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WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration projects that approximately 31,785 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes in the United States in the first nine months of 2022, with a two percent increase in pedestrian fatalities and an eight percent increase in bicyclist fatalities from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, based on traffic crash reports collected by the Chicago Department of Police, it is estimated that 133 people, including 57 people walking or biking and 76 people in motor vehicle, were killed in traffic crashes in Chicago in 2022; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes disproportionately affect certain population groups, such as seniors, people living in lower-income communities, and Black and Latino Americans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is committed to encouraging safe, affordable, and sustainable options for mobility, such as walking, biking, and mass transit via initiatives and programs such as *Chicago Works* and *We Will Chicago*, among others; and

WHEREAS, increasing safety and achieving this shared vision involves timely, robust, and comprehensive analysis of traffic crashes and consideration of infrastructure modifications and improvements; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Title 9 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting a new Chapter 9-116, as follows:

CHAPTER 9-116
TRAFFIC CRASH REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

9-116-010 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions in Section 9-4-010 and the following definition shall apply:

“Department”, when used alone, means the Chicago Department of Transportation.

9-116-020 Traffic crash analysis.

(a) The Department shall conduct a timely analysis of each fatal traffic crash within the City that is reported to the Department of Police. The purpose of such analyses shall be to understand the circumstances associated with such traffic crashes.

(b) The Department shall conduct periodic analyses to identify trends, patterns, and correlations associated with traffic crashes, including, but not limited to, trends, patterns, and correlations associated with the occurrence of fatal or serious injury traffic crash outcomes in

population groups, such as pedestrians and bicyclists, or locations disproportionately impacted by fatal traffic crash outcomes.

(c) Based on its analyses, the Department shall identify potential actions to increase traffic safety, which may include, but are not limited to, modifications to street design and infrastructure. When appropriate, the Department shall include estimates for the cost of implementation and potential funding options in its identification of such potential actions.

(d) In conducting analyses and in identifying potential actions, the Department shall coordinate with any other department, agency, or organization deemed relevant by the Department.

9-116-030 Release of traffic crash information.

(a) On a monthly basis, using traffic crash reports as may be furnished by the Department of Police pursuant to Section 9-88-040 of this Code, the Department shall make publicly available summary information related to fatal traffic crashes occurring within the City and any preliminary outcomes from associated analyses conducted pursuant to Section 9-116-020.

(b) Within 60 days after receipt of annual crash data from the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Department shall make publicly available an annual summary report on traffic crashes analyzed pursuant to Section 9-116-020 during the previous calendar year. This summary report shall include, but is not limited to:

- (1) the total number of traffic crashes analyzed;
- (2) the information set forth in subsection (a) of this section for each fatal traffic crash that occurred during the previous calendar year;
- (3) a summary of actions to increase traffic safety identified by the Department;
- (4) a description of traffic crash reduction strategies and investments made by the Department during the previous calendar year; and
- (5) a multi-year trend analysis of crash patterns.

(c) Each year following publication of the annual summary report on traffic crashes, the Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee, shall report to the City Council Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety regarding the information contained in the annual summary report.

(d) Nothing required to be reported or made publicly available under this section shall be reported or made publicly available in a manner that:

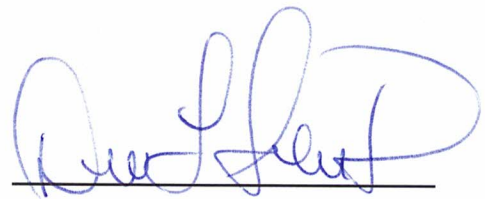
- (1) conflicts with any obligation under State law or this Code regarding the investigation of traffic crashes;

(2) inhibits or interferes with the ability of the Department of Police to pursue criminal investigations;

(3) reveals the identity of a person involved in a traffic crash; or

(4) states an opinion or conclusion as to the cause of a traffic crash.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect 90 days after its passage and publication.



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