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April 1, 2013. Roberto Maldonado, 26th Ward Committee on Workforce Development and Audit Ordinance Requiring City to Cover 80% of SV; HA8F Non-Medicare Retiree Healthcare Plan

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, For almost 50 years, the City of Chicago provided health care coverage for its retirees, but in 2013 the City announced it would phase out of health care subsidies to almost all retirees; and

WHEREAS, Retiree health insurance is a benefit that employees, which, once earned, should not be unilaterally taken away and, as a result honor its obligations, this phase-out is currently being challenged by retirees and their widows; and

WHEREAS, Virtually every City of Chicago retiree has been harmed by the City's cuts to health insurance subsidies, which results in some retirees spending over half of their pensions on health care; and

WHEREAS, Certain retirees who are over 65 but are not eligible for Medicare because they were hired before March 31, 1986, when Medicare was extended to

biic employees, especially and unfairly hard hit:

now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-152-171 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language stricken and inserting the language underscored, as follows.

2-152-171 Resews-Continued health insurance subsidy for certain retirees.

The City shall cover 80% of the health care expenses incurred by an eligible retiree under the Employee Annuity and Benefit Fund annuitant aged 65 years or older who is enrolled in the Non-Medicare Eligible Retiree Healthcare Plan.

shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved by Roberto Maldonado, Alderman, 26th Ward
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WHEREAS, The median annual pension for retirees in the Municipal and Benefit Fund (MEABF) is

between \$27,000 and \$30,000, and mtri ti. annuitants rely on the City for health insurance; and