



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

January 21, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Corporation Counsel, I transmit herewith an ordinance amending the Municipal Code to provide clarification regarding the sports wagering license.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "BJ", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor

ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Section 4-156-962 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through, and by adding the language underscored, as follows:

4-156-962 License required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct sports wagering ~~at a physical location in the City of Chicago, including at a physical location, or through the internet, related mobile sports wagering permitted under the Sports Wagering Act as a result of such person being physically located in~~ with a patron present in the City of Chicago at the time of placing a wager, unless such person: (1) is an owners licensee, organization licensee, sports facility or its designee, or a management services provider of such person, and (2) holds all necessary licenses under the Sports Wagering Act, and (3) holds valid City licenses including a primary sports license and, if applicable, necessary secondary sports licenses.

SECTION 2. The changes effected by Section 1 of this amendatory ordinance are intended to clarify, rather than to change, existing law, as amended by Article VIII of the 2026 Substitute Revenue Ordinance, bearing City Clerk reference number SO2025-0021719, as passed by the City Council on December 19, 2025.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following due passage and approval, and shall be retroactive to January 1, 2026.



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O2026-0022510

Chicago City Council, **March 18, 2026**

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Your Committee on License and Consumer Protection, having under consideration an ordinance introduced by **Mayor Brandon Johnson** and the **Corporation Counsel** (which was referred on **January 12, 2026**):

An amendment of Municipal Code Section 4-156-962 modifying license requirements regarding lawful sports wagering,

begs leave to recommend that Your Honorable Body **P A S S** the ordinance which is transmitted herewith. Aldermen Villegas and Alderman Reilly opposed.

This recommendation was concurred in by members of the Committee on License and Consumer Protection on **March 12, 2026**.

Respectfully submitted,

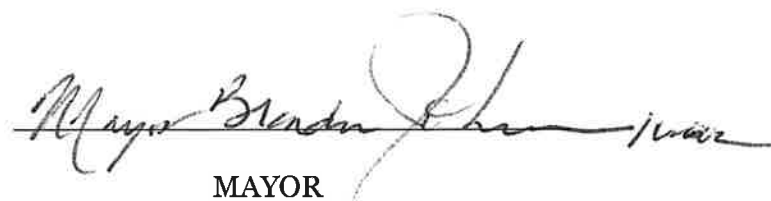
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APPROVED


CORPORATION COUNSEL

DATED: 4-16-26

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