

**SUBSTITUTE
ORDINANCE
(AS AMENDED)**

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (“City”) is a home rule unit of government under Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois and, as such, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including, but not limited to, the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, people in need of health and social services are often in need of quiet, as their conditions make them sensitive to noise, and loud and unwanted noise can impair their ability to communicate with service providers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has already found that noise sensitive activities include, but are not limited to, operations of hospitals and nursing homes (Section 8-32-060 of the Municipal Code of Chicago); and

WHEREAS, because health care is a noise sensitive activity, the area around where the health care is taking place should be designated a noise sensitive zone; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Public Health, research has found that high levels of unwanted or intrusive noise are associated with negative impacts on surgical provider performance and patient outcomes; and that exposure to loud and unwanted noise can contribute to stress, which negatively impacts stress hormone levels, blood pressure and heart rate, which in turn contributes to negative cardiovascular health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and the Chicago Police Department have found that noise sensitive activities take place at Family Planning Associates, which provides comprehensive women’s health care and is located at 659 West Washington Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health has found that outpatient surgeries are performed at Family Planning Associates, and that some of the services and procedures provided at the facility are the same as those provided at hospitals; and

WHEREAS, loud, amplified noise is generated from West Washington Boulevard, between North Des Plaines Street and the easternmost offramp from Interstate 90/94, North Des Plaines Street, between West Court Place and West Warren Avenue, and West Warren Avenue between North Des Plaines Street and the easternmost offramp from Interstate 90/94; and

WHEREAS, noise from the above referenced area can and has permeated walls at Family Planning Associates, interfering with the functions of Family Planning Associates; and

WHEREAS, the medical director at Family Planning Associates testified that both providers and patients at the facility are exposed to high levels of unwanted or harmful noise originating outside the facility that impairs the provision of medical services by making it difficult to communicate; and

WHEREAS, since May 15, 2023, the 34th Ward Office has received complaints from residents who live near Family Planning Associates regarding loud, amplified noise being generated from outside the clinic and the surrounding streets, and complaints from clinic staff and volunteers, who have explained the noise is interfering with their ability to provide medical care; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Police Department regularly receives complaints of loud, amplified noise outside of Family Planning Associates, including receiving at least ten complaints of loud, amplified noise consisting of bull horns, megaphones, and amplified music in 2023; now, therefore,

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

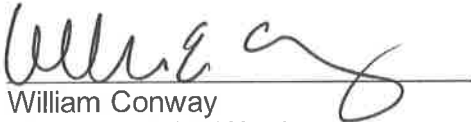
SECTION 1. Section 8-32-065 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, as follows:

8-32-065 Designated noise sensitive areas.

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

- (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.
- (6) West Washington Boulevard, between North Des Plaines Street and 5 feet west of the easternmost offramp from Interstate 90/94.
- (7) North Des Plaines Street, between West Court Place and West Warren Avenue.
- (8) West Warren Avenue between North Des Plaines Street and the easternmost offramp from Interstate 90/94.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication.


William Conway
Alderman, 34th Ward