

SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, various City departments, such as the Chicago Department of Transportation and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications, work together with the Chicago Park District, the Army Corps of Engineers, and other State and federal agencies and governments to create plans and protocols regarding the shoreline of Lake Michigan within the City of Chicago, to ensure that the shoreline is conserved for the future and can withstand the many acute and long-term threats to its existence; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chicago finds that the creation of an Advisory Board is the best way to ensure that the public and other relevant entities within the City are made aware of these plans and protocols and can understand their reasons and requirements; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2-31 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 2-31-045, as follows:

2-31-045 Chicago Shoreline Advisory Board

(a) *Establishment, membership, organization.* There is hereby established the Chicago Shoreline and Advisory Board to address public education and consider shoreline resiliency and conservation. The board shall consist of up to 12 members. The following, or their designees, shall serve as ex officio members: (i) the Chief Sustainability Officer, or successor position; (ii) the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy, or its successor committee; (iii) a representative from the Mayor's Office who oversees the City's infrastructure policies; (iv) the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, or successor position; (v) the Budget Director, or successor position; (vi) the Executive Director of the Office of Emergency Management and Communications, or successor position; (vii) the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development, or successor position; (viii) the Commissioner of the Department of Water Management, or successor position; and (ix) the General Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Park District, or successor position, subject to acceptance of the appointment. Subject to approval by the City Council, the Mayor shall appoint representatives from three nongovernmental organizations that engage in issues affecting the Great Lakes and shoreline conservation. The Mayor shall designate ex officio members as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board. The Department of Environment shall be responsible for the overall management of the Board and will coordinate with the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any secretary the Chairperson may designate to identify responsible parties for scheduling, notetaking, and other duties that the Chairperson delegates.

Members shall not be compensated for their service on the board. The three nongovernmental appointees shall be appointed and hold office as follows: one to be appointed for two years and two to be appointed for four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Members thereafter appointed shall serve for four years, except that in case of vacancy, appointments shall be made for the unexpired term. The terms of members from governmental entities shall coincide with their terms of public service.

The board shall meet quarterly, or as recommended by the Chair. Additional meetings may be called by a majority of the board. A majority of members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

(b) *Powers and duties.* The board shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) Receive and review any shoreline conservation and management plans created by governmental subject matter experts and opine on such plans if requested by the Mayor or the City Council through the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy or its successor committee.

(2) Facilitate public education on factors impacting the Chicago shoreline, including the impacts of shoreline erosion, climate change, and other environmental challenges, and conduct public outreach, as necessary, related to any proposed shoreline management projects, planning, or policies.

(3) Research, assess, and advise on plans, policies, procedures, and guidance documents related to managing, protecting, and maintaining the City's shoreline.

(4) Identify and recommend to the City Council proposed policies to enhance the City's shoreline resiliency and conservation.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication on June 30, 2025.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Hadden', is written over a horizontal line.

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