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<b>Title:</b>	Call for hearing(s) on environmental hazards of mylar balloons
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Public Safety

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since the 1970's, balloon manufacturers have provided consumers with an alternative to traditional latex balloons in the form of mylar balloons, or balloons made from synthetic, metallized material; and

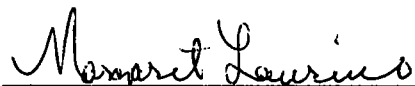
WHEREAS, in April of 2015, a stray balloon brought to a memorial service became untethered and reached power lines, knocking out the power of multiple businesses and many homes in several Chicago neighborhoods for a period of hours; and

WHEREAS, the inconvenience to residents and businesses, and the cost of removing the balloon and restoring power proved to be a significant, yet avoidable, financial burden; and

WHEREAS, other states and municipalities around the country have taken action to inform consumers about mylar balloons through product advisories, and have regulated the use of mylar balloons in the interest of safety for the consumer and the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the city council of Chicago to explore the actions taken by other governments and investigate the possibility of implementing these actions in the city of Chicago; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council through its Committee on Public Safety shall conduct one or more hearings and shall invite appropriate parties to address the environmental hazards of mylar balloons and ways to address these dangers.



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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the integrity of the financial system and for the ability to detect and prevent fraud. The text notes that records should be kept for a minimum of seven years and should be accessible to authorized personnel at all times.

2. The second part of the document outlines the specific requirements for record-keeping. It states that all transactions must be recorded in a clear and concise manner, using a standardized format. This includes recording the date, amount, and description of each transaction. The text also requires that records be kept in a secure and protected environment, with access restricted to authorized personnel only.

3. The third part of the document discusses the role of internal controls in ensuring the accuracy of records. It notes that internal controls should be designed to prevent errors and fraud, and to ensure that all transactions are properly recorded. The text emphasizes that internal controls should be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect changes in the business environment.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of training and education for personnel involved in record-keeping. It states that all personnel should receive appropriate training and education to ensure that they are able to perform their duties accurately and efficiently. The text also notes that training should be ongoing and should cover both technical and ethical aspects of record-keeping.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the role of external audits in ensuring the accuracy of records. It notes that external audits are conducted by independent auditors who are not affiliated with the organization. The text emphasizes that external audits are essential for providing an objective assessment of the organization's financial records and for identifying any areas of weakness or non-compliance.