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CITY COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE TO ALLOW OUTDOOR PLAZA AT WRIGLEY FIELD
Ordinance Limits Hours of Operation and Alcohol Sales to Protect Neighborhood Quality of Life

City Council today passed an ordinance introduced by Alderman Tom Tunney and backed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel that will allow the Chicago Cubs to build a new, multi-use outdoor plaza for fans at Wrigley Field while enacting strict protections to ensure neighborhood quality of life.

"This ordinance is a reasonable agreement that will allow the Cubs to offer new opportunities to their fans, while maintaining a high quality of life for the team's neighbors," Mayor Emanuel said. "Today's vote is further proof of the progress that is possible when we work through difficult issues together and reach a compromise that benefits the people of Chicago."

Under the agreement, the Cubs will be permitted to operate a new outdoor plaza adjacent to Wrigley Field, with restrictions on hours of operation and alcohol sales. The tailored approach sets different hours for special events, game days and non-game days, including farmers' markets, ice skating and movies.

"I'm pleased with the progress we made today and thank our community partners, the mayor and my colleagues for their support," said Alderman Tunney. "I believe we have found the right balance that allows the Cubs to activate the plaza while providing the right protections for the community. I look forward to seeing the completion of the work on the Wrigley campus and many more winning seasons at the ballpark."

During day games the Cubs will be allowed to sell beer and wine until one hour after the game ends. During night games they will be allowed to sell until the end of the game, or 11:00 p.m., whichever is earlier. Tickets to the game will be required for entrance to the plaza on game days.

Additionally, the team will be allowed to hold 12 special events on the plaza. An event will qualify for this designation if it has more than 1,000 people or sells alcohol. These events are in addition to pre-approved concerts at the stadium. These will be required to end by 9 p.m. on school nights (Labor Day to June 15), 10 p.m. on weekdays, and 11 p.m. on weekends. Any other events at the space will require special use permits needed for similar to any events in the city.

Maximum occupancy of the space will be determined by the Department of Buildings once final plans are submitted by the team.

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Construction of the plaza will incorporate security measures consistent with work the team and city is doing to protect Wrigley Field and the tens of thousands of fans who make it one of the most popular tourism draws in the entire state. The plaza will also be served by new restrooms in the stadium or adjacent building.

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