

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, extreme, concentrated gun violence is traumatizing entire neighborhoods in the City of Chicago, with murders and shootings causing widespread fear, family disruption, mental health harm, lack of private investment and jobs, and reduced educational attainment; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, survivors, community violence intervention organizations, faith leaders - including the faith-based coalition Live Free Illinois - violence interrupters, and residents have advocated for the creation of a dedicated, permanent Department of Gun Violence Reduction; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Brandon Johnson established the Mayor's Office of Gun Violence Reduction by Executive Order No. 2026-3, executed and filed with the City Clerk on June 25, 2026, as a first step toward a permanent citywide structure and expressly designated that office as the City's planning and transition body for a future Department; and

WHEREAS, as of Fiscal Year 2026, the City allocates approximately \$157,948,207 annually to violence reduction-related activities across multiple departments and fund sources, and these investments are not currently governed by a single, permanent statutory structure with authority to align strategy, coordinate investments, measure outcomes, and report results; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that violence reduction is a core municipal function warranting the same institutional permanence the City affords to finance, public health, transportation, and emergency management, and that such permanence can be established only by ordinance; 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 adding a new Chapter 2-85, as follows:

**CHAPTER 2-85
VIOLENCE REDUCTION GOVERNANCE**

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

2-85-010 Short title.

This chapter may be cited as the Chicago Violence Reduction Governance Act.

2-85-020 Legislative findings.

The City Council finds that: (1) gun violence remains one of the most serious threats to the public health, safety, and economic stability of the City; (2) for more than a decade, survivors, community violence intervention organizations, faith leaders, and residents have advocated for a dedicated, permanent Department of Gun Violence Reduction; (3) Executive Order No. 2026-3, executed June 25, 2026, established the Mayor's Office of Gun Violence Reduction as the

planning and transition body for a future department; (4) as of Fiscal Year 2026, the City allocates approximately \$157,948,207 annually to violence reduction-related activities across multiple departments and fund sources, including federally restricted Community Development Block Grant and American Rescue Plan revenues, without a single, permanent statutory governing structure; (5) an executive order structure may be amended or rescinded by future mayoral action and lacks the institutional permanence necessary to sustain a multi-administration strategy; and (6) violence reduction is a core municipal function warranting the same institutional permanence the City affords to finance, public health, transportation, and emergency management.

2-85-030 Guiding principles.

This chapter shall be administered in accordance with the following principles: (a) Public health: gun violence shall be addressed as a public health crisis requiring evidence-based prevention, intervention, healing, and structural change, not solely as a law enforcement challenge; (b) Community partnership: communities most impacted by gun violence are essential partners in designing, implementing, and evaluating the City's violence reduction strategy; (c) Evidence-based practice: the Department shall invest in strategies supported by rigorous evidence and make resource decisions based on measurable outcomes; (d) Transparency and accountability: the City's violence reduction investments, decisions, and outcomes shall be visible to the public; (e) Fiscal stewardship: public resources dedicated to violence reduction shall be deployed efficiently, equitably, and in alignment with the Five-Year Strategy; and (f) Continuous improvement: the Department and every Participating Department shall continuously evaluate performance and strengthen outcomes across successive strategy cycles.

2-85-040 Public Policy; Purpose of Chapter.

(a) The public policy of the City of Chicago is that violence reduction shall be governed as a permanent enterprise of municipal government. The Department shall serve as the City's lead strategic authority responsible for Enterprise Governance, Enterprise Budgeting, and Enterprise Accountability over the Violence Reduction Enterprise, including service as the single strategic coordinating authority for all City-Funded Violence Reduction Grants or Contracts. The public policy of this chapter is to create a system of publicly accountable violence reduction practices that identify the root causes of Chicago's gun violence and pursue evidence-based solutions to reduce and ameliorate the effects of such violence on individuals, families, and communities most impacted.

(b) The purpose of this chapter is to establish the Department of Gun Violence Reduction as the permanent statutory successor to the Mayor's Office of Gun Violence Reduction and the Office of Violence Prevention, and to codify a complete system of violence reduction governance organized around three pillars:

(1) *Enterprise Governance*: every City department with violence reduction responsibilities participates in one coordinated citywide strategy under defined mandatory duties;

(2) *Enterprise Budgeting*: every City investment in violence reduction is identified, reported, and evaluated as part of one Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget; and

(3) *Enterprise Accountability*: every Participating Department is subject to standardized planning, reporting, and performance review, with continuing public visibility into results.

2-85-050 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

"Advisory Commission" means the Department of Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Commission established under Article V of this chapter.

"Annual Plan" means the annual citywide work plan required under Section 2-85-305 that implements the Five-Year Strategy for the next fiscal year.

"City-Funded Violence Reduction Grant or Contract" means any grant, delegate agency agreement, contract, cooperative agreement, memorandum of understanding, or similar legally binding instrument administered, awarded, renewed, or materially amended by a City department or office and funded in whole or in part by a City appropriation for the primary purpose of violence prevention, violence intervention, victim services, community healing, trauma recovery, emergency relocation, reentry, youth violence prevention, or related community safety activities. The term includes an instrument supported by a Restricted Fund Source, but only to the extent that application of this chapter does not conflict with federal or state law or the terms of the applicable funding award.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Gun Violence Reduction.

"Community Safety Priority Zone" means a community area or geographic area designated under Section 2-85-320 as experiencing disproportionate levels of firearm violence and warranting coordinated, place-based investment.

"Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget" means the annual budget document required under Section 2-85-230.

"Corporate Fund Appropriation Base" means the total appropriations from the City's Corporate Fund, as shown in the annual appropriation ordinance for the applicable fiscal year.

"Department" means the Department of Gun Violence Reduction.

"Enterprise Funding Floor" means the minimum aggregate Corporate Fund appropriations required under Section 2-85-520 for the Department and for violence reduction activities of Participating Departments identified in the Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget.

