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WHEREAS, Special Service Areas (SSA) are local taxing districts in the City of Chicago that fund expanded services and programs through a localized property tax levy in a specific area; and

WHEREAS, SSA districts frequently contract out security services from private contractors to protect the public, and the businesses within these special boundaries; and

WHEREAS, SSA private security contractors frequently hire off-duty, sworn Chicago Police officers; and

WHEREAS, Public safety and the public interest would be best served and secured by off-duty, sworn officers outfitted in Chicago Police Department-issued uniforms, whom could provide residents and businesses with a greater sense of safety and security; now therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals, are hereby incorporated as the findings of the Chicago City Council.

SECTION 2. Section 2-45 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is amended by adding new Section 2-45-160, inserting the language underscored, as follows:

2-45-160. Special Service Area Security Service Standards.

- a) A delegate or managing agency that oversees a Special Service Area (SSA) may enter into contractual agreements for security services by licensed security contractors using uniformed, off-duty Chicago Police Department officers. Off-duty Chicago Police Department Officers shall serve as contractors while performing security services.
- b) Uniformed, off-duty officers providing security services for a SSA must enter into an agreement with a security contractor licensed by the State of Illinois which provides that:
 - 1) The security contractor shall provide Comprehensive General Liability (CGL) insurance in the amount of no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage liability. The SSA and the City shall be named as additional insureds.
 - 2) The contractor shall agree to defend and indemnify the SSA, the City of Chicago and their employees and agents from, for, and against, all suits, claims, grievances, damages, costs, expenses judgments, and liabilities, including costs of defense and reasonable attorneys' fees.
- c) The City of Chicago retains the right to provide defense for itself or its agents; it shall have no obligation to provide a defense for the security contractor, or the SSA.
- d) No part of this section shall require that a SSA provide security services, or to have sworn officers be in-uniform when providing services.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 3. If any provision of this subsection shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable, then the invalidity of unenforcability of such provision will not affect any of the remaining provisions of this subsection.

BRIAN HOPKINS Alderman, 2nd Ward

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effective immediately upon passage and publication.