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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ETHICS ORDINANCE IN AN EFFORT TO COMBAT CORRUPT  
ACTIVITY**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced an ordinance for approval before City Council that would require a city contractor to report any corrupt activity carried out by an employee, related to the contractor's business with the City, to the Chicago Inspector General. If a City contractor knew of an employee's unlawful behavior and did not report it, the contractor would be in violation of the ordinance and would default on their contract with the City of Chicago.

"Chicago residents deserve a government that holds itself to the highest ethical standard. This ordinance will bring City contractors in line with the same ethics we expect from our City employees and officials," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Passing this ordinance will allow us to hold those who work on behalf of the taxpayer accountable, helping encouraging honest and fair actions amongst all who represent the City of Chicago."

Once this ordinance goes into effect, the vendor must notify the City's Inspector General of any corrupt activity (bribery, theft, forgery, perjury, fraud) they know any employee has committed against the City or any of its sister agencies. To violate the ordinance, the vendor must "knowingly" fail to report unethical acts. This would hold City vendors to a very high legal standard, meaning it would be illegal for them to have actual knowledge of the corrupt activity or to be deliberately ignorant of the corrupt activity and not report it.

In order to report corruption, fraud or other misconduct, City vendors would contact the Inspector General's 24 hour hotline, (866) IG-TIPLINE (866-448-4754), or fill out a secure online report form which can be found on the Inspector General's website <http://chicagoinspectorgeneral.org/get-involved/contact-us/>.

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