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## Legislation Text

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Committee on Finance

### CITY OF CHICAGO SELF-SERVICE LAUNDRY REFUND ORDINANCE

#### SELF SERVICE LAUNDRY REFUND:

WHEREAS, Self Service Laundries serve low and moderate-income families within the City of Chicago. The Self-Service Laundry Water/ Sewer Refund entitles Self Service Laundries operating within the City of Chicago, with designated separate metered water service or a separate city water assessment for a Self-Service Laundry, to a Refund from the 2016 Water Tax sections 3-80-030 and 3-80-040 Et al., and entitles the Self-Service Laundry to a refund that will be applied to subsequent water bills. The Self Service Laundry Refund program will be administered in its entirety through the City of Chicago Water Department.

To be eligible for the September 2016 water/sewer service charge refund the Self-Service Laundry must meet the following criteria:

- The entity must be licensed to do business in the City of Chicago as a "Self Service Laundry"
- The person submitting must be the licensed operator of the Self-Service Laundry
- The Self-Service Laundry must have a separate water meter account in the name of the entity
- The Self-Service Laundry must meet all the above criteria and wish to apply; the Self-Service Laundry is required to submit a Self-Service Laundry Refund Application.
- The form must be completed in its entirety and submitted with all supporting documentation.
- If the conditions under which the Self-Service Laundry Refund change, the Self-Service Laundry is required to make the City aware of these changes to determine if the Refund still applies.
- If it is determined that the refund was approved under false pretenses, the Self-Service Laundry may be liable for any previously refunds made as well as any applicable fines.
- All water accounts must be controlled by a meter to be eligible for a refund.

- If the City determines a vault is required to be built on the public right of way prior to the installation of a meter and the Self-Service Laundries can demonstrate financial hardship, the City will pay the upfront costs to install the meter and the Self-Service Laundry Coin will be placed on a long-term payment plan with the Department of Finance.
- The City reserves the right to request recertification of the Refund periodically. The refund will be equal to any increase in the water tax rates made after June 1 2016. Applications for this refund are made through the Aldermanic office of the Self-Service Laundry.

**Summary of Municipal Code "11-12-540" Refund from Charges (As Amended)**

The ordinance provides a Refund to Self Service Laundries from the 2016 Chicago Water and Sewer Tax sections 3-80-030 and 3-80-040 Et al.

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(Revised Draft Self Service Laundry Refund Ordinance)

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Chicago:

Section 1. Pursuant Section 3-80-030 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the following entities are hereby entitled to a Self-Service Laundry Water Tax Refund equivalent to any increase in the water tax rates imposed under the City Water tax sections 3-80-030 and 3-80-040 Et al.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.