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Decommissioned Fire Station to be used as Office Space by Homeless Service Agency

Agency Established to Assist Homeless Female Veterans

The Emanuel Administration introduced an ordinance that would authorize the execution of a City as Landlord lease agreement with the Doll Incorporated for use of a vacant fire station located at 6843 South Harper Avenue. The property would be used as office space by Doll Incorporated, a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit corporation that provides housing and educational services to homeless female veterans.

"Providing housing and educational services that will help homeless female veterans is a great use of this space," said Mayor Emanuel. "The use of vacant facilities by non-profit organizations that provide social services at no cost to city taxpayers is exactly how we should make use of the City's available space."

The property at 6843 South Harper Avenue is a decommissioned fire station that has no other municipal use. Doll Incorporated will use the 2nd floor for office space and the 1st floor for storage and board meetings.

Doll Incorporated provides critical housing and educational services to homeless female veterans in southern cook county.

The City will not provide Doll Incorporated with any financial assistance. The proposed lease allows Doll Incorporated to occupy the space for \$1.00 for the term of the lease. The organization would be responsible for all maintenance, security, custodial services, and payment of all utilities for the property. The lease will begin upon execution following City Council approval and will expire on December 31, 2015. The lease may be canceled by either party with 60 days' notice.

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