

ORDINANCE NO. 026-79

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
AN AGREEMENT WITH CITY
YEAR, INC. FOR VOLUNTEER
SERVICE ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, City Year, Inc. ("City Year") is a national youth service organization that unites young adults, ages 17-24, for full-time community service, leadership development, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, City Year is a private-public partnership supported by the AmeriCorps National Service Network, many large and small corporations, foundations, and private donors committed to youth and the future of national service; and

WHEREAS, City Year Chicago Corps Members receive a weekly stipend from City Year and upon graduation from City Year's program, receive up to \$7,395.00 for college or career training; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, the Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") has entered into agreements with City Year; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends that the Authority enter into another agreement with City Year for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 City Year program years; and

WHEREAS, City Year Chicago Corps Members will assist the Authority in promoting the use of public transit through participation in a variety of activities, such as providing support with customer service and assisting with special events; and

WHEREAS, City Year will provide 8032.5 hours of total volunteer time to the Authority each program year during the agreement; and

WHEREAS, In addition to assisting the Authority and separate from the agreement, City Year Chicago Corps Members will participate in projects in the City of Chicago including, but not limited to, beautifying urban spaces, creating community gardens, and mentoring and tutoring Chicago schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, In exchange for the volunteer activities of City Year Chicago Corps Members, the Authority will provide up to 190 unlimited riding passes to City Year Chicago Members each program year; and

WHEREAS, The agreement requires City Year to indemnify the Authority and provide proof of insurance, and the agreement allows for the Authority to terminate the agreement at any time without cause; now, therefore:

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. The Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with City Year, Inc. for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 City Year program years.

SECTION 2. The agreement requires City Year to provide 8032.5 volunteer hours to the Authority each program year, requires the Authority to provide up to one hundred ninety (190) unlimited riding passes to City Year Chicago Corps Members each program year, and contains such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the Agreement between the Chicago Transit Authority and City Year, Inc. attached as Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 3. The Chairman, or his designee, is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

July 8, 2026

Secretary

July 8, 2026