"Executive Order" means Executive Order No. 2026-3, executed by the Mayor and filed with the City Clerk on June 25, 2026, establishing the Mayor's Office of Gun Violence Reduction, as amended prior to the effective date of this chapter.

"Firearm Violence Impact Index" means the transparent composite measure required under Section 2-85-310 that includes fatal shootings, nonfatal shootings, population-adjusted rates, and multiyear trends.

"Five-Year Strategy" means the Citywide Five-Year Gun Violence Reduction Strategy required under Section 2-85-300.

"Implementation Plan" means the annual Violence Reduction Implementation Plan prepared by a Participating Department under Section 2-85-220.

"Interagency Cabinet" means the Interagency Gun Violence Reduction Cabinet continued under Section 2-85-210.

"Office of Violence Prevention" means the Office of Violence Prevention, and any successor office or program established to coordinate community violence intervention, gun violence prevention, or violence reduction efforts prior to the effective date of this chapter.

"OGVR" means the Mayor's Office of Gun Violence Reduction established by the Executive Order, as the immediate predecessor to the Department.

"Participating Department" means a City department, office, commission, or other City entity designated under Section 2-85-200, and includes a sister agency only to the extent that the sister agency has consented to participate in accordance with that Section.

"Restricted Fund Source" means any grant, appropriation, or revenue source - including without limitation Community Development Block Grant funds and American Rescue Plan funds - subject to federal or state requirements governing the identity of the administering or accountable agency, allowable use, recordkeeping, or subrecipient monitoring.

"Violence Reduction Enterprise" or "Enterprise" means the collective programs, personnel, investments, and activities of Participating Departments directed at violence prevention, violence intervention, victim services, behavioral health related to violence, youth violence prevention, reentry, emergency relocation, trauma recovery, and community safety, as coordinated under this chapter.

"Violence Reduction Officer" means the executive-level liaison designated by each Participating Department under Section 2-85-215.

ARTICLE II. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMISSIONER

2-85-100 Establishment of the Department.

There is hereby established the Department of Gun Violence Reduction as a permanent department of the City of Chicago. The Department shall serve as the City's lead strategic authority for violence prevention, violence intervention, victim services, community healing, and coordination of the Violence Reduction Enterprise. The Department shall not replace the statutory responsibilities of existing departments unless expressly provided by ordinance.

2-85-110 Commissioner - Qualifications.

The Department shall be headed by the Commissioner of the Department of Gun Violence Reduction. The Commissioner shall have demonstrated executive-level experience in one or more of the following fields: violence prevention or intervention, public administration, public health, criminal justice, behavioral health, community development, or government operations.

2-85-115 Acting Commissioner.

On the effective date of this chapter, the incumbent head of the OGVR shall serve as Acting Commissioner until a Commissioner is appointed and confirmed in accordance with this Article, unless the incumbent is unable or unwilling to serve, in which event the Deputy Commissioner shall serve as Acting Commissioner. Service as Acting Commissioner under this section may not exceed 180 days unless the City Council, by resolution, authorizes one extension not exceeding ninety days.

2-85-120 Commissioner - Appointment.

(a) When a vacancy occurs in the position of Commissioner, the Commissioner shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, in accordance with this Article.

(b) The Advisory Commission shall review and approve recruitment materials and the job description before posting. The Advisory Commission shall act within fifteen business days after receipt; failure to act within that period constitutes approval.

(c) The Advisory Commission shall review candidate applications and recommend three finalists to the Mayor within 120 days after the vacancy occurs. Ex officio members shall not vote on the selection of finalists.

(d) Before appointment, at least one public community forum shall be held at which residents may meet each finalist and ask questions.

(e) The Mayor shall submit a nominee from among the three recommended finalists to the City Council for confirmation within thirty days after receipt of the finalists.

(f) When a vacancy occurs in the office of Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner shall serve as Acting Commissioner until a successor is appointed and confirmed. An Acting Commissioner may exercise all powers necessary for continuity of operations but may not materially reorganize the Department or adopt a final Five-Year Strategy unless necessary to comply with a statutory deadline. Acting service under this subsection may not exceed 180 days unless the City Council, by resolution, authorizes one extension not exceeding ninety days.

2-85-125 Commissioner - Deadlock procedure.

(a) If the Mayor declines to appoint any of the first three finalists, the Advisory Commission shall submit three new finalists.

(b) The Mayor shall consider the second set of finalists and may appoint one of them. If the Mayor declines to appoint from the second set, the Mayor may appoint any individual meeting the qualifications of Section 2-85-110, subject to City Council confirmation, after transmitting to the Advisory Commission and City Council a written explanation of the decision.

(c) If the City Council declines to confirm a nominee, the Mayor shall consult with the Advisory Commission, which may recommend additional candidates, before submitting a new nomination. The Mayor retains authority over the final nomination following such consultation.

2-85-130 Commissioner - Term.

The Commissioner shall be appointed for a term of four years and may be considered for reappointment. If the Commissioner cannot complete the term or is removed, the Mayor shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term using the process in Section 2-85-120.

2-85-135 Commissioner - Removal.

(a) The Commissioner may be removed before expiration of the term only for cause. For purposes of this section, "cause" means incompetence, neglect of duty, gross misconduct, material violation of law or the Governmental Ethics Ordinance, or inability to perform the duties of office.

(b) The Mayor may initiate removal. The Advisory Commission may recommend and initiate removal only upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all appointed public members; ex officio members shall not vote on initiation of removal.

(c) The initiating authority shall give written notice: (1) to the City Council of the intent to remove the Commissioner; and (2) to the Commissioner stating the cause and the material facts supporting the intended removal.

(d) Within ten days after receipt of notice, the Commissioner may file with the City Council a request for a hearing. If no request is made within ten days, the Commissioner shall be deemed to have resigned as of the tenth day after receipt of notice. If a request is made, the City Council shall convene a hearing at which the Commissioner may appear, be represented by counsel, and be heard. The hearing shall be convened within ten days after receipt of the request and conclude within fourteen days thereafter.

