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## Monthly Report – October 2009

### Monthly Report – Date: October 1, 2009

### Police & Fire Committee Meeting

**RE: Monthly Report as Required Under Rule #45 of the City Council Rules of Order and Procedure for October 2009:** Your Police and Fire Committee held a meeting on **October 1, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers**, having had under consideration the following matters:

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Consideration was given to the following matters:

- I. An ordinance introduced by **41<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman Brian Doherty**, requesting that the **Department of Fleet Management** authorize the donation of one (1) obsolete ambulance to the city of **Salinas, Ecuador**.
  - **ACTION: The ordinance was DEFERRED subject to Call of the Chairman, until a later date and time, and therefore was not heard during this October 1, 2009 meeting.**
- II. An ordinance introduced by **33<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman Richard Mell and 40<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor**, amending Chapter 7-12 of the Municipal Code of Chicago. The ordinance concerns Section 7-12-100 regarding Animal Noise Control Fines. Anyone who violates the code by owning, controlling or has possession of a dog or other animal, allowing the animal to make excessive noise, meaning the repeated, continued or habitual barking, whining, crying, howling, whimpering, crowing or loud noise common that exceeds ten consecutive minutes and/or for a significant portion of the day and night, louder than average conversational levels. Complaint either by a city officer or employee charged with enforcement of this section or a signed complaint by neighbors from three (3) different addresses. Fines of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$250 for each offense.

- **WITNESSES:** Four witnesses spoke at the PAFC Meeting:
  1. Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor – 40<sup>th</sup> Ward;
  2. Mark Rosenthal – Operations Manager, Animal Care and Control;
  3. Mike, Maler – District Commander – 17<sup>th</sup> District, CPD;
  4. Rose Kelly, Corporation Counsel Office, City of Chicago.
- **ACTION:** Following discussion about the various aspects of the ordinance, including the following:
  1. The administration of the ordinance by Animal Care and Control or the Chicago Police Department (CPD), as they are trained to investigate these nuisance and excessive notice complaints;
  2. Utilization of a common sense approach to incurring the fines, with some exceptions to include animal shelters, animal hospitals and kennels and guard dogs;
  3. A motion was made by Police & Fire Committee Vice-Chair, Alderman James A. Balcer to **PASS the ordinance. The ordinance PASSED unanimously.**
  4. Chairman Carothers adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m. CST.

Respectfully submitted,

*Isaac S. Carothers*

Isaac S. Carothers, Chairman,  
City Council Committee on Police & Fire

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