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**Type:** Ordinance

**Title:** Amendment of Chapter 9-80 of Municipal Code by adding  
new section 025 regarding search lights and spot lights

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety

**WHEREAS,** The City of Chicago ("City") is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS,** As a home rule unit of government, the City may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and its affairs; and,

**WHEREAS,** Law enforcement vehicles and equipment are often fitted with audible and visual warning systems to alert other motorists of their approach or position on the road; and,

**WHEREAS,** Law enforcement vehicles are often sold at public auctions with a searchlight and/or spotlight, an apparatus projecting a high-intensity beam of light; and now therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 9-80 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting a new section 9-80-025, as follows:

**9-80-025 Search lights and spot lights**

- (a) No person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any roadway with any lamp or device thereon displaying a light source projecting a high-intensity beam of light visible directly in front thereof, or display upon or in view of any public way.
- (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and due publication.

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