(e) Removal for cause after the hearing requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the City Council then holding office.

2-85-140 Deputy Commissioner; Officers and employees.

(a) The Commissioner shall appoint a Deputy Commissioner as a full-time position dedicated to executing the day-to-day responsibilities of the Department. The Deputy Commissioner position continues the Deputy Director position established under the Executive Order.

(b) All officers and employees of the Department shall be under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner and shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the Commissioner or by the provisions of this Code.

2-85-145 Minimum staffing.

(a) The Department shall include, at a minimum, the following paid employees in addition to the Commissioner: (1) a Deputy Commissioner; (2) a data analyst to ensure proper data collection, coordinate monthly data reports, and assist residents and community organizations seeking information about gun violence and prevention; (3) an administrative assistant; (4) a staff person to provide technical assistance and support to community organizations seeking or receiving funding through the Department; and (5) one or more coordinators to provide staff support to the Advisory Commission and coordinate Participating Departments' plans.

(b) The Department shall include at least fifteen community engagement specialists to provide community support, coordination, and on-the-ground implementation in Community Safety

Priority Zones no later than the first day of the second fiscal year following the effective date of this chapter.

(c) During the first fiscal year, transferred or assigned personnel may fulfill the functions described in this section. The Commissioner shall include in the first Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget a staffing schedule identifying transferred positions, newly funded positions, and the date by which full staffing will be achieved.

2-85-150 Powers and duties of the Department and Commissioner.

The Department and the Commissioner are required to:

(a) coordinate the City's violence reduction efforts using a public health approach that prioritizes human dignity and community empowerment;

(b) collect, monitor, analyze, and publicly report data on the illegal gun market, gun violence, causes, and interventions, which data shall be used for resource allocation, continuous improvement, program evaluation, and public accountability;

(c) develop the Five-Year Strategy and Annual Plans in coordination with the Advisory Commission;

(d) assess and coordinate City funds aimed at addressing gun violence, subject to the limitations on Restricted Fund Sources;

(e) implement a community coordination strategy in Community Safety Priority Zones;

(f) in alignment with the Five-Year Strategy, coordinate the allocation of resources to community organizations, providers, stakeholders, and residents, including grant opportunities and investments in resources for victims of gun violence;

(g) work with the Interagency Cabinet to align government, law enforcement, and community efforts and develop actionable agency plans;

(h) conduct policy and procedural analysis and make policy recommendations;

(i) coordinate victim assistance, trauma recovery, and emergency relocation services across Participating Departments;

(j) serve as the City's single strategic coordinating authority for all City-Funded Violence Reduction Grants or Contracts and as the City's lead grant-making agency for community-based gun violence prevention, violence intervention, victim services, and community healing initiatives, except where otherwise required by federal or state law;

(k) administer procurements, grants, and cooperative agreements consistent with this Code, applicable procurement ordinances, and annual appropriations;

(l) seek and accept gifts, grants, and other assistance from the United States, the State of Illinois, other government entities, philanthropic organizations, and other sources, and expend such receipts on projects that implement the policies of the Department;

(m) promulgate rules establishing grant eligibility, application procedures, evaluation criteria, reporting requirements, performance standards, oversight mechanisms, and the strategic consistency review procedures required under Section 2-85-245;

(n) consolidate overlapping violence reduction reporting requirements imposed on Participating Departments wherever practicable; and

(o) provide administrative and staff support to the Advisory Commission.

2-85-155 Limits of authority.

The Department shall not administer, direct, or supervise the operations of the Chicago Police Department, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability, or any other law enforcement or independent oversight entity beyond the coordination of violence reduction strategy as specified in this chapter. Nothing in this chapter authorizes the Commissioner to direct Chicago Police Department investigations, override another entity's independent statutory authority, or control functions prohibited by federal or state law. Except for the written strategic consistency review expressly authorized under Section 2-85-245, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the Commissioner to approve, deny, suspend, or modify another City department's appropriations, vendor selection, bid or proposal scoring, bidder or proposer responsibility or responsiveness determinations, contract negotiations, contract administration, personnel actions, or statutory functions. Section 2-85-245 does not transfer procurement administration or vendor-selection authority to the Department. The Commissioner's budget role is limited to the advisory Consistency Statement in Section 2-85-235; the Commissioner's planning role is limited to the review authority in Section 2-85-220. All final appropriation authority remains with the Mayor and City Council, and all procurement and contract-administration authority remains with the Chief Procurement Officer and the City department or office otherwise authorized by law.

2-85-160 Succession from the Mayor's Office of Gun Violence Reduction.

(a) Effective as of the effective date of this chapter, the Department is the successor in every respect to the OGVR, including succession to all of the OGVR's functions, personnel assignments, records, data systems, pending Implementation Plans, the Five-Year Strategy process, the Interagency Cabinet, and the Mayor's Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Council.

(b) Any action taken, plan adopted, designation made, fund identified, or report issued by the OGVR prior to the effective date of this chapter remains in full force and effect and is deemed an action of the Department until amended, superseded, or rescinded under the authority of this chapter.

(c) The title of Executive Director of the OGVR ceases upon the effective date of this chapter. The Commissioner succeeds to the duties of that predecessor position as a standalone department head. Nothing in this section prohibits the Mayor from appointing the incumbent head of the OGVR as the first Commissioner, subject to the confirmation process in this Article.

(d) The Interagency Cabinet and the Mayor's Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Council shall continue in existence under this chapter, subject to the transition provisions in Sections 2-85-410 and 2-85-630.

(e) Any deadline running under the Executive Order, including the twelve-month deadline for publication of the Five-Year Strategy, continues to run from its original starting date and is not restarted by this chapter.

2-85-165 Succession from the Office of Violence Prevention.

The Department and the Commissioner shall assume all rights, powers, duties, obligations, and responsibilities of the Office of Violence Prevention, including:

(a) all personnel, books, records, data, property, equipment, appropriations, and funds assigned to or administered by the Office of Violence Prevention;

(b) the administration of any federal, state, local, or private grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, philanthropic funding, or other financial assistance awarded for the purpose of gun violence prevention, community violence intervention, violence interruption, victim services, community healing, or violence reduction initiatives, except where otherwise prohibited by law or by the terms of the applicable funding agreement, or where such funds constitute a Restricted Fund Source under Section 2-85-250; and

(c) all rights and duties arising under existing contracts, grant agreements, memoranda of understanding, intergovernmental agreements, cooperative agreements, leases, procurement agreements, or other legally binding instruments relating to the functions transferred to the Department.

For purposes of this section, references to the predecessor office include both the Office of Violence Prevention and the OGVR.

2-85-170 Continuity of administrative rules.

All rules, regulations, policies, procedures, directives, and administrative orders governing the Office of Violence Prevention in effect on the effective date of this chapter remain in effect until amended, repealed, or superseded by the Commissioner.

ARTICLE III. THE VIOLENCE REDUCTION ENTERPRISE

2-85-200 Participating Departments.

(a) The following City departments and entities are designated as Participating Departments in the Violence Reduction Enterprise: the Department of Family and Support Services; the Department of Public Health; the Department of Housing; the Department of Planning and Development; the Office of Emergency Management and Communications; the Chicago Police Department; the Civilian Office of Police Accountability; the Office of Public Safety Administration; the Office of Equity and Racial Justice; and the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability.

(b) The Commissioner may designate an additional City department as a Participating Department with the concurrence of the Mayor and written notice to the City Council.

(c) Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Park District, and any other sister agency may participate in the Interagency Cabinet and may be designated as a Participating Department

only with the written consent of the sister agency and, where required, an intergovernmental agreement defining the scope of participation, data sharing, funding responsibilities, and preservation of the sister agency's legal authority.

(d) The participation of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability, and any other independent entity is limited to coordination, planning, and reporting consistent with the entity's enabling law and independent statutory authority.

(e) Nothing in this section alters any Participating Department's existing statutory authority or operational responsibilities.

2-85-210 Interagency Gun Violence Reduction Cabinet.

The Interagency Cabinet, continued under Section 2-85-160(d), shall be chaired by the Commissioner and composed of an executive-level representative of each Participating Department. The Cabinet shall meet no less than quarterly. Its duties include coordinating implementation of the Five-Year Strategy; facilitating resolution of interagency conflicts and documenting unresolved conflicts to the Mayor and City Council; monitoring compliance with this chapter; reviewing Enterprise performance; and recommending resource alignment to the Mayor and City Council. A representative of the Cabinet shall brief the Advisory Commission quarterly regarding the Cabinet's activities. City departments shall provide reasonable cooperation with requests from the Commissioner for information sharing, strategic planning, program implementation, and personnel participation necessary to fulfill the mission of the Department, within existing appropriations and capacity and subject to applicable law, collective bargaining agreements, personnel rules, data-protection requirements, and departmental policies.

2-85-215 Violence Reduction Officers.

(a) Each Participating Department shall designate an executive-level Violence Reduction Officer.

(b) A Violence Reduction Officer remains an employee of, and subject to the personnel authority of, the officer's home department for all administrative purposes, including hiring, discipline, and compensation.

(c) For purposes of Enterprise planning, reporting, performance review, and interagency coordination, Violence Reduction Officers designated by City departments shall report programmatically to the Commissioner. Violence Reduction Officers representing an independent entity or consenting sister agency shall serve as the entity's liaison to the Commissioner and shall perform only those duties consistent with applicable law and any intergovernmental agreement.

(d) Nothing in this section transfers employment, payroll, personnel, or operational authority over any Violence Reduction Officer to the Department.

2-85-220 Mandatory duties of Participating Departments; Implementation Plans.

(a) Every Participating Department shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law and any governing intergovernmental agreement: (1) designate a Violence Reduction Officer; (2) prepare and submit an annual Violence Reduction Implementation Plan; (3) identify all violence

reduction expenditures during the annual budget process; (4) submit quarterly implementation reports using standardized measures; (5) participate in Interagency Cabinet meetings and Enterprise planning; (6) participate in quarterly Enterprise performance reviews; and (7) cooperate with lawful data-sharing requirements established by rule; and (8) submit each proposed City-Funded Violence Reduction Grant or Contract for review and comply with Section 2-85-245.

(b) Each Implementation Plan shall describe the department's violence reduction objectives for the coming fiscal year; planned investments and funding sources; measurable performance goals; staffing commitments; cross-department coordination; anticipated implementation barriers; community engagement activities; and each City-Funded Violence Reduction Grant or Contract that the department anticipates soliciting, awarding, renewing, or materially amending during the fiscal year. Each Implementation Plan shall include an implementation schedule identifying, for each major initiative, the responsible department unit or official, milestone dates, and the performance measure by which completion will be evaluated, formatted so as to permit audit by the Office of Inspector General or the City Council.

(c) The Commissioner shall review each Implementation Plan for consistency with the Five-Year Strategy and may request revisions with written findings. If a Participating Department declines to revise its plan as requested, the Commissioner shall note the disagreement and the department's reasons in the next quarterly report to the Mayor and City Council. Nothing in this section authorizes the Commissioner to withhold, delay, or condition any Participating Department's appropriation request or program operations.

(d) If a Participating Department fails to comply with this section, the Commissioner shall report the noncompliance to the Mayor and City Council as part of the next quarterly Cabinet report. Such reports become part of the public record and may be considered in connection with future budget deliberations.

2-85-230 Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget.

