

Amendments to the GAPPA Ordinance

Mayor and City Council to Play Role in Selecting Community Police Commission Members

- **Original ordinance:** A Selection Committee, made up of members of the District Councils, chooses the members of the Community Commission.
- **Amended ordinance:** A Nominating Committee, made up of members of the District Councils, nominates two people for every vacancy on the Commission, using merit-based criteria specified in the ordinance. The Mayor then chooses Commission members from this list. If the Mayor declines to choose anyone from the list, the Nominating Committee creates a new list of two people for every vacancy. Once the Mayor chooses someone to fill a vacancy, the City Council votes on whether to confirm the nominee. As a result, all Commission members will have the support of the District Councils, the Mayor and the City Council.

District Council Members to be Elected in Municipal Elections

- **Original ordinance:** District Council members are elected in elections held at the same time and in the same place as Local School Council elections. Sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds and undocumented people are eligible to vote in District Council elections.
- **Amended ordinance:** District Council members are elected in regular elections held at the same time, in the same place, and with the same ballot as elections for the US House of Representatives. The elections are overseen by the Chicago Board of Elections. Anyone eligible to vote in elections overseen by the Chicago Board of Elections is eligible to vote in District Council elections.

Commission May Take Vote of No Confidence in Superintendent; City Council or Mayor May Fire

- **Original ordinance:** The Commission may terminate the employment of the Police Superintendent by a majority vote. Such a vote can only be for cause and can only be taken after a lengthy process, including giving the Superintendent written notice and providing an opportunity to respond.
- **Amended ordinance:** The Commission may take a vote of no confidence. Such a vote can only be for cause and can only be taken after a lengthy process, including giving the Superintendent written notice and providing an opportunity to respond. If a majority of the Commission supports a vote of no confidence, the City Council Public Safety Committee must hold a hearing at which the Superintendent may speak and answer questions. If a majority of the Public Safety Committee votes to recommend that the Police Superintendent be terminated, then the full City Council shall vote on whether to remove the Superintendent. If a majority of the City Council votes to remove the Superintendent, then the Superintendent shall be removed from office.

Additional Requirements for the Commission and District Councils

- At least two of the seven members of the Community Police Commission must be 18-24 years old.
- Anyone who has been an employee of the Chicago Police Department, the Independent Police Review Authority, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, or the Police Board in any of the three years immediately preceding an election is ineligible to become a member of the District Council.