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Committee on Committees and Rules

Ordinance Rules and Regulations Impacting the Public at Large.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the underscored text as follows:

Sec. 1-25. - Rules and Regulations issued by City departments, agencies, and offices impacting the public at large.

- a) Proposed public facing rules and regulations, and amendments or revisions thereto, promulgated under ordinances and resolutions adopted by the City Council shall be transmitted to the Chair of the Rules Committee and posted on the website of the issuing department and the City Clerk at least 60 days prior to their proposed effective date; with the exception of rules and regulations promulgated in bona fide emergencies, which, with a certification from the proposed issuing authority that explains the nature of the emergency, shall be transmitted to the Chair of the Rules Committee and the City Clerk, and posted on the website of the promulgating department and the City Clerk.
- b) Upon receipt of proposed public facing rules and regulations, and amendments and revisions thereto, by the Chair of the Rules Committee, said proposed rules and regulations, and amendments and revisions thereto, shall be, by operation of this Ordinance, immediately referred to the Rules Committee; and said proposed rules and regulations, and amendments or revisions thereto, shall have no effect unless they are the subject of at least one public hearing and approved, through resolution, by the Rules Committee as proposed or as modified by said Committee pursuant to public input and consultation with the proposing authority.
- c) In instances of bona fide emergencies, emergency rules and regulations, and amendments or revisions thereto, may be promulgated with an immediate effective date, but in no case may they be effective for more than five months.
- d) This Section shall not apply to:
- 1) rules or regulations that concern only the internal management of a department, agency, office, process, procedure or function and that do not affect substantive provisions and procedures available to the public;
 - 2) matters relating to City employment;
 - 3) informal advisory rulings;

4) intra-agency memoranda that do not otherwise affect substantive provisions and procedures applicable to the public;

(5) enforcement notices and orders;

(6) quasi-judicial proceedings; or

(7) the prescription of standardized forms.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect 90 days from its adoption by the Council.

Gilbert Villegas Alderman, 36th Ward