(a) Each Participating Department shall identify, by fund source, all appropriations supporting violence prevention, violence intervention, victim services, behavioral health related to violence, youth violence prevention, reentry, emergency relocation, trauma recovery, and community safety activities. The Commissioner shall compile this information into a single Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget, which shall accompany the Mayor's proposed annual budget submitted to the City Council.

(b) The Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget shall separately display: (1) the Department's direct appropriation; (2) Enterprise appropriations located in other Participating Departments; (3) appropriations by department and fund source; (4) grant, federal, state, and philanthropic funding; (5) delegate agency contracts; (6) capital investments; (7) personnel; (8) community area distribution; and (9) the amounts counted toward the Enterprise Funding Floor. No expenditure may be counted more than once.

2-85-235 Consistency Statement.

The Commissioner shall annually review each Participating Department's violence reduction budget submission for alignment with the Five-Year Strategy and shall publish a Consistency Statement accompanying the Mayor's proposed annual budget. The Consistency Statement is

advisory only and does not confer approval or disapproval authority over any appropriation request. Nothing in this section limits the budgetary authority of the Mayor or the City Council.

2-85-240 Annual investment review.

The Commissioner shall annually review all City-funded violence reduction investments and may recommend expansion, modification, consolidation, realignment, or termination based on measurable performance. Recommendations shall accompany the annual budget submission and are advisory to the Mayor and City Council.

2-85-245 City-Funded Violence Reduction Grants and Contracts.

(a) The Department shall serve as the City's single strategic coordinating authority for all City-Funded Violence Reduction Grants or Contracts.

(b) No City department or office shall issue a solicitation, make an award, execute a new agreement, renew an existing agreement, or make a material amendment concerning a City-Funded Violence Reduction Grant or Contract until the department or office has submitted the proposed action and the information required by rule to the Commissioner for a written strategic consistency determination. A sister agency is subject to this subsection only to the extent provided by its consent or an intergovernmental agreement under Section 2-85-200.

(c) Within five business days after receiving a submission under subsection (b), the Commissioner shall notify the submitting department or office whether the submission is complete and shall specifically identify any information needed to complete the review. Failure to provide such notice within five business days constitutes a determination that the submission is complete. Within fifteen business days after a submission is complete, the Commissioner shall issue a written determination stating whether the proposed action is consistent with the Five-Year Strategy, the Annual Plan, applicable performance standards, Community Safety Priority Zone designations, and the City's existing violence reduction investments. Failure to issue a determination within fifteen business days constitutes concurrence.

(d) A City department or office shall not proceed with a proposed action following a determination of inconsistency unless the Mayor authorizes the action in writing. The Mayor's authorization shall state the reasons for proceeding and shall be transmitted, together with the Commissioner's determination, to the City Council within five business days.

(e) The Department shall maintain a public registry of all City-Funded Violence Reduction Grants or Contracts. Following award or execution, the registry shall identify, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the administering department or office, provider, purpose, amount, funding source, geographic service area, agreement period, performance measures, and the Commissioner's consistency determination or the Mayor's written authorization under subsection (d). The registry shall not disclose confidential procurement, applicant, victim, service-recipient, law-enforcement-sensitive, or other information protected by law.

(f) Nothing in this section authorizes the Department or Commissioner to select a vendor, score a bid or proposal, determine bidder or proposer responsibility or responsiveness, negotiate an agreement on behalf of another department or office, administer another department's or office's agreement, or displace the authority of the Chief Procurement Officer.

(g) This section does not apply to a Restricted Fund Source to the extent that the review, concurrence, or disclosure required by this section would conflict with federal or state law or the terms of the applicable funding award. The administering department or office shall nevertheless report the instrument for inclusion in the Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget and public registry to the fullest extent permitted by law.

(h) An emergency action reasonably necessary to protect life or safety may proceed before completion of the review required under this section, provided that the administering department or office submits the action to the Commissioner no later than five business days after execution and provides a written explanation of the emergency. The Commissioner shall publish a consistency determination concerning the emergency action no later than fifteen business days after receiving a complete submission.

2-85-250 Restricted Fund Sources.

(a) Nothing in this chapter transfers the administration, disbursement, grantee status, or subrecipient-monitoring responsibility associated with any Restricted Fund Source.

(b) Where a Participating Department is the legally designated grantee or fiscal agent for a Restricted Fund Source, that department retains sole legal authority and responsibility for administering those funds in compliance with applicable federal and state law.

(c) With respect to Restricted Fund Sources, the Department's role is limited to aggregating expenditure and performance data for the Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget and reviewing alignment with the Five-Year Strategy for strategic recommendation purposes only. The Department shall have no approval, disbursement, or subrecipient-monitoring authority over Restricted Fund Sources.

2-85-255 Performance management.

The Commissioner shall establish, by rule, a citywide performance management framework applicable to all Participating Departments. The framework shall include, at minimum: shootings and homicides; nonfatal shootings; retaliatory violence; victim service utilization; emergency relocation outcomes; community violence intervention outcomes; behavioral health utilization related to violence; reentry outcomes; grant and contract performance; and resident perceptions of safety in Community Safety Priority Zones. The Interagency Cabinet shall conduct quarterly Enterprise performance reviews at which each Participating Department shall present implementation progress, performance measures, budget utilization, and barriers. The Commissioner shall report the results of each quarterly review to the Mayor and City Council.

2-85-260 Public dashboard.

The Department shall maintain a public-facing dashboard displaying violence trends, Participating Department performance, City investments by department and geography, grant awards, implementation status, and progress toward Five-Year Strategy goals, updated no less than monthly and subject to Section 2-85-265.

2-85-265 Data protection; privacy; confidentiality.

(a) Public reports, dashboards, data sets, and maps issued under this chapter shall use aggregated and de-identified information and shall not disclose personally identifiable

information concerning a victim, witness, minor, service recipient, person receiving behavioral health services, person seeking emergency relocation, or person participating in a violence intervention or reentry program.

