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**Title:** Amendment of Municipal Code Sections 8-32-060, 8-32-065 and 8-32-120 by designating and regulating noise sensitive zones for specified streets and areas  
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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
11/20/2019	1	City Council	Passed as Substitute	Pass
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11/18/2019	1	Committee on Public Safety	Recommended to Pass	
6/12/2019	1	City Council	Referred	

**substitute ordinance"**  
(As Amended)

WHEREAS, Chicago is home to some of the best hospitals in the United States, and patient care and successful health outcomes rely on a peaceful place to rest and rehabilitate, and excessive noise puts patients and health administrators alike at risk of unsuccessful health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-32-060 of the Municipal Code of Chicago authorizes the Superintendent of Police to recommend areas where noise sensitive activities take place to be designated as "noise sensitive zones" that can be authorized as such by the Chicago City Council; and

WHEREAS, In addition to hospitals, these noise sensitive areas also include schools, public libraries, churches, and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to the health and welfare of the residents of Chicago that these sensitive areas be protected from excessive noise; 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 City Council of the City of Chicago, and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Section 8-32-060 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck-through and inserting the language underscored, as follows:

**8-32-060 Designation of noise sensitive zones.**

The superintendent of police is authorized to prepare recommendations to be approved by the city

council for the designation of noise sensitive zones which contain noise sensitive activities. An area shall be designated a noise sensitive zone following passage of an ordinance amending Section 8-32-065 that includes a finding, developed in consultation with the Department of Police and Department of Public Health, that such zone is an area where noise sensitive activities take place. Existing quiet zones shall be considered noise sensitive zones until otherwise designated. Noise sensitive activities include, but are not limited to, operations of schools, libraries open to the public, churches, hospitals and nursing homes. The Commissioner of Transportation shall install conspicuous signage identifying such areas as noise sensitive zones.

SECTION 3. Chapter 8-32 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting a new section 8-32-065, as follows:

**8-32-065 Designated noise sensitive zones.**

The following locations are designated as noise sensitive zones pursuant to section 8-32-060:

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- 1) East Chicago Avenue between North Michigan Avenue and North Lake Shore Drive.
- 2) East Superior Street between North Michigan Avenue and North Lake Shore Drive.
- 3) East Huron Street between North Michigan Avenue and North Lake Shore Drive.
- 4) East Erie Street between North Michigan Avenue and North Lake Shore Drive.
- 5) North Fairbanks Court between East Chicago Avenue and East Superior Street.

SECTION 4. Section 8-32-120 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck-through and inserting the language underscored, as follows:

**8-32-120 Restrictions within noise sensitive zones.**

Within a noise sensitive zone, designated pursuant to in section 8-32-060 8-32-065 of this chapter and marked with signs conspicuously indicating the zone's boundaries, no person shall create or cause the creation of any sound through the use of a bullhorn or loud and raucous electronic amplification, or by use of an object that is struck manually or with a stick or similar item to produce a sharp percussive noise so as to interfere with the functions of any school, library, church, hospital or nursing home, or other noise sensitive activity.

SECTION 5. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized and directed to install the signage to effectuate section 8-32-065.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication.

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