

ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Section 9-48-050 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

9-48-050 Buses – Loading and unloading.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(f) (1) No owner or operator of any intercity bus shall use any designated bus stop, bus stand, ~~or~~ passenger loading/unloading zone, or any other location other than a bus terminal, for loading or unloading of passengers, luggage, or other goods without first obtaining the approval of the Commissioner. Application for such approval shall be made upon a form provided by the Commissioner, and shall contain the name and address of the applicant, the location of the proposed bus stop, bus stand, ~~or~~ passenger loading/unloading zone, or other location where such loading or unloading of passengers, luggage, or other goods shall take place, the time of day and the length of time any such bus shall stand in the proposed bus stop, bus stand, ~~or~~ passenger loading/unloading zone, or other location, and the number of buses that shall leave from and come to the proposed bus stop, bus stand, ~~or~~ passenger loading/unloading zone, or other location per day. Such application shall be signed by the applicant.

(2) The Commissioner shall approve or deny the application no later than 30 days after the application was filed. The Commissioner's review of the application shall take place in consultation with the local alderperson, and shall take into consideration administrative efficiency and available resources, public safety, and orderly traffic flow, the availability and suitability of potential off-street locations that could appropriately accommodate intercity buses and their passenger needs to minimize congestion impacts on the public way, and a permit shall be subject to such conditions and restrictions that the Commissioner may impose in the Commissioner's sole discretion, including, without limitation, those addressing day/ and time availability of any such location(s), number of daily arrivals/ and departures to/ and from any such location(s), and advance notification requirements by the applicant. If the Commissioner denies the application, it shall be based upon a determination that the loading/unloading of passengers, luggage, or other goods at that time, or in that particular designated bus stop, bus stand, ~~or~~ passenger loading/unloading zone, or other location presents an unreasonable threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public or impedes the safe and efficient flow of traffic or imposes an unreasonable burden on available resources. If the Commissioner denies the application, the Commissioner shall send by e-mail or U.S. mail a notification to the applicant in writing specifying the reasons for the decision. Any applicant may seek review of the decision of the Commissioner denying such application in the manner provided by law. The loading or unloading of an intercity bus in violation of this subsection (f) shall subject the violator to a fine of no less than \$2,000 and no more than \$10,000. Each instance of unauthorized loading or unloading shall constitute a separate violation. ~~The provisions of this~~ This subsection shall not apply to any bus used in conducting a "sightseeing tour" as that term is defined in Section 9-114-010 of this Code.

(3) The Commissioner may revoke approval if, after review of the conditions of the designated bus stop, the Commissioner determines that revocation is appropriate because the designated bus stop creates an unreasonable threat to the health, safety, and

welfare of the public or impedes the safe and efficient flow of traffic or imposes an unreasonable burden on available resources.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following due passage and approval.