



Aldermanic Vacancy Application Form

****Please note that this application form will be publicly posted on the City of Chicago's website and that any information you may provide may be subject to public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Finalists may be asked for additional personal information.***

Instructions: Fill out this application form and submit it no later than 5pm on January 25, 2013. Any applications received after this deadline, unless postmarked previously, will not be considered. You may submit complete applications to:

7th Ward Aldermanic Screening Committee
City Hall – Room 406
121 N LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60602

You may email completed applications (with all attachments) to: 7thwardcandidate@cityofchicago.org

You may apply online at: www.cityofchicago.org/Ward7Application

Under Illinois law, to qualify for appointment as Alderman, you must meet the following criteria:

1. You must be registered to vote in the ward in which you are seeking appointment;
2. At the time you are sworn in as Alderman, you must have resided in the ward for at least one year prior to taking office;
3. You must not be in arrears in the payment of tax or other indebtedness to the City of Chicago;
4. You must not have been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony;
5. At the time you are sworn in, you shall not hold any other office in the City of Chicago, nor hold any civil service office under federal, state, or local government unless granted leave of absence. National Guard, notary public, and honorary offices without compensation are exempt from this requirement.

To be considered, applications must also include the following:

- *A resume that includes details about your prior work experience and community involvement*

- *Three letters of recommendation from community leaders, business leaders, or residents of the 7th Ward.*

Use the space provided below to answer each question; by clearly printing or typing your response. If more space is needed, please attach additional sheets to the back of this form, clearly marking which section it is supplementing.

Basic Information

Full Name (please include middle name)	Lorse Johnson Sizer
Home Address	[REDACTED]
Home Telephone	[REDACTED]
Current Employer	Retired
Title/Position	n/a
Business Address	n/a
Business Telephone	n/a
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED]
Spouse's Name	[REDACTED]

Education

Please provide information on your educational background including degrees acquired and the educational institutions that you have attended.

Chicago State University	Masters in Science and Education	In progress
Roosevelt University	Bachelors in Science and Psychology	1976

Government Experience

List any current or previous government experience, elected or appointed.

I retired from the City of Chicago in 2005 and worked in various capacities beginning in 1984.

Budget and Government Operations

- Responsible for the implementation of all matters relating to the budget hearings.
- Communicated with all departments for information to be published in the journals as reported by the City Clerk's office.
- Coordinated all meetings between the Budget Committee and other departments.
- Accurately reported budget line items for Community Development Grants, Supplemental 925, and the mayoral budget on a daily basis.

Police and Fire Committee

- Developed relationships with the media and general public to create a better understanding of police and fire department matters.
- Coordinated and drafted all administrative reports for the committee.
- Addressed all concerns relating to both departments as they affected the City.

Administrative Coordinator

- Responsible for the daily operations of the seventh ward.
- Addressed the concerns of constituents in each precinct and the delivery of services throughout the ward.

Community Involvement

List any current community groups that you are involved in and the nature of their organizational goals.

Active Member of the Democratic National Committee and Barack Obama's Organizing for America

- A community organizing project of the Democratic National Committee founded after the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama that seeks to mobilize supporters in favor of Obama's legislative priorities.

Past President of the 8500/8600 South Marquette Avenue Chartered Block Club

- A block club geared towards the safety and beautification of our neighborhood.

Past President of the 7th Ward's Women's Auxiliary

Former Chairman of the Board of Gospel Way Church (8152 South Saginaw)

Former Project Director of the Midwest Conference of Ministers

Military Service

Have you ever been a member of the armed services? If so, please list rank, date and type of discharge from active service.

No

Social Media

List the url addresses of any websites that feature you in either a personal or professional capacity (including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, blogs, etc).

www.lorsesizer.com

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lorse-Sizer/109765199202743>

Criminal History

Have you ever been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or forfeited collateral for any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? (Minor traffic offenses do not include the offenses of driving or operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor, driving or operating a vehicle while impaired or reckless driving) **Please do not disclose juvenile criminal history at this time.** If yes, please explain.



