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**Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events
Annual Ordinance for 2013 Introduced to City Council**

The annual ordinance introduced to the City Council will once again give the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) the authority to enter into contracts outside of the traditional RFP process in order to book musical talent and other artists into events such as Chicago Blues Festival, Taste of Chicago, Chicago Jazz Festival, SummerDance and World Music Festival.

New this year, is a section that will allow DCASE to rent its facilities at no or reduced cost to theater groups, performers, entities promoting the arts, artists and arts organization for performances or exhibits. Facilities include rooms and theaters in the Chicago Cultural Center, the stage at the Pritzker Pavilion, Expo 72 at 72 East Randolph and the City Gallery.

Additionally, language was added to allow the Commissioner accept financial and in-kind grants to support the Department and its programs. The use of these funds will be subject to appropriation by City Council.

Finally, should the department choose to use an electronic format for ticketing food and beverage at lakefront festivals such as Taste of Chicago or the Chicago Blues Festival, new language has been added to allow the department to pursue that option.

Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) is dedicated to promoting and supporting Chicago's arts and culture sector. This includes, but is not limited to: fostering the development of Chicago's nonprofit arts sector, independent working artists, and for-profit arts businesses; presenting high-quality, free or low-fee cultural programs accessible to residents and visitors; and marketing the City's cultural assets to local, regional, and global

audiences. DCASE produces nearly 2,000 public programs, events and support services annually, generating millions in economic benefits for the City of Chicago.

For information on all productions, events, festivals, exhibits and more visit our website at www.cityofchicago.org/DCASE or find us on Facebook and Twitter - @ChicagoDCASE.

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