

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, In 2022 Chicagoans made more than 50,000 rat complaints, and over the past 13 years made over 546,000 rat complaints; and

WHEREAS, The City has issued 117,000 rat-related tickets since 2019 totaling \$153 million, with more than \$126 million in outstanding ticket debt; and

WHEREAS, According to the pest control company Orkin, Chicago is the #1 most rat-infested city in the country for 9 consecutive years based on the number of new rodent treatments performed; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago must take a whole of government approach to address this pressing public health issue; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. Section 7-28-660 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

7-28-660 Rodent Abatement Tzar.

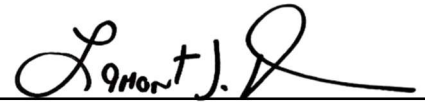
(a) On or before July 1, 2024, the Mayor shall hire or designate an existing City of Chicago employee as the City's Rodent Abatement Tzar.

(b) The Rodent Abatement Tzar shall be responsible for coordination and communication between all applicable City departments and officials related to the City's rat abatement efforts including, but not limited to, the Department of Streets and Sanitation, the Bureau of Rodent Control, and the Department of Buildings. The Commissioners of the Department of Streets and Sanitation, including the head of the Bureau of Rodent Control, and the Department of Buildings or other applicable City departments are directed to undertake whatever efforts necessary to assist the Rodent Abatement Tzar pursuant to their powers and duties, and to direct their employees accordingly, to work with the Rodent Abatement Tzar.

(c) The Rodent Abatement Tzar shall be empowered to enforce all applicable provisions in the City Code related to rat or rodent abatement including, but not limited to: 2-100-030, 4-384-155, 4-6-040, 5-12-110, 7-38-020, 7-12-060, 7-28-210, 7-28-303, 7-28-670, 7-28-680, 7-28-690, 7-28-700, 7-28-710, 7-28-715, 7-28-720, 17-11-0500, 11-4-1520, 11-4-1550, 11-4-2640, 11-5-230, 14A-4-406.7, 14A-4-407.2.1, 14A-4-407.3, 14B-12-1210, 14X-1-103.2, 14X-1-103.3, 14X-3-302.1, 14X-3-302.6, 14X-3-303.18, 14X-3-303.19, 14X-3-305.1.1, 14X-3-308.1, 14X-3-308.5, 14X-12-1202.3.5, 14X-12-1202.5.1, 14X-12-1205.5.6, 14X-12-1205.5.8, 14X-12-1202.4.1, 14X-12-1202.4.2, 14X-12-1202.5.1, 14X-1202.5.6, 14X-1202.5.8, 14X-1-103.2-3, 17-11-0500, 18-29-904.1.4, 18-28-301.17, 18-29-304, and 18-29-904.1.4.

(d) The Rodent Abatement Tzar shall provide recommendations to the Department of Streets and Sanitation and the Department of Buildings to enhance the City's rat abatement efforts. The Rodent Abatement Tzar shall submit quarterly reports to the Department of Streets and Sanitation, the Department of Buildings, and the Committee on Health and Human Relations on the progress of rat abatement throughout the City. Quarterly reports shall contain recommendations to the City Council and proposed changes to the City Code to improve the City's rat abatement efforts.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after passage and publication.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lamont J. Robinson", written over a horizontal line.

LAMONT J. ROBINSON
Alderman, 4th Ward