

An ordinance pertaining to the procurement process.

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2024, Mayor Johnson and his administration unilaterally removed the City's acoustic gunshot detection technology system; and

WHEREAS, City Council responded by passing: (1) SOr2024-0007759 on May 22, 2024, requiring a vote of City Council before removal of any violence prevention funding or acoustic gunshot detection technology system from any ward, by a 34-14 vote; and (2) O2024-0011032 on September 18, 2024, which required the timely renewal or reletting of a contract to avoid any interruptions to the City's acoustic gunshot detection technology system, by a vote of 33-14; and

WHEREAS, the administration did not issue a request for proposals until February 2, 2025 (Specification No. 1259216) and only selected a short-list of bidders on June 26, 2025; since then, no further progress has been made toward this administration faithfully executing the laws adopted by City Council; and

WHEREAS, these unnecessary delays further illustrate the Mayor and his administration's contempt for City Council by failing to implement and enforce laws adopted by the City Council as the legislative body of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, prolonged procurement proceedings delay critical public safety measures and undermine the City's ability to safeguard the health, safety, and well-being of the people of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, this failure also conflicts with each subsequent annual budget, which has included specific appropriations for procuring a new acoustic gunshot detection technology system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has a responsibility to ensure City procurements do not become weaponized and indefinitely unresolved; now, therefore; now, therefore

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

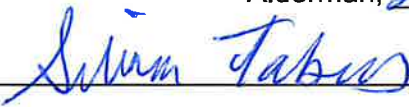
SECTION 1. Within 30 days of the effective date of this ordinance, the Chief Procurement Officer shall take all necessary actions to finalize any and all remaining reviews, negotiations, and recommendations and issue an award for Specification No. 1259216.

SECTION 2. Within 60 days of the effective date of this ordinance, if an award has not been issued for Specification No. 1259216, the Chief Procurement Officer shall provide the Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity with a detailed written explanation of why an award has not been issued. Thereafter, at the request of the Chair of the Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity, the Chief Procurement Officer shall appear before such Committee to provide testimony and respond to questions regarding such written explanation.

SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect upon passage.


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