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WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has experienced repeated unlawful gatherings organized through social media that have resulted in violence, property damage, and threats to public safety; and

WHEREAS, some of these incidents have involved large numbers of minors and have required substantial deployment of City resources; and

WHEREAS, social media platforms are frequently used to promote or coordinate such events, and timely communication between the City and social media platforms is necessary to mitigate foreseeable risks; and

WHEREAS, establishing clear lines of communication for social media platforms will support the Chicago Police Department, the Mayor's Office of Community Safety, the Office of Emergency Management and Communications, and Corporation Counsel in preventing violence and addressing public safety threats; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 8-8 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding a new Section 8-8-150, as follows:

8-8-150 Use of social media to promote harm.

(a) As used in this section:

"Disruptive youth gathering" means a gathering in a public place during which three or more minors commit, or are likely to commit, acts of disorderly conduct as defined in Section 8-4-010(d) of this Code that are likely to cause substantial harm to the safety of the community or others, or substantial damage to property, or substantial injuries to a person, including participants.

"Social media" means any online service, website, or application that enables people to participate in online social networking.

"Social media company" means any firm, sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, association, business trust, business estate, joint venture or other commercial or legal entity of any type that owns or controls any website or application on which a social media post can be shared.

"Social media post" means an individual piece of user-generated material, including, but not limited to, written words, photographs, pictures, and videos, that is shared via social media.

"Superintendent" means the Superintendent of Police.

(b) Whenever the Superintendent has probable cause to believe that a social media post promotes a disruptive youth gathering in the City, the Superintendent may notify the relevant social media company or companies of the social media post. Any notification sent from the Superintendent pursuant to this section shall include a request for the social media company

to respond to the notification within the timeframe specified in such notification. A social media company is encouraged to designate the company's contact person for purposes of receiving such notifications.

(c) Any social media company may respond to the Superintendent regarding the notification issued to the social media company pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The response may identify any action the social media company has taken in response to such notification.

(d) The Mayor's Office of Community Safety or any successor position or office, in consultation with the Superintendent, is authorized to create a public-facing dashboard to display any notifications issued and any social media company responses received to such notifications, pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this Section 8-8-150, respectively.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication.

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Protect the children

Keep them safe
Matthew 6:22-24