(b) The Department and Participating Departments shall comply with all applicable federal and state privacy, health-information, juvenile-record, victim-protection, and law-enforcement confidentiality requirements. Nothing in this chapter requires disclosure of information exempt from disclosure under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act or otherwise protected by law.

(c) The Commissioner shall establish by rule small-cell suppression, geographic masking, data minimization, retention, access control, and data-sharing agreement standards reasonably necessary to prevent re-identification and protect sensitive operational information.

(d) Data shared for Enterprise purposes may be used only for lawful planning, coordination, evaluation, service delivery, and accountability purposes authorized by this chapter.

ARTICLE IV. FIVE-YEAR STRATEGY; ANNUAL PLAN; PRIORITY ZONES; VICTIM SERVICES

2-85-300 Five-Year Strategy; Contents.

(a) The Commissioner shall publish a Citywide Five-Year Gun Violence Reduction Strategy no later than April 1, 2027, and shall update the Strategy not less than every five years thereafter. The Strategy shall be developed using a public health approach that prioritizes human dignity and community empowerment and shall be submitted to the Advisory Commission for review under Section 2-85-425 before publication.

(b) The Five-Year Strategy must include, at a minimum:

(1) a description of the comprehensive citywide plan to address gun violence, including how City resources will be coordinated, the roles of City agencies, law enforcement, community organizations, and service providers, and how identified strategies address root causes;

(2) an assessment of the needs of each community area;

(3) the ten community areas most impacted by firearm violence for purposes of the Advisory Commission residency requirement;

(4) a community crisis response plan, including for protest and civil unrest, that engages community leaders;

(5) Community Safety Priority Zones for investment and intervention;

(6) an outline of strategies for Priority Zones modeled on emergency management principles, ensuring all members of impacted communities receive a base level of resources with additional resources directed to those most impacted;

(7) an outline of a Victim Safety Service Strategy, including funding and support for nonprofit agencies serving community members whose safety is threatened or who need emergency relocation;

- (8) concrete, measurable goals for the five-year period;
- (9) strategic prevention outreach and awareness efforts;
- (10) an assignment of implementation responsibilities to each Participating Department; and
- (11) measurable objectives for each strategic priority, including documented baseline conditions, annual interim benchmarks, a midpoint review in the third year, and a final evaluation in the fifth year informing the next Strategy.

2-85-310 Annual Plan.

On or before January 1 of each year, the Commissioner shall publish an Annual Plan implementing the Five-Year Strategy. The Annual Plan shall identify the City's priority objectives for the year, the Participating Department responsible for each objective, implementation milestones, performance measures, proposed investments, Community Safety Priority Zone activities, and corrective actions arising from the prior year's performance review. The Annual Plan shall be submitted to the Advisory Commission for review under Section 2-85-425.

2-85-320 Community Safety Priority Zones; Firearm Violence Impact Index.

(a) The Commissioner shall designate Community Safety Priority Zones - community areas or geographic areas experiencing disproportionate levels of firearm violence - for coordinated, place-based investment, services, and intervention. Designations shall be informed by the Firearm Violence Impact Index and may consider validated qualitative information regarding emerging patterns, service gaps, and community conditions. Designations shall be reviewed annually and formally updated with each Five-Year Strategy. Participating Departments shall reflect Priority Zone investments in their annual Implementation Plans.

(b) The Commissioner shall establish and publish a Firearm Violence Impact Index that includes, at minimum, fatal shootings, nonfatal shootings, population-adjusted rates, and multiyear trends. The methodology, data sources, weights, and limitations shall be publicly disclosed.

(c) The Department shall publish the Index and an updated list of the ten most impacted community areas annually. A change in the list does not remove a sitting Advisory Commission member who met the residency requirement when appointed.

2-85-330 Victim services coordination.

The Department shall coordinate victim services, emergency relocation, and trauma recovery efforts across Participating Departments. This section does not transfer service-delivery responsibility from any Participating Department; it requires that those services operate under the citywide strategy established by this chapter. The Commissioner shall establish, by rule, standards for coordinating victim notification, emergency relocation requests, and referral to trauma recovery services so that no resident's access to services depends solely on which department the resident contacts first.

2-85-340 Annual reports.

The Commissioner shall issue annual reports outlining progress toward the goals of the Five-Year Strategy and Annual Plan and identifying criteria for grant opportunities for the following year. Annual reports shall be published no later than April 1 of each year and shall comply with Section 2-85-265.

ARTICLE V. ADVISORY COMMISSION

2-85-400 Establishment; continuation.

The Mayor's Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Council established under the Executive Order is continued and reconstituted as the Department of Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Commission. The Advisory Commission shall provide guidance and community accountability to the Department and the Commissioner.

2-85-405 Composition.

(a) The Advisory Commission shall consist of sixteen members: seven ex officio members and nine public members.

(b) The ex officio members shall be the heads, or their designees, of the Department of Public Health; Chicago Public Schools, subject to its consent to participate; the Chicago Police Department; the Department of Family and Support Services; the Office of Public Safety Administration; the Office of Equity and Racial Justice; and the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability. An ex officio member is not separately appointed or confirmed and may be replaced by the represented entity at any time.

(c) The nine public members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council and shall include: (1) two members from the faith community with demonstrated expertise in violence reduction or community healing; (2) three Chicago residents directly impacted by gun violence; (3) one member representing a grassroots neighborhood organization in a community disproportionately impacted by firearm violence; (4) two members from organizations that work to address gun violence; and (5) one member who is an expert in mental health and trauma.

(d) At least nine of the sixteen members shall reside, at the time of appointment or designation, in one of the ten community areas most impacted by firearm violence according to the most recently published Firearm Violence Impact Index.

2-85-410 Terms; vacancies; transition; reimbursement.

(a) Each public member shall serve a two-year term from the date of appointment, subject to reappointment for additional two-year terms, except that five initial public appointments designated by the Mayor shall be for one year. Public members continue to serve until successors are appointed. The Mayor shall fill a public-member vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(b) Ex officio members serve for so long as they hold the represented office or remain the entity's designee.

