waivers for any person, including, but not limited to, any not-for-profit corporation, except as provided in Section 2-8-065(c); and

WHEREAS, Section 2-8-065(c) provides that individual fee waivers are permitted for "governmental entities" as defined in Section 2-8-065(a); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the City of Chicago is a governmental entity created pursuant to State statute, 105 ILCS 5/34 *et seq.*; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the Municipal Code of Chicago to the contrary, all permits for demolition, construction, alteration, repair, renovation, rehabilitation and inspection filed by the Chicago Board of Education ("Board") or its contractors for buildings and facilities used for public or governmental purposes shall be issued without charge. This section shall also exempt the Board and its contractors from the payment of all permit fees, inspection fees, annual inspection fees, application fees, plan review fees, license fees, fees to cut off or reconnect water and sewer lines, fees to occupy or use the public way, and fees to install or maintain temporary driveways, canopies, barricades or other structures on the public way, in connection with any of the foregoing work, for all buildings, facilities and improvements operated by the Board or its contractors for public or governmental use.

The fee waivers authorized under this section shall not apply in connection with any monies owed by the City to any third party for any service provided to the City by such third party under the Department of Buildings' developer services program or under any other City program.

As a continuing condition to the grant of this waiver, all work requiring the submission of plans shall be done in accordance with plans submitted to and approved by the Department of Buildings or other appropriate City department, all required permits and licenses shall be obtained, and said building, land and facilities, and all appurtenances thereto, shall be constructed and maintained in compliance with the applicable provisions of this Code and any rules duly promulgated thereunder.

SECTION 2. The Board shall submit to the Office of Budget and Management ("OBM"), on an annual basis, a written report summarizing the number and type of fee waivers granted to the Board and its contractors under Section 1 of this Ordinance, and the amount of each fee so waived. Such written report shall be submitted in the manner and form acceptable to OBM.

SECTION 3. The Board and its contractors shall be entitled to a refund of City fees

which it has paid and from which it is exempt under Section 1 of this Ordinance during the time period in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. After passage and approval, this Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2026 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2026.