



# Fines and Fees Reform Presentation

## September 25, 2019



# Background and Timeline



Launched the Collaborative in December 2018 by kicking off our first Working Group Meeting

## January 2019 through April 2019:

1. Conducted Working Group meetings;
2. Held numerous roundtable discussions across the City; and
3. Launched an Online portal to collect input from Chicago residents

May 2019: Clerk Valencia met with Mayor Lightfoot to discuss the Collaborative's work

June 2019: Presented recommendations

August 2019 – September 2019: Introduction and passage of fines and fees ordinance



## Reduced Term City Sticker

The Office of City Clerk will begin to offer our Reduced Term City Sticker.

- For a term less than a year, the Reduced Term Sticker offers a lower barrier to entry.
- Just like the yearly City Sticker, the Reduced Term Sticker expires on the last day of the expiration month printed on the Sticker.
- You will receive a courtesy renewal notice reminder via mail or email approximately 2 months after purchasing a Reduced Term Sticker.
- The Reduced Term Sticker is available for purchase online at [chicityclerk.com](http://chicityclerk.com), at the City Clerk's office and the Department of Finance.



## Office of the City Clerk's Amnesty Month [STEP ONE]

Starting **Tuesday, October 1** through **Thursday, October 31**, purchase your City Sticker, and the Office of the City Clerk will:

- Waive all late fees
- Waive all back charges



# Many Opportunities To Buy A City Sticker

## 1. City Clerk Office Locations:

- City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- North Side Office: 5430 W. Gale St: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- South Side Office: 5674 S. Archer Ave: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## 2. Department of Finance Locations:

- City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- South West Payment Center: 4770 S. Kedzie: 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- North West Payment Center: 4445 N. Pulaski: 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- South East Payment Center: 2006 E. 95<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Central Payment Center: 400 W. Superior: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
[Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.]



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### 3. MOBILE CITY HALL DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- Wed. October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Taylor Lauridsen Park 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Sat. October 5<sup>th</sup>: George Washington HS 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Thur. October 10<sup>th</sup>: Broadway Armory 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Fri. October 18<sup>th</sup>: Austin Town Hall 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. October 19<sup>th</sup>: Foster Park 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Sat. October 26<sup>th</sup>: Douglas Park 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**4. ONLINE OPTION:** You can also go to [chicityclerk.com](http://chicityclerk.com) to purchase your City Sticker and work through a facilitated process to get your back charges and late fees waived.



## City Sticker Ticket Debt Forgiveness [STEP TWO]

Once you have purchased a City Sticker, by October 31, 2019, you are then eligible for STEP TWO.

Anyone that is in compliance with the City Sticker, they will be able to apply online to have at least THREE City Sticker tickets to be forgiven starting November 15th.

An online application – [Chicago.gov/citystickerdebtrelief](https://chicago.gov/citystickerdebtrelief) - that will allow people to have tickets automatically dismissed, notified via email or mail of final status and remaining outstanding tickets, plus payment plan options



# Payment Plan Reform

- Rollout on November 15
- Lower Down Payments
- Easier for Hardship Payment Plan to get out of being booted or towed





# Driver's License Suspension

- November 15: New payment plans will help people get their driver's licenses back
- We want to encourage people to get on payment plans regardless because debt will still exist even with reinstatement



# Booting Reform

- New 24-hour extension to make payment in full or get on a payment plan
- More accessible payment plans for hardship participants who are booted



## Fine-Free Libraries

- Announcement on September 30
- People will be able to bring in their late library books without penalty
- People whose library cards are blocked because of late fees can come back
- You will still have to pay if you lose a book



# Q&A

- Run-through of Q&A document
- Send any additional questions to us that may come up



## How You Can Help!

1. Post and share on social media (@chicityclerk) (@chicagosmayor)
2. Talk to your peers and groups you work with
3. Pass out palm cards



## Questions and Feedback?

**Please don't hesitate to reach out to:**

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