Indebtedness

Are you or your spouse delinquent on any federal, state, or local debt? If so, please provide the details below. (Include delinquencies for income, property, or other taxes, governmental loans, overpayment of benefits, required payments into or under governmental programs, and other debts or required payments to the government plus and defaults on or under loans which are or were guaranteed, insured, or subsidized by any unit of government.)

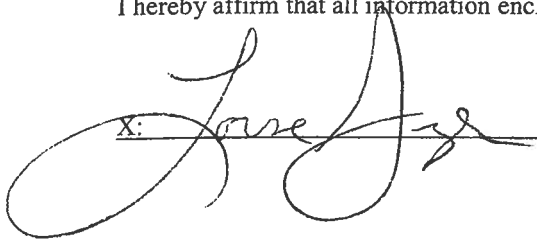


Statements

Please write briefly on both of the following topics on a separate piece of paper.
Keep your responses to 300 words or less.

1. Discuss the strengths that you possess that make you the most qualified candidate to be Alderman of the 7th Ward.
2. What, in your opinion, are the most pressing issues facing the 7th Ward and the City of Chicago? What are your ideas for addressing them?

I hereby affirm that all information enclosed is true and accurate.

X:  Date: 1/25/13

7th Ward Application Attachment

Full name: LoRse Johnson Sizer

Home Address: 8548 S. Marquette, Chicago, IL 60617

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Please write briefly on both of the following topics. Keep your responses to 300 words or less.

1. **Discuss the strengths that you possess that make you the most qualified candidate to be Alderman of the 7th Ward.**

I am a former *Chicago Public Schools* teacher, a long-time community activist, and a known public servant. As a resident of the 7th Ward for over 35 years, I've witnessed the community's rise and fall.

Public service has always been my passion. Under the guidance of the late Senator Richard Newhouse, late Senator Louis Caldwell, community activist Lu Palmer, and then Alderman Danny Davis, I learned a helping hand reaches more people than a closed fist. I received my *Bachelors in Mathematics* and a *Masters in Science*. Her service efforts earned the *Fred Hampton Award for Leadership*, the *CBUC Award*, and the *Black Women's Hall of Fame Humanitarian Award*.

When I moved to the 7th Ward in 1975, things were much different. It was safer; kids could play outside without fearing stray bullets. Jobs were plentiful, and everyone had a place to hang their hat. My inspiration comes from the hope and inspiration I saw in the eyes of children while a teacher at *Sullivan* and *South Chicago*, the fight and determination for a better community from its residents as President of the *7th Ward Women's Group*, President of *M.E.C.A.*, and President of my own block club, and the needs expressed to me while sitting at the front desk of the 7th Ward office for over 20 years.

As time passed, she built a reputation within City Hall as someone who puts her community first. Lorse was a member of several committees including *Police and Fire*, and *Budget and Government Operations*. In 2005, she retired as the *Legislative Budget Analyst*.

2. **What, in your opinion, are the most pressing issues facing the 7th Ward and the City of Chicago? What are your ideas for addressing them?**

We lack a strong leader in office with a concise plan to restore our Ward to greatness. You see, as a resident for over 35 years, I've witnessed countless political leaders use our ward for personal gain and not give anything back to the residents of the community. Political leaders that have left us to fend for ourselves, leaving our streets filled with crime, violence, and a lack of jobs. No longer can I sit back and let this happen. I have a plan for this Ward.

1) Jobs: I'll work diligently to make our community a place that attracts new industries. I will also support and help expand the small businesses that already exist within.

2) Simple Amenities: Second, let's bring back the simple amenities that make a neighborhood feel like a community like coffee shops, health clubs, and walk-able grocery marts.

3) Safer Streets: Third, I'll make our streets safer by helping to hire more police officers, establishing more community watch organizations, and planning more gun drives to get illegal firearms off the streets. Our children deserve to play outside without the fear of stray bullets. And our elder residents should not be scared to leave their homes due to gang violence.

4) Foreclosed and Abandoned Buildings: These places are havens for crime, lower property value, and blemish the beauty of South Shore.