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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

October 31, 2012

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Fire Commissioner, I transmit herewith an ordinance adding a new Section 15-4-995 to the Municipal Code regarding aerial luminaries.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor



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## ORDINANCE

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

**SECTION 1.** Article XIX of Chapter 15-4 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 15-4-995, as follows:

**15-4-995 Sale and use of aerial luminaries – Prohibited.**

(a) *Prohibition on sale and use.* It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, give away, offer to sell or give away, distribute, possess, ignite or otherwise use within the corporate limits of the City any aerial luminary, commonly known as a sky candle, flying lantern, wish lantern, Hawaii lantern or Konming lattern.

(b) *Penalty for violation.* In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates any requirement of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

(c) *Definitions.* As used in this section, the term “aerial luminary” means any paper or combustible lantern, designed or intended to be made airborne, containing a small candle or other device for fuel that heats air from inside the lantern causing the lantern to rise into the air and to remain airborne until the candle or device extinguishes, at which time the lantern or its component parts descend.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take full force and effect upon its passage and approval.