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**Sponsor(s):** Emanuel (Mayor)

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**Title:** Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 2-45 by adding new Section 2-45-119 titled "Milwaukee Corridor ARO Pilot Area Ordinance" (Affordable Requirements Ordinance)

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Housing and Real Estate



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

September 6, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Commissioner of Planning and Development, I transmit herewith an ordinance creating an Affordable Requirements Ordinance pilot program for the Milwaukee Corridor.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor

## ORDINANCE

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago ("City") is a home rule unit of government by virtue of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970, and as such, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City (the "City Council") finds that the availability of affordable housing in high opportunity areas is critical to the future of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, in the last decade more than fifty companies have moved their corporate headquarters from the suburbs to the city, bringing more high-wage jobs and a workforce attracted to walkable, transit-rich, mixed-use environments; and

**WHEREAS**, this trend has transformed, and continues to transform, neighborhoods close to the city center and along transportation lines leading to downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, with increasing demand for housing near downtown, the pace of development and the value of homes in urban core neighborhoods have escalated and existing low and moderate income residents have been priced out of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that this cycle of gentrification and displacement exacerbates historic patterns of racial and economic segregation, deepens the concentration of poverty and wealth, and widens disparities in access to good schools, jobs, healthcare and other amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the 2015 Affordable Requirements Ordinance, Section 2-45-115 of the Municipal Code, is insufficient to prevent displacement and broad demographic change in gentrifying neighborhoods, and that additional measures are necessary to increase production of affordable housing, protect vulnerable residents, and create neighborhoods where residents of all incomes can thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that neighborhoods along the Milwaukee corridor adjacent to the CTA's Blue Line are undergoing gentrification; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to establish a Milwaukee Corridor ARO Pilot Area covering neighborhoods along this major transit corridor, which also includes neighborhoods adjacent to The 606 elevated trail, in order to test the effectiveness of modified affordable housing requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Planning and Development ("DPD") classified the neighborhoods in the Milwaukee Corridor ARO Pilot Area based on their stage of gentrification using a gentrification index developed by Lisa K. Bates, Portland State University, in a report commissioned by the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, titled "Gentrification and Displacement Study: Implementing an Equitable Inclusive Development Strategy in the Context of Gentrification" (the "Gentrification Index"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Gentrification Index measures an area's stage of gentrification based on

three factors: the vulnerability of the population, demographic change, and housing market change; and

**WHEREAS**, DPD's gentrification analysis for the Milwaukee Corridor ARO Pilot Area, as depicted in the map attached hereto as Exhibit A, shows that the pilot area is characterized primarily by ongoing displacement (as further defined below); and

**WHEREAS**, this Milwaukee Corridor ARO Pilot Area Ordinance is intended to promote equitable neighborhood development, increase housing choice for residents of all income levels, minimize displacement of long-term residents from gentrifying neighborhoods in the Milwaukee Corridor ARO Pilot Area, and address disparities in social and economic outcomes for the residents of Chicago; **now, therefore**

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

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as the findings of the City Council.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 2-45 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2-45-119, as follows:

**2-45-119 Milwaukee Corridor affordable housing pilot area.**

(A) **Title.** This section shall be known and cited as the "Milwaukee Corridor ARO Pilot Area Ordinance."

(B) **Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to establish modified affordable housing requirements for designated neighborhoods along the Milwaukee corridor adjacent to the CTA's Blue Line that are experiencing gentrification. The goals of these modified requirements are to mitigate the displacement impacts associated with gentrification, better protect the interests of the area's economically vulnerable residents from demographic and housing market change, and preserve the economic diversity critical to a healthy economy.

(C) **Relationship to 2015 ARO.** The requirements in this section supplement or modify the affordable housing requirements in Sec. 2-45-115. In the event of a conflict between these requirements and the requirements in Sec. 2-45-115, the requirements in this section will control; provided, however, when a *residential housing project receives financial assistance from TIF Funds*, the requirements set forth in Sec. 2-45-115 will continue to apply and will control in the event of a conflict.

