ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Small Business Protection Rebate Program.

(a) *Definitions*. For the purposes of this section:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Department of Business and Consumer Protection.

"Department" means the Department of Business and Consumer Protection.

"Eligible expenditures" means costs associated with the purchase of: (1) security cameras; (2) burglar alarms including motion detectors, glass breaking sensors, and floodlights; (3) electronic access control panels including keypad access and biometric scanning; (4) panic buttons; (5) video surveillance monitoring software; (6) vehicle GPS tracking for business vehicles; and (7) subscriptions fees or recurring payments for electronic monitoring systems including cloud storage for video footage.

"Ineligible expenditures" means: (1) installation fees for security hardware, lighting, and GPS tracking devices; and (2) any personal expenses.

"Program" means the Small Business Protection Rebate Program.

"Small business enterprise" means a business that has gross receipts, averaged over its previous seven fiscal years, that do not exceed one and half times the size standards of the U.S. Small Business Administration set forth in 13 C.F.R. Part 121.

- (b) *Program.* The Department shall create a Small Business Protection Rebate Program. The Department's Small Business Center shall administer a program to reimburse eligible expenditures for the purchase of security hardware and software by small business enterprises subject to duly appropriated funds. Eligible applicants shall submit receipts from eligible expenditures for the purchase of security hardware or software to the Department within 30 days of purchase. The Department shall determine the amount of reimbursement based on available funds, eligibility of expenditure, and in accordance with the reimbursement caps. The Department shall reimburse eligible expenditures to the qualifying small business within 60 days of submission of receipt. The Department may not reimburse ineligible expenditures and the Department may elect to reimburse with credit against sales tax. The Department shall adopt rules for the implementation of this ordinance.
- (c) Reimbursements for eligible expenditures shall be capped at \$1,500 for each small business enterprise and in accordance with rules promulgated by the Commissioner.
- (d) As a condition of reimbursement under the Program, recipients shall make camera footage available, upon request, to law enforcement agencies in the course of their investigation, and shall otherwise comply with Section 4-4-306 of the Municipal Code of Chicago. Any recipient under the Program who fails to comply with this subsection (d) shall repay any previously received reimbursement received under the Program and shall be ineligible for any future reimbursements.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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