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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES PROPOSAL TO INCREASE
NIGHT GAMES AT WRIGLEY FIELD**

*Ordinance is First Step in Implementing Recently Announced Framework Between City,
Lakeview Community, and Chicago Cubs*

City council today approved an ordinance to expand the number of night games that can be played at Wrigley Field during a baseball season to a total of 40. This is the first item out of the framework that was announced in April between the City, the Alderman, and the Chicago Cubs.

"This is the first step of implementation of the carefully constructed framework that outlines the physical improvements, policy changes and community improvement efforts surrounding Wrigley Field," said Mayor Emanuel. "This framework is a win-win for everyone involved and I look forward to continuing to work with all parties in the future."

The ordinance calls for a total of 40 night games; 35 to be scheduled and five to be held in reserve in the event that Major League Baseball obligates the Cubs to play night games.

The ordinance exempts playoff games as well as All-Star games, as well as events that have less than 12,500 attendees. The ordinance additionally provides for four concerts annually, and six 3:05 pm Friday starts.

"I am pleased that we were able to reach a compromise on the issue of night games, Friday start times and concerts at Wrigley Field. This is a genuine benefit to the Cubs while strengthening our neighborhood protections. We look forward to working together on the next steps of this process and the Cubs reinvestment in the Lakeview community."

The ordinance came about following April's agreed-upon framework, which was the result of significant discussions between the Mayor's office, the Alderman, and the team. The framework outlines not only the plans for night games but includes stadium renovations, improvements to property in the surrounding area, community and traffic improvements, and much more. The planned development process, including multiple opportunities for community input, is underway.

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