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MAYOR EMANUEL INTRODUCES ORDINANCE TO UPDATE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR MAXWELL STREET MARKET

Mayor Rahm Emanuel introduced an ordinance today to update the rules and requirements for the Maxwell Street Market, which will allow for more flexibility and clarity for vendors across the City. The proposed ordinance amends the City Municipal Code to align Maxwell Street Market more closely with the Chicago City Markets run by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE).

"If it's Sunday, it's Maxwell Street Market," said Mayor Emanuel. "Maxwell Street Market has been a Chicago institution for over a hundred years, and I look forward to a hundred more as it continues to bring our residents and visitors a wide variety of street food, fresh produce and unique finds."

The 106-year-old historic Maxwell Street Market offers an eclectic mix of foods and finds—including fresh produce, furniture, clothing, tools, garden plants, collectibles and rare finds—plus the best, authentic Mexican- and Latin-style street food in Chicago.

The proposed ordinance updates and provides clarity for Chicago vendors on the rules, regulations and fee structure at Maxwell Street Market. The proposed changes will bring the Market into the 21st Century, with measures to remove archaic requirements for vendor participation and remove references to practices such as a 'lottery' that are no longer used.

If passed, the Maxwell Street Market will more closely align with the Chicago City Markets located downtown and throughout the city and also operated by DCASE. As is the case for Chicago City Markets, DCASE will establish the hours for operation.

Chicago City Markets sell fresh seasonal produce, flowers, prepared foods, unique Chicago-made products and rare finds–at Chicago's longest running farmers market on Daley Plaza, the historic Maxwell Street Market and a dozen more community markets in neighborhoods across Chicago.