

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago ("City") is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, As a home rule unit of government, the City may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and its affairs; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago is well known for its' commitment in creating a beautiful and green city, living up to its' motto "Urbs in Horto," a City in a Garden; and,

WHEREAS, The City has had a landscape ordinance in effect since 1991; and,



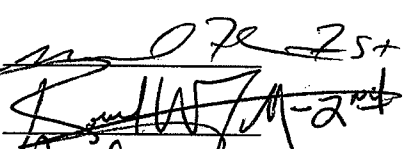
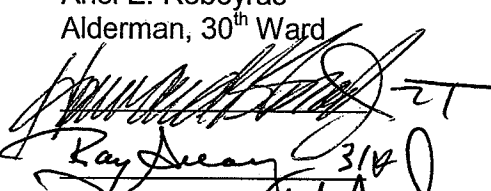
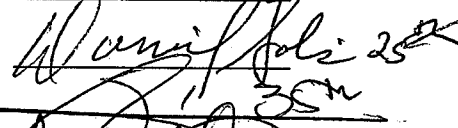
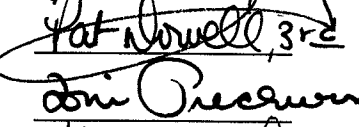
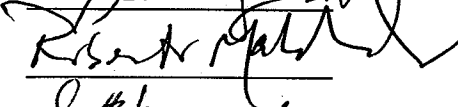
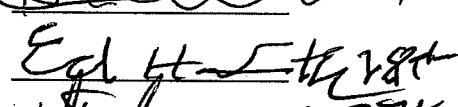
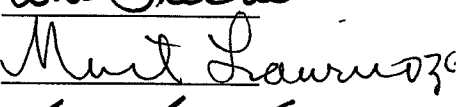
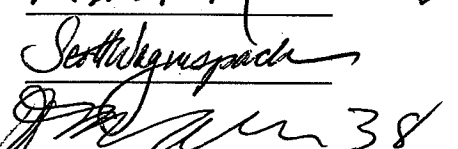
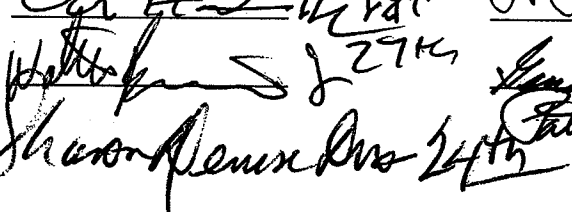
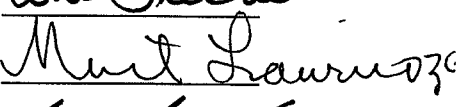

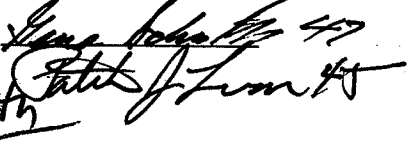
WHEREAS, Many existing small businesses, who are crucial to the health and vitality of the City, were unaware of the City's deadline to be in compliance of the Landscape Ordinance by January 2008, and have since had their business licenses held; and,

WHEREAS, We, as a City, take pride in our programs for assisting our small businesses, but have seen many of these businesses close their doors during this economic decline that we as a nation are facing; and,

WHEREAS, A moratorium on the enforcement of the Landscape Ordinance shall be declared until such time that the City Council has had the opportunity to hear from the appropriate City departments regarding the plight of our small businesses' struggle in complying with the Landscape Ordinance and how City departments can review and resolve the current policies and guidelines in a fair and reasonable matter; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this sixteenth day of December, 2009 A.D., do hereby request that the City Council Committees on Zoning, License and Consumer Protection, and Finance hold hearings and invite the Zoning Administrator and any other appropriate department head, to provide information regarding the current practices and policies that hold those businesses' licenses that have not complied under the current Landscape Ordinance and how we, as a City assist them during this economic crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Committee on Zoning, the Committee on License and Consumer Protection, the Committee on Finance, the Zoning Administrator, and the Director of Business Affairs and Licensing.

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