(c) Members serving on the Mayor's Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Council on the effective date of this chapter may continue for the balance of their existing terms. During this

transition, the Advisory Commission may temporarily consist of seventeen members. No appointment shall be made to replace a transitional seat that is not included in the permanent composition in Section 2-85-405, and the Commission shall return to sixteen members as terms expire or vacancies occur.

(d) Members serve without compensation, except that the Department may reimburse reasonable costs of attending meetings and conducting Commission business, including child care and travel, contingent on funding availability.

2-85-415 Chair; quorum.

The Advisory Commission shall elect its own Chair from among its public members to serve a two-year term. A majority of then-serving members eligible to vote on the matter constitutes a quorum. The Advisory Commission shall strive to act by consensus; where a vote is necessary, recommendations shall be approved by a majority of members present and eligible to vote.

2-85-420 Powers and duties.

The Advisory Commission is required to: (a) provide guidance and non-binding recommendations to the Commissioner and the Interagency Cabinet on plans and strategies; (b) review the Five-Year Strategy and Annual Plans in accordance with Section 2-85-425; (c) recommend criteria for community investments and resource allocation, identify community areas for prioritization, and provide recommendations regarding coordination of violence prevention, intervention, victim services, public health, youth development, and community safety initiatives; (d) evaluate gun violence data and issue reports on the City's progress; (e) hold community hearings; (f) select Commissioner finalists as provided in Section 2-85-120, with voting limited to public members; (g) hold at least quarterly meetings to review Department data and programs; (h) make policy recommendations; and (i) issue an annual public report.

2-85-425 Review of Five-Year Strategy and Annual Plans.

(a) The Commissioner shall submit a proposed Five-Year Strategy or Annual Plan to the Advisory Commission before publication. Within forty-five days after receipt, the Advisory Commission shall approve the proposal or issue written objections and recommended revisions. Failure to act within forty-five days constitutes approval.

(b) If written objections are issued, the Commissioner shall, within thirty days, revise and resubmit the proposal or provide a written response explaining why a recommendation was not accepted. Within thirty days after resubmission, the Advisory Commission shall approve the proposal or issue final written objections. Failure to act within thirty days constitutes approval.

(c) If final written objections remain, the Commissioner may publish the proposal after transmitting the proposal, the Advisory Commission's objections, and the Commissioner's written response to the Mayor and City Council. The published plan shall include the objections and response as an appendix.

2-85-430 Ethics; conflicts of interest; recusals.

(a) Advisory Commission members are subject to Chapter 2-156 and all other applicable ethics and conflict-of-interest requirements.

(b) In addition to any applicable disclosure requirements under Chapter 2-156, each public member shall disclose employment, board service, compensated relationships, and organizational affiliations that may be affected by Department grants, contracts, investment criteria, or policy recommendations.

(c) A member shall recuse from discussion and voting on a matter that would have a direct and material effect on the member, the member's employer, or an organization for which the member serves as an officer, director, employee, or compensated consultant.

(d) A member with an actual or potential conflict may not receive confidential procurement, grant-application, applicant, or evaluation information related to the matter. Recusals and disclosures shall be reflected in the meeting minutes.

2-85-435 Limitation on authority.

The Advisory Commission shall have no authority to direct City employees, administer City programs, or obligate City funds. Nothing in this Article impairs the executive authority of the Commissioner to administer the Department. Advisory Commission recommendations are non-binding except for the review procedures expressly provided in Section 2-85-425.

ARTICLE VI. BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

2-85-500 Annual appropriation ordinance.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2-85-510, the Mayor shall include in each proposed annual appropriation ordinance: (1) a direct appropriation to the Department sufficient to perform its statutory duties and satisfy Section 2-85-160; and (2) aggregate Corporate Fund appropriations sufficient to satisfy the Enterprise Funding Floor in Section 2-85-520. The annual appropriation ordinance and Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget shall separately identify: (1) the direct appropriation to the Department; and (2) Corporate Fund appropriations in other Participating Departments counted toward the Enterprise Funding Floor. No appropriation or expenditure may be counted more than once.

2-85-510 First fiscal year - budget neutrality.

During the first fiscal year following the effective date of this chapter, the Department shall be established in a manner that is budget neutral to the extent practicable through the transfer of existing appropriations, personnel, grants, contracts, and other resources supporting the Office of Violence Prevention, the OGVR, and other City-administered gun violence reduction initiatives transferred pursuant to this chapter. Budget neutrality does not relieve the City of the obligation to provide resources necessary for legal compliance, continuity of services, or the phased staffing schedule in Section 2-85-145.

2-85-520 Enterprise Funding Floor.

(a) From and after the second fiscal year following the effective date of this chapter, Enterprise Funding Floor shall be as follows:

(1) for the second fiscal year, not less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the Corporate Fund Appropriation Base;

(2) for the third fiscal year, not less than one percent (1.0%) of the Corporate Fund Appropriation Base;

(3) for the fourth fiscal year, not less than one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the Corporate Fund Appropriation Base;

(4) for the fifth fiscal year, not less than two percent (2.0%) of the Corporate Fund Appropriation Base; and

(5) for the sixth fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, not less than two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the Corporate Fund Appropriation Base.

(b) Only Corporate Fund appropriations may be counted toward the Enterprise Funding Floor. Federal, state, county, philanthropic, private, grant, and Restricted Fund Source revenues shall not be counted toward satisfaction of the floor.

(c) The direct appropriation to the Department shall be sufficient to carry out the Department's statutory duties and minimum staffing requirements. Nothing in this section requires that the entire Enterprise Funding Floor be appropriated directly to the Department.

(d) The Enterprise Funding Floor may be suspended for a single fiscal year by a two-thirds vote of the City Council then holding office, upon a written finding of fiscal emergency setting forth the nature of the emergency, the specific reduction necessitated, and the plan for restoring full funding the following fiscal year. Suspension shall not extend beyond one consecutive fiscal year without a new finding and vote. Nothing in this subsection authorizes permanent elimination or reduction of the Enterprise Funding Floor.

