

Housing

**ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, starting in August 2022, Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas began engaging in a political publicity stunt by spending millions in public money to bus migrants, who had crossed that state's sprawling Mexican border seeking asylum, to northern Democratic cities; and

WHEREAS these refugee men, women, and children have unexpectedly arrived in Chicago with little more than the clothing on their backs. As a result of this unnecessary and heartless act of cruelty, these political pawns, through no fault of their own, have created a humanitarian crisis in our city; and

WHEREAS, since Abbott and other like-minded governors intend to continue this practice so closely akin (if not identical) to human trafficking, the citizens of Chicago have had to shoulder the responsibility of caring for thousands of men, women, and children who have no resources of their own; and

WHEREAS, however unfortunate their circumstances may be, the haphazard approach that has been taken to deal with this crisis has imposed an undue burden on the city's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS the burden on these communities' infrastructure that such a sudden influx has imposed has been unduly strained due to a lack of advice and consent sought from the ward residents and the local officials that represent them, now therefore

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

**Section 1.** The above recitals are expressly incorporated and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** The alderperson of the ward in which any public or private property is located within the City of Chicago shall be notified at least 30 working days in advance and must give written approval wherein said property will be designated for use as a temporary residential shelter or housing facility for more than 12 individuals unless otherwise authorized by the city council.

**Section 3.** For the purposes of this ordinance "temporary residential shelter or housing facility" shall be defined as any building or temporary structure used or erected for the purpose of temporarily sheltering unhoused individuals for longer than 72 hours.

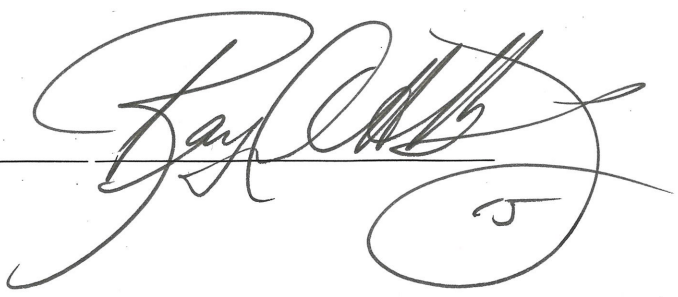
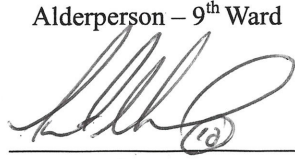
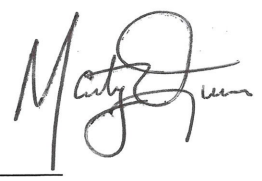
**Section 4.** This ordinance will not apply in cases of any officially declared state of emergency or for properties presently designated for such use.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

Silvana Tabares  
23rd Ward



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Aldersperson - 9<sup>th</sup> Ward



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