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## Legislation Text

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### ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (the "City"), is a home rule unit of government under Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized under its home rule powers to regulate the use and development of land; and

WHEREAS, it is a reasonable condition of development approval to ensure that adequate open space and recreational facilities exist within the City; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 1998, the City Council of the City (the "City Council") adopted the Open Space Impact Fee Ordinance codified at Chapter 18 of Title 16 (the "Open Space Ordinance") of the Municipal Code of Chicago (the "Code") to address the need for additional public space and recreational facilities for the benefit of the residents of newly created residential developments in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Ordinance authorizes, among other things, the collection of fees from residential developments that create new dwelling units without contributing a proportionate share of open space and recreational facilities for the benefit of their residents as part of the overall development (the "Fee-Paying Developments"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Space Ordinance, the Department of Finance ("DOF") has collected fees derived from the Fee-Paying Developments (the "Open Space Fees") and has deposited those fees in separate funds, each fund corresponding to the Community Area (as defined in the Open Space Ordinance), in which each of the Fee-Paying Developments is located and from which the Open Space Fees were collected; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development ("DPD") has determined that the Fee-Paying Developments built in the Community Area listed on Exhibit A attached hereto have deepened the already significant deficit of open space in the Community Area, which deficit was documented in the comprehensive plan entitled "The CitySpace Plan," adopted by the Chicago Plan Commission on September 11, 1997 and adopted by the City Council on May 20, 1998 and appearing on pages 69309-69311 of the Journal of the Proceedings of the City Council of the same date; and

WHEREAS, DPD proposed the implementation of a project to create open spaces and recreational facilities in the Community Area listed on Exhibit A (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, DPD wishes to make available Open Space Fees collected by DOF in an amount described on Exhibit A for the purpose of providing funding for the Project which will provide open space and recreational facilities for the benefit of the residents of the Community Area described on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Ordinance requires that the Open Space Fees be used for open space acquisition or capital improvements, or both, which provide a direct and material benefit to the new development from which the fees are collected; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Ordinance requires that the Open Space Fees be expended within the same or a contiguous Community Area from which they were collected after a legislative finding by the City Council that the expenditure of the Open Space Fees will directly and materially benefit the developments from which the Open Space Fees were collected; and

WHEREAS, DPD has agreed to use the Open Space Fees, in the amounts set forth on Exhibit A, to pay for open space acquisition and capital improvements relating to the Project; and

WHEREAS, DPD has determined that the use of the Open Space Fees to assist the Project will provide a direct and material benefit to each of the Fee-Paying Developments from which the Open Space Fees were collected in that the Open Space Fees used for the Project will come from the specific fund set up by DOR for the corresponding Community Area in which a Fee-Paying Development is located and from which the Open Space Fees were collected; and

WHEREAS, DPD has recommended that the City Council approve the use of the Open Space Fees for the purposes set forth on Exhibit A through this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, DPD has recommended that the City Council make a finding that the expenditure of the Open Space Fees as described herein will directly and materially benefit the Fee-Paying Developments from which the Open Space Fees were collected; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The above recitals are expressly incorporated in and made part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds that the expenditure of the Open Space Fees, as proposed on Exhibit A, will directly and materially benefit the residents of those Fee-Paying Developments from which the Open Space Fees were collected and approves the use of the Open Space Fees for the purposes set forth on Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. The Commissioner of DPD (the "Commissioner") and a designee of the Commissioner are each hereby authorized to utilize Open Space Fees for the Project in the amount listed on Exhibit A from the corresponding fund.

SECTION 4. Open Space Fees in an amount not to exceed \$113,944 from the Edgevvater - 77 Community Area are hereby appropriated for the purposes described herein.

SECTION 5. To the extent that any ordinance, resolution, rule, order or provision of the

Code, or part thereof, is in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, the provisions of this ordinance shall control. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

**EXHIBIT A Description of Project**

**Department of Planning and Development Project**

**Hollywood & Ridge Open Space**

Address: 5708 N. Ridge Avenue  
Community Area: Edgewater - 77  
Project Description: Property acquisition, tenant relocation, demolition of a one story building and development of open space at the corner of Ridge and Hollywood Avenues.  
Amount of Open Space Fees: \$ 113,944

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

July 29, 2015

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 ordinance authorizing an expenditure of Open Space Impact Fee Funds for property located at Hollywood and Ridge.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

**September 24, 2015**

**To the President and Members of the City Council:**

**Reporting for your Committee on Social Events and Cultural Affairs and Recreation for which a meeting was held on September 21, 2015 having had under consideration one item. An ordinance authorizing the use of open space impact fees, which was introduced at the July 29, 2015 City Council meeting, by Mayor Rahm Emanuel for the property located at Hollywood and Ridge, I beg leave to report and recommend that Your Honorable Body Pass the proposed ordinance transmitted herewith.**

**This recommendation was concurred in by a viva voce vote of the members of the Committee.  
Chairman**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**^PROVED**