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**Vacant City Lot to be used as Bocce Ball Court**

*Wicker Park Bocce Club to use site as neighborhood bocce ball court*

The Emanuel Administration introduced an ordinance that would authorize the execution of a City as Landlord lease agreement between the City and the Wicker Park Bocce Club, LLC governing the use of a vacant City-owned lot located at 1944 West Crystal Street. The Wicker Park Bocce Club, LLC would use the property as a bocce ball court which would be available to area residents.

“With the use of this vacant lot in Wicker Park, residents and visitors will be able to enjoy this space and participate in a fun activity that promotes an active lifestyle at no cost to the City of Chicago,” said Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

The property located at 1944 West Crystal Street is a vacant City-owned residential lot. Because of its small size, the property has no present municipal use. This proposed temporary use of City property will allow area residents to participate in a healthy activity at no cost to the City. The Wicker Park Bocce Club, LLC was established to promote public bocce ball participation in Wicker Park.

The proposed lease provides the Wicker Park Bocce Club, LLC with access to the 1944 West Crystal Street property through December 31, 2014. The rent is \$1.00 for the term of the lease. The organization would be responsible for all maintenance, security, custodial services, and payment of all utilities for the property. The City and the Wicker Park Bocce Club, LLC would be authorized to execute the lease upon City Council approval. Either party may cancel the agreement at any time with 30 days' written notice.

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