



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION  
CITY OF CHICAGO

**Official Notice of Changes to Chicago Municipal Code Section 4-6-180  
Regulated Business License – Hotel**

**Hotel - Panic Button**

Please be advised of recent changes to the Municipal Code of Chicago (MCC) regarding Hotel establishments.

**Effective July 1, 2018, the Hotel Panic Button ordinance amendment shall go into effect.**

**M.C.C. 4-6-180 (e) Legal Duties.** Each license engaged in the business of hotel shall have a duty to:

- (1) Equip employees who are assigned to clean or to inventory, inspect or restock supplies in a guest room or restroom, under circumstances where no other employee is present in such room, with a panic button or notification device. The employee may use the panic button or notification device to summon help if the employee reasonably believes that an ongoing crime, sexual assault or other emergency is occurring in the employee's presence. Panic buttons and notification devices shall be provided by the licensee at no cost to the employee.

Any person who violates any provision of the Municipal Code of Chicago shall be subject to fines for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

Please refer to City of Chicago Municipal Code 4-6-180 for the complete amendment and detailed requirements and regulations.

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