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Title:	Amendment of Municipal Code Section 2-8-050 to allow use of aldermanic expense allowance funds for rain barrels
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Budget and Government Operations

SUBSTITUTE
ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Section 2-8-050 of the Municipal Code lists the types of expenses that can be made through Aldermanic allowance, which allows the City to ensure that each Ward receives local services that match the needs of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated by 311 Service Reports and other available public data and reporting that flooding following frequent, severe storms is prevalent, and that these severe storm events may occur more regularly due to climate change; and,

WHEREAS, among other solutions, one way to mitigate flooding in dense, urban areas is to ensure that the sewers are not overwhelmed by stormwater, and rain barrels are a specific tool that can partially solve this issue; and,

WHEREAS, since there is no general service provision of rain barrels by the City of Chicago, Aldermen in Wards that experience extreme flooding events, which may be verified by available 311 data, may wish to supplement City services by offering rain barrels to residents, so long as such service provision is not a prohibited gift or donation; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-8-050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck, and by inserting the language underscored as follows:

2-8-050 Aldermanic expense allowance.

(Omitted text unaffected by this ordinance)

(b) Expenditures may be made from aldermanic expense allowance funds for any of the following purposes:

(Omitted text unaffected by this ordinance)

(27) Rain barrels. Such expense shall not be considered a gift or donation prohibited under subsection (c) of this section; and

(2728) Payment of miscellaneous, ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the performance of an alderman's official duties.

(Omitted text unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication.