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**MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL INITIATES REVIEW OF PAY FOR CITY COMMISSIONS TO
SAVE TAXPAYERS MONEY**

*Eliminates pay for two City boards; asks for extensive review; calls on all Sister Agencies to
thoroughly review practices*

Today Mayor Emanuel tasked his Chief of Staff with reviewing the stipends paid to members of City boards and delivering recommendations for how to reduce the cost to taxpayers by 50%. Emanuel also eliminated the stipends paid to members of the City's Cable Commission and Board of Local Improvements, saving taxpayers more than \$175,000 per year.

"Those who lend their time and expertise to serve on the city's boards and commissions should be motivated by the opportunity to serve the public, not financial gain," said Mayor Emanuel. "This action is another step towards ensuring that the City of Chicago is using every taxpayer dollar in a judicious and responsible way to deliver high-quality services to residents as efficiently as possible."

Emanuel will receive the review and recommendations within 45 days. The City currently spends \$621,000 annually on pay for members of the City's boards and commissions.

The Mayor also asked Sister Agencies to conduct the same review, stressing the need for efficiency across city government to ensure that every hard-earned taxpayer dollar is used as effectively as possible.

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