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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR EMANUEL'S LATEST EFFORT
TO CRACK DOWN ON HARMFUL PETCOKE EMISSIONS**

Ordinance to Limit Petcoke Storage Within City Limits

City Council today approved an ordinance that would limit the amount of petcoke stored in the City, the latest crackdown on the harmful emission of petroleum coke dust within the City of Chicago. The ordinance, introduced on December 10, 2014 by the Mayor, Alderman Edward M. Burke, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and Alderman John Pope will require the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) to issue one or more administrative orders by March 31, 2015 that would limit the amount of petcoke stored in the City.

"Petcoke operators must play by the rules we establish to protect our residents from the harmful effects of petcoke dust," said Mayor Emanuel. "Passing this ordinance is the newest step in our continuing process to make clear that no one gets to make profits at the expense of the health, welfare and quality of life of Chicagoans."

"Our response to protect the air Chicagoans breathe has been unyielding in the face of petcoke operators' continued push to store these materials in our City," said Alderman Burke.

The ordinance will ensure that sufficient controls are in place to limit the amount of petcoke stored in Chicago going forward. Under the proposed ordinance, DPD will be required to review the data it has collected on petcoke storage and transfer and establish, by March 31, 2015, a hard ceiling on the amount of petcoke that will be allowed to be stored in the City.

"Our continued efforts to kick petcoke out of our neighborhoods will ensure Chicagoans can be outside to enjoy their communities," said Alderman Pope.

Today's developments build upon the Mayor's previous efforts to protect residents from harmful petcoke dust. In April 2014, the City Council of Chicago passed Mayor Emanuel's ordinance, which was also co-sponsored by Aldermen Burke and Pope, to ban new petcoke, coke and coal facilities and prohibit the expansion of existing facilities. Months later, the City issued a cease and desist order to Calumet Transload, a company owned by the Beemsterboer family, for illegally storing

approximately 12,000 tons of coke material at their facility with plans to bring an additional 8,000 tons to the site. In response to continued pressure from the City, Attorney General Madigan, and community advocates, the Beemsterboer family withdrew its applications for state permits to store petcoke and decided to sell its facility on the Southeast Side of Chicago. The company has removed all petcoke from its Chicago facility, leaving KCBX as the only company dealing in bulk petcoke in Chicago.

Petcoke is a solid carbon material derived as a byproduct of the oil refining process and is typically used as a fuel source in power plants. Inhaling pet coke can contribute to serious respiratory health problems, particularly for individuals who suffer from heart and lung disease and asthma.

The City also asks residents who observe coke or coal dust in their neighborhoods to report it to 311 or by emailing reportpetcoke@cityofchicago.org. Additional information can be found at <http://www.cityofchicago.org/petcoke>.

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