(D) **Definitions.** Defined terms shall have the meanings given in Sec. 2-45-115 and Sec. 2-45-117.

(E) **Boundaries.** A map of the Milwaukee Corridor Pilot Area is published in Coun. J. 10-\_\_-17, p. \_\_\_\_\_, and on file in the office of the city clerk and made a part hereof. The boundary lines of the Milwaukee Corridor Pilot Area follow streets, and such boundary lines are to be construed as the center lines of said streets.

(F) **Stage of displacement.** The Milwaukee Corridor Pilot Area is characterized primarily by *ongoing displacement*.

(G) **Modified ARO requirements.** The requirements of Sec. 2-45-115 shall apply in the Milwaukee Corridor Pilot Area, except as modified below:

(1) **No in lieu fee option.** The option to pay a fee in lieu of the establishment of *affordable units* is eliminated in the Milwaukee Corridor Pilot Area.

(2) **Required percentage of affordable units.** The percentage of units required to be *affordable* in a *residential housing project* in the Milwaukee Corridor Pilot Area, whether rental or for-sale, is increased from 10% to 15% if all of the *affordable units* are provided *on-site* or 20% if any *affordable units* are provided *off-site*. Notwithstanding the foregoing, whenever the city provides *financial assistance*, the percentage of units required to be *affordable* remains 20% in accordance with subsection (C)(3) of Sec. 2-45-115.

(3) **Affordability standards and income eligibility criteria for rental units.** Affordable rental units in the Milwaukee Corridor Pilot Area may be leased to households earning up to eighty percent (80%) of the *area median income*, but must be *affordable* to households earning up to sixty percent (60%) of the *area median income*.

(4) **Location requirements.** If the developer elects to provide *affordable units* in an *off-site* location and the commissioner approves the developer's *off-site* proposal under subsection (V) of Sec. 2-45-115, the *off-site* units must be located within the Milwaukee Corridor Pilot Area. Such *off-site* units may be located anywhere in the Milwaukee Corridor Pilot Area, regardless of distance from the *residential housing project* or income area. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when a *residential housing project* receives *financial assistance* from *TIF Funds*, all *affordable units* must be provided *on-site*.

(H) **Pending Applications.** This section shall apply to all *residential housing projects* subject to the affordable housing requirements of Sec. 2-45-115, unless: (1) an ordinance authorizing a city land sale or *financial assistance*, as described in Sec. 2-45-115(C), has been introduced to city council prior to November 1, 2017; or (2) an ordinance authorizing a *rezoning of property*, as described in Sec. 2-45-115(C), has been introduced to city council and (i) in the case of projects that are subject to *planned development* review, the Chicago Plan Commission has adopted a resolution recommending approval of the *planned development* prior to November 1, 2017, or (ii) in the case of any other *rezoning of property*, the Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Buildings Standards has voted to approve the rezoning prior to November 1, 2017.

(I) **Rules and Regulations.** The commissioner is authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as the commissioner may deem necessary for the proper implementation, administration and enforcement of this section.

**SECTION 3.** To the extent that any ordinance, resolution, rule, order or provision of the Municipal Code of Chicago, or any portion thereof, is in conflict with any provision of this section, the provisions of this section shall control. The provisions of this section are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any provision of this section, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this section, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

**SECTION 4.** This section shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval, and shall remain in effect for a period of three years or until December 31, 2020, whichever is later, at the conclusion of which it shall be repealed of its own accord. During the effective period of this section, the City Council may evaluate the efficacy of the modified affordable housing requirements.

Attachments: Exhibit A – Depiction of Milwaukee Corridor Pilot Area

EXHIBIT A  
DEPICTION OF MILWAUKEE CORRIDOR PILOT AREA

(ATTACHED)

# Milwaukee Corridor Pilot