2-85-520 Additional funding sources; non-supplanting.

Nothing in this Article prohibits the Department from receiving or administering federal, state, county, philanthropic, or private grants, gifts, donations, settlements, or other funding sources, provided such funds are accepted and expended in accordance with applicable law. Funds appropriated pursuant to this Article shall supplement, and not supplant, existing federal, state, county, philanthropic, or private funding available for gun violence prevention, community violence intervention, victim services, behavioral health, community healing, or related violence reduction efforts.

ARTICLE VII. TRANSPARENCY; RULEMAKING; TRANSITION; REVIEW

2-85-600 Reports open to public inspection.

All reports of the Department shall be open to public inspection, except to the extent that information is exempted from disclosure by the Illinois Freedom of Information Act or other applicable law and subject to Section 2-85-265. The Department shall publish monthly public reports on violence reduction activities and investments. All audits conducted by the Department shall be released publicly at the time of completion, published on the Department's website, and remain available on the website of the appropriate City Council committee for at least ten years from publication. Data sets published by the Department shall remain on the Department's website for at least ten years. All policy recommendations and related records shall be open to public inspection, published at the time of completion, and remain available for at least ten years, except as otherwise protected for disclosure under applicable law.

2-85-610 Legislative oversight; Five-year legislative review.

(a) The Commissioner shall appear before the appropriate committee of the City Council at least annually and shall present the Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget, the annual report, Participating Department compliance, progress under the Five-Year Strategy and Annual Plan, data-protection compliance, and recommended legislative changes. The City Council may require additional appearances at any time.

(b) Concurrently with the submission of an updated Five-Year Strategy pursuant to Section 2-85-300, the Commissioner shall submit to the City Council a comprehensive review including Department performance, citywide violence trends, budget effectiveness, grant and contract outcomes, Participating Department compliance, data privacy and security practices, and recommended amendments to this chapter. The City Council shall conduct a public hearing on the review.

2-85-620 Rulemaking.

The Commissioner may adopt administrative rules necessary to implement this chapter, including rules establishing performance standards, Implementation Plan requirements, reporting formats, data-sharing and privacy protocols, grant eligibility, application procedures, strategic consistency review procedures under Section 2-85-245, evaluation methodologies, Firearm Violence Impact Index methodology, and community engagement requirements. No rule may expand the Department's authority over Restricted Fund Sources beyond the limitations in Section 2-85-250 or grant the Commissioner approval authority over another department's appropriation request beyond the Consistency Statement in Section 2-85-235.

2-85-630 Transition.

(a) Governance authority under this chapter, including the authority of the Commissioner or Acting Commissioner, the Interagency Cabinet, and the Advisory Commission, transfers to the Department immediately upon the effective date of this chapter.

(b) The OGVR shall, for a period not to exceed 180 days following the effective date of this chapter, continue to exist solely to complete the transfer plan prepared under the Executive Order, including the orderly transfer of personnel records, grant and contract files, data systems, and pending administrative matters. The OGVR shall terminate upon completion of the transfer or expiration of the 180-day period, whichever occurs first, and the Commissioner or Acting Commissioner shall certify completion to the City Council.

(c) The acting-leadership provisions of Section 2-85-137 take effect immediately. The Mayor shall begin the appointment process for the first Commissioner within thirty days after the effective date of this chapter.

(d) The Commissioner or Acting Commissioner shall, within 180 days after the effective date of this chapter, certify to the City Council a complete inventory of Restricted Fund Sources within the Violence Reduction Enterprise, identifying the legal grantee or fiscal agent for each.

(e) The Advisory Commission transition shall proceed under Section 2-85-410(c), provided that no sitting member shall be removed solely because the permanent Commission is restructured from seventeen to sixteen members.

2-85-640 Initial 30-day accountability requirements.

(a) No later than five days after the effective date of this chapter, the Commissioner or Acting Commissioner shall issue uniform templates and instructions for the initial inventory, designation, implementation schedule, and reporting requirements in this section.

(b) No later than thirty days after the effective date of this chapter, each Participating Department, to the extent permitted by applicable law and any governing intergovernmental agreement, shall: (1) designate its Violence Reduction Officer under Section 2-85-215; (2) submit an initial inventory of the programs, appropriations, grants, contracts, personnel, and activities that the department identifies as supporting violence prevention, violence intervention, victim services, behavioral health related to violence, youth violence prevention, reentry, emergency relocation, trauma recovery, or community safety; (3) identify the department unit or official responsible for each major initiative; (4) identify the performance measures and available baseline data by which each major initiative is evaluated; and (5) submit an implementation schedule for completing its first Implementation Plan and beginning standardized quarterly reporting under Section 2-85-220.

(c) No later than thirty-one days after the effective date of this chapter, the Commissioner or Acting Commissioner shall transmit to the Mayor and City Council and publish on the Department's website an Initial Enterprise Accountability Report. The report shall identify: (1) each Participating Department that complied with subsection (b); (2) the programs, expenditures, responsible officials, and performance measures reported by each Participating Department; (3) any required submission or material information that remains outstanding; and (4) each Participating Department that failed to comply, together with any explanation provided by that department. Publication shall comply with the privacy, confidentiality, and data-security requirements of Section 2-85-265 and other applicable law.

(d) The initial submissions and report required by this section supplement, and do not replace, the annual Implementation Plans, Consolidated Violence Reduction Budget, quarterly implementation reports, performance reviews, or other continuing duties required by this chapter. Except for the strategic consistency review expressly required under Section 2-85-245, nothing in this section authorizes the Commissioner to withhold, delay, or condition another department's appropriation, procurement, personnel action, or program operation.

SECTION 2. This ordinance takes effect upon passage and publication.



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