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**MAYOR EMANUEL PROPOSES AMENDING AND STRENGTHENING CITY'S  
DISORDERLY CONDUCT ORDINANCE**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today proposed amending the City's disorderly conduct ordinance to remove outdated language and conform to a recent 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit ruling, while at the same time introducing a new subsection promoting the public health, safety, and welfare by strengthening the authority of officials to issue binding orders in exigent circumstances.

The proposed amendments to the disorderly conduct ordinance conform to a 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit ruling, issued in September, ruling that a clause in subsection (d) of the City's disorderly conduct ordinance dealing with "serious inconvenience, annoyance or alarm" was overly broad and unconstitutionally vague, but could be fixed by repealing that clause.

The proposed amendment also repeals two outdated subsections that have not been enforced for some time. Removing them now avoids the potential for with the Code.

Finally, the ordinance introduces a new provision to prohibit an individual from refusing to obey "an order by a person who has identified himself as, or is otherwise reasonably identifiable as, a peace officer, traffic control aide, fire department official, or other official, issued under circumstances where it is reasonable to believe that the order is necessary to allow public safety officials to address a situation that threatens the public health, safety, or welfare."

"While the City has long prohibited various forms of disorderly conduct, these changes, if approved, will bring the City's Municipal Code into compliance with recent court rulings and aid public safety officials when dealing with disturbances in crowded public areas," said Mayor Emanuel. # # #