

Legislation Text

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Committee on Transportation and the Public way

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, The public right-of-way is intended and administrated for the public good, and,

WHEREAS, Residents of the City have a reasonable expectation of timely notice and accurate information when disruptive work is to be performed upon the public way, and

WHEREAS, Ward offices serve for many residents as the primary source of information for public works, and

WHEREAS, City Aldermen, to best serve and inform their constituents, require accurate, up-to-date information on all projects on the public way, now therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Section 10-20-150 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underlined and deleting the language struck through, as follows:

(h) With respect to a permit applied for pursuant to this section in conjunction with the installation or relocation of any utility pole on the public way. Except in cases of genuine emergency where faster issuance is required, the Commissioner of Transportation shall provide a 30-day notification to the alderman of the affected ward prior to issuing any such permit. In cases of emergency, where faster issuance is required, the Commissioner of Transportation shall provide notice upon issuance of the permit, and shall include in writing in said notice the nature and cause of the emergency necessitating faster issuance.

(g) Any permit issued under this section shall include, as a condition of its issuance, a permit end date by which all work within the scope of the permit upon the public way must be completed, including all required restoration work. Permit end dates shall only be extended by the authority of the Commissioner of Transportation. In the event that the Commissioner of Transportation extends or otherwise alters a permit date, once issued, the Commissioner shall provide notice in writing of the extension to the Alderman or Aldermen of the the Ward(s) in which the permitted work takes place, by way of the official City of Chicago email address for the Ward(s) and including the new permit end date and a reason for the extension.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 60 days following its passage and publication.

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