ORDINANCE NO. 026-126

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH COOK COUNTY FOR THE SHERIFF TO PROVIDE GROUNDSKEEPING AND MAINTENANCE WORK ON AUTHORITY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, The Cook County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff" or "CCSO") administers the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program ("SWAP") for offenders so sentenced and is responsible for supervising and assigning duties to SWAP offenders to carry out their sentences; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") owns and/or controls approximately 50 linear miles of property under and along its elevated structures ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff and the Authority have entered into previous agreements to provide supervised SWAP work crews to the Authority since 1994 for groundskeeping and maintenance of the Property, as well as on other Authority property, and it would be beneficial for the Authority to continue this arrangement; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff and the Authority wish to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to allow for the continuation of the groundskeeping and maintenance of Authority property by the SWAP offenders; and

WHEREAS, The volunteer community service work force provided to the Authority by the Sheriff will continue to perform cleaning and litter removal assignments at no cost to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Authority will reimburse the Sheriff for the expenditures incurred related to this agreement, such as for providing deputies to guard the offenders, in an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($700,000.00) per year; and

WHEREAS, The term of the agreement is three (3) years with two (2) one-year options to renew, but either party may terminate the agreement upon thirty (30) days' notice after the first six (6) months of the term; and

WHEREAS, The IGA contains a limitation of liability provision which requires each party to assume responsibility for the actions of its employees, officers, and agents, including volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Cooperation between and among governmental agencies and entities through intergovernmental agreements is authorized by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 22/1 et seq.); now therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chair of the Chicago Transit Board, or designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Cook, Illinois on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff's Office for a three (3) year term from November 1, 2026 through October 31, 2029, with two (2) one-year options to renew, which requires the Sheriff to provide work crews of Sheriff's Work Alternative Program offenders for groundskeeping and maintenance of certain Authority property, requires the Authority to pay the Sheriff an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($700,000.00) per year, includes a limitation of liability provision which requires each party to assume responsibility for the actions of its employees, officers, and agents, including volunteers, and contains such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Cook on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff's Office and the Chicago Transit Authority, attached as Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 2. The Chair, or designee, is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED: PASSED:

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Chair Secretary

October 27, 2026 October 27, 2026