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**MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL ANNOUNCES REDUCTION IN CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION
COMPENSATION**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced a 50% reduction of compensation received by members of City boards and commissions, saving taxpayers over \$314,000 a year.

"Those chosen to represent the interests of the people of Chicago lend their time and expertise to serve the public," said Mayor Emanuel. "My administration is committed to using taxpayer funds wisely and responsibly to deliver the highest-quality services in the most efficient way possible."

In July, the Mayor set the goal of cutting City board and commission compensation in half and tasked his Chief of Staff with conducting an extensive review of these stipends. Today, the Mayor also implemented a new compensation policy, which goes into effect immediately, tying stipend payments to meeting attendance.

The boards impacted by this reduction in compensation are the Building Board of Appeals; the Human Resources Board; the Chicago Police Board; the Zoning Board of Appeals and the License Appeal Commission. Prior to this review, the Mayor eliminated the stipends paid to members of the City's Cable Commission and Board of Local Improvements.

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