

ORDINANCE

Whereas, the City of Chicago (the "City") is a home rule unit of government by virtue of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970, and as such, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including, but not limited to, the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

Whereas, the City may pass and enforce all necessary police ordinances for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of its residents; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding a new Section 8-4-078, as follows:

8-4-078 Assault against public officials.

(a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

"Battery" has the meaning ascribed to the term in Section 12-3 of the Illinois Criminal Code, codified at 720 ILCS 5/12-3.

"Public official" means any City public official, including both elected and appointed City officials.

(b) There is hereby created the offense of assault against a public official. A person commits assault against a public official when such person engages in conduct in the City which places a public official in reasonable apprehension of receiving a battery. Any person who violates this section shall be fined not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$20,000, or be incarcerated for not less than 120 days nor more than 180 days, or both.

SECTION 2. In light of the urgent need to ensure the safety and health of public officials by deterring assault against public officials, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/1-2-4, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval, if such passage is by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of this Council. In the event the ordinance passes by a majority vote of less than two-thirds of the members of this Council, it shall take effect ten days after passage and publication.