



# City of Chicago



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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Finance

## FEE WAIVER ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (the "City"), a home rule unit of government under Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, has heretofore found and does hereby find that there exists within the City a serious shortage of affordable, safe and quality education available to persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 1956, the City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Chicago (the "City") created the Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC) (the "Commission") pursuant to the Public Building Commission Act of the State of Illinois (the "Act") for the purpose of facilitating the funding, acquisition and construction of public buildings, improvements and facilities for use by various public agencies such as the Chicago Board of Education (the "CPS"), County of Cook and State of Illinois (collectively, the "Sister Agencies"); and in the furnishing of essential governmental services; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1982, the Illinois legislative body (the "State legislature") of the State of Illinois (the "state") created the Capital Development Board of Illinois (CDB) (the "Board") pursuant to implementing and as authorized by the Capital Development Board Act [20 ILCS 3105] for the purpose of facilitating the funding, acquisition and construction of public buildings, improvements and facilities for use by various public agencies such as the Chicago Charter Schools, County of Cook and State of Illinois (collectively, the "Sister Agencies"); and in the furnishing of essential governmental services; and

WHEREAS, Aspira of Illinois Inc. embarked on a project to facilitate the funding, acquisition, improvements and construction of a new school campus to furnish essential educational and governmental services; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the continuance of a shortage of quality affordable education is harmful to the prosperity, economic stability and general future welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, the mission of *Aspira of Illinois* is: "... to provide opportunities for all students to enhance their knowledge and skills by offering superior, affordable, and comprehensive educational programs and services"; and

WHEREAS, Aspira of Illinois is presently a system of three community schools providing learning opportunities for Chicago residents at the schools, serving over **1,500 students** in grades **6th through 12<sup>th</sup>**.

The Community Schools and other institutes are:

- **Haugan Middle School**
- **Early College High School**
- **Business and Finance High School**

WHEREAS, Aspira of Illinois receives government subsidies and other donations to offset the high cost of education and at various locations is eligible to receive Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds for capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, Aspira of Illinois' student enrollment is growing with new needs in a demanding changing job market with new requirements of physical facilities and technology; and

WHEREAS, Aspira of Illinois has endeavored to undertake the construction of buildings and facilities for use by such educational institutions in the furnishing of public educational services; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains a comprehensive municipal building code (the "Code") governing the construction, repair, maintenance and inspection of buildings in order to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine compliance with the requirements of the Code, the City issues construction permits, various licenses and capacity cards and conducts periodic inspections which are financed in part by various fees imposed by the City for the examination of plans, issuance of permits, licenses and inspections; and

WHEREAS, contractors engaged to construct or remodel buildings and facilities for Aspira of Illinois are required to file numerous license and permit applications for original and renewed permits and to pay the fees and charges imposed for such permits and licenses; and

WHEREAS, the financial and administrative costs of complying with the Code including work hours spent in preparing applications, waiting for consideration and approval of applications and resulting delays is costly and impedes the efficient operation of Aspira of Illinois in the construction of buildings and facilities for the various educational buildings throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the financial and administrative obligations imposed by the Code are deleterious to the City and to *Aspira of Illinois* who share the same tax base; now therefore,

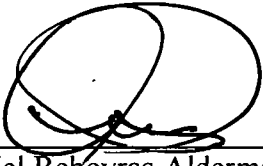
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the Code of the City to the contrary, all permits for demolition, new construction, construction alteration, repair, renovation, rehabilitation and inspection of buildings and facilities by *Aspira of Illinois* of Chicago and its contractors for public or governmental use by the Board of Trustees of Aspira of Illinois shall be issued without charge, commencing **April 01, 2012**, for a duration not to exceed ten years from the noted commencement **date (April 01, 2022)** or upon the completion of projects in process within the City of Chicago's Department Agencies, ie. Buildings, Transportation exc.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall not absolve or release *Aspira of Illinois* or its contractors from compliance with the building and fire provisions of the Code including requirements for the filing of plans, the obtaining of permits and necessities for inspections.

SECTION 3. The Commissioners of Buildings, Transportation and Business Affairs and Consumer Protection and any other Agencies of the City of Chicago are authorized to establish, in cooperation with the Board of Directors of Aspira of Illinois, a system which enables Aspira of Illinois and its contractors to file and process applications in a manner which reduces the administrative burden of the organization.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.



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Ariel Reboyras Alderman 30th Ward



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**EXHIBIT A**  
**Fees and Other Waivers**

**Department of Buildings**

Waiver of Plan Review, Permit and Inspection Fees:

A. Building Permit:

Zoning

Construction/Architectural/Structural

Internal Plumbing and Sewers

HVAC

Water for Construction

Smoke Abatement

B. Electrical Permit: Service and Wiring

C. Elevator Permit (if applicable)

D. Wrecking Permit and all fees related. (if applicable)

E. Fencing Permit (if applicable)

F. Fees for the review of building plans for compliance with accessibility codes by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities imposed by Section 13-32-310(2) of the Municipal Code of Chicago

G. Capacity Card fees

**Department of Water Management**

Tap Fees

Cut and Seal Fees for water and sewers

(Fees to purchase B-boxes and remote read-outs are not waived)

Permit (connection) and Inspection Fees

Sealing Permit Fees

Storm water ordinance review fee

## **Zoning and Land use Planning**

Zoning Fees

Trash Enclosure fees

Planning Part II Review Fees

Letter of Credit security requirement for landscaping

## **Department of Transportation**

Board of Underground Fees

Street Opening Fees

Driveway Permit Fees

Use of Public Way Fees

## **Other**

City Annual Fees

City Tie Fees

Inspection Fees

City of Chicago Fines

Fees relating to City installations (including, but not limited to, curbs, walks, parkway landscaping and street and alley lighting)

All License renewal fees for miscellaneous.