

Reject Stonepeak Advocacy Toolkit

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About the Legislation

Here are some news stories about this ordinance that would carry out the sale of Chicago Parking Meters, LLC to Stonepeak Partners

- <https://abc7chicago.com/post/owns-chicago-parking-meters-what-could-happen-city-council-blocks-morgan-stanley-stone-peak-meter-deal/19311826/>
- <https://blockclubchicago.org/2026/06/25/mayor-johnsons-team-secretly-offered-3-3-billion-to-buy-back-citys-parking-meters-other-bidder-says/>
- <https://www.chicagobusiness.com/politics-policy/ccb-chicago-parking-meters-stonepeak-20260617/>
- <https://www.chicagobusiness.com/politics-policy/ccb-chicago-parking-meter-deal-improvement-20260611/>
- <https://www.chicagotribune.com/2026/06/16/chicago-parking-meter-aldermen-sale/>
- <https://www.chicagobusiness.com/politics-policy/ccb-chicago-parking-meter-stonepeak-ice-20260612/>

- <https://chicago.suntimes.com/city-hall/2026/06/08/parking-meters-deal-chicago-mayor-brandon-johnson-stonepeak>
- <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2026/01/omni-ice-deportations-charter-flight-stonepeak-private-equity/>
- <https://gillianbrockell.com/tracking-all-of-trumps-third-country-removals-that-we-know-of/>
 - <https://drive.proton.me/urls/KCEET2HMGM#WeO4Hn7J6q6s>
- <https://blockclubchicago.org/2026/07/14/could-the-city-still-buy-back-control-of-its-parking-meters/>
- www.chicagotribune.com/2026/07/13/opinion-city-council-vote-chicago-parking-meter-transfer/
- <https://chicago.suntimes.com/city-hall/2026/07/16/chicago-parking-meters-ownership-transfer-city-council-approval-deadline-extended>

Legislation Text

All legislative introductions can be found at chicityclerkelms.chicago.gov. Read the text of the resolution in full by downloading the [Document](#) found at [O2026-0025407](#).

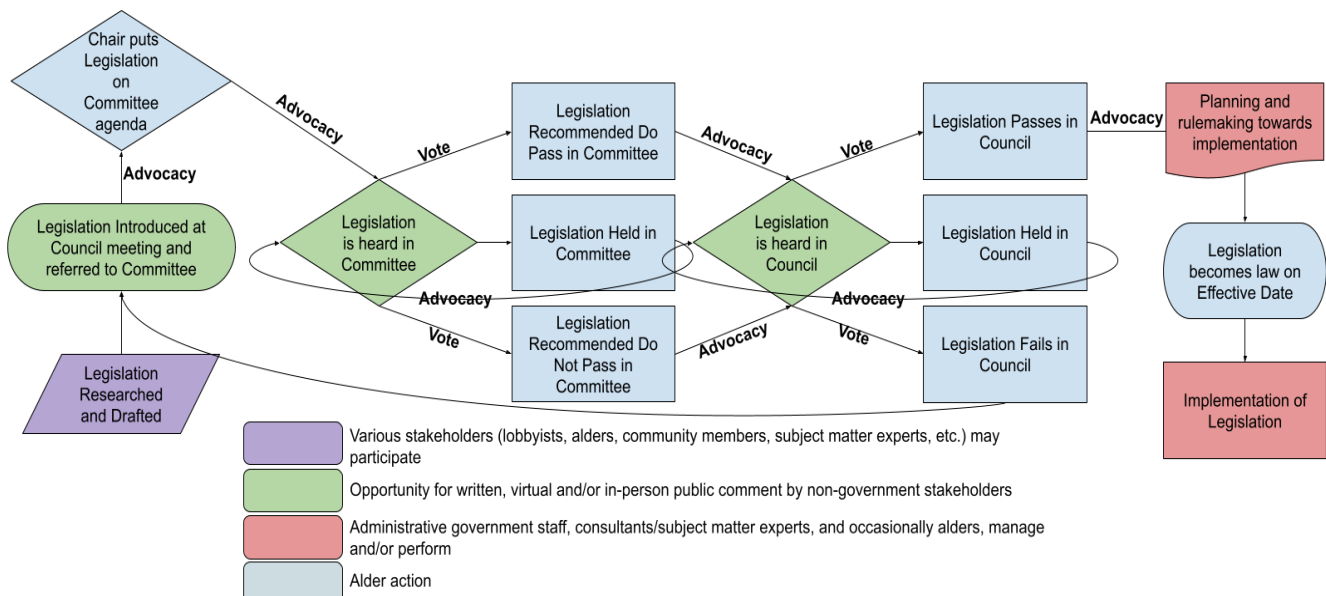
Policy Memo

If you are looking for an abbreviated explainer of the legislation, see

[Stonepeak-CPM Purchase Ordinance Policy Memo](#)

Chicago Legislative Cycle

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Most meaningful legislative activity happens in committee meetings, where committee members debate proposed legislation. These meetings are open to the public. Each committee has a Chair, who controls the committee meeting agenda (and the legislation to be considered). Committee jurisdiction, memberships, and appointments all require City Council approval.

- [City Government and the Chicago City Council](#)
- [How does City Council work?](#)

Committee on Finance

Here are all the council members who sit on the [Committee on Finance](#):

- Ald. Pat Dowell
- Ald. Bill Conway
- Ald. Daniel LaSpata
- Ald. Brian Hopkins
- Ald. William Hall
- Ald. Gregory Mitchell
- Ald. Michelle Harris
- Ald. Anthony Beale
- Ald. Nicole Lee
- Ald. Julia Ramirez
- Ald. Marty Quinn
- Ald. Raymond Lopez
- Ald. David Moore
- Ald. Derrick Curtis
- Ald. Mathew O'Shea
- Ald. Jeanette Taylor
- Ald. Ronnie Mosley
- Ald. Michael Rodriguez
- Ald. Monique Scott
- Ald. Byron Sigcho Lopez
- Ald. Walter "Red" Burnett Jr.
- Ald. Jason Ervin
- Ald. Chris Taliaferro
- Ald. Felix Cardona
- Ald. Scott Waguespack
- Ald. Rosanna Rodriguez Sanchez
- Ald. Anthony Quezada
- Ald. Gilbert Villegas
- Ald. EmmaMitts
- Ald. Nicholas Sposato
- Ald. Andre Vasquez
- Ald. Brendan Reilly

- Ald. Timothy Knudsen
- Ald. Matthew Martin
- Ald. Debra Silverstein

Timeline/Milestones

- May 20, 2026 City Council Meeting
 - Mayor Johnson Introduction of Ordinance to Council and Referral to Committee
- June 25, 2026 Committee on Finance Meeting
 - A Subject Matter Hearing on this item was held where executives from Chicago Parking Meter, LLC, Stonepeak Partners took questions from committee members; no votes were taken on the item.
 - Here are some questions and answers from that hearing-

 6.25.26 Committee on Finance Meeting_Parking Meter Deal Q+A - with full video [here](#).
- July 13, 2026 Committee on Finance Meeting
 - The item (Item 9) was on the [agenda](#) for a vote at this meeting (originally based on [a letter that was obtained by a journalist](#) indicating that the Chair of the Committee intends to put the item up for a vote). However, the item was held in Committee by the chair as Stonepeak Partners have allegedly greenlit an additional extension from the July 24th extension to give more time for Concession Agreement negotiations. We do not as of yet have a clear understanding of what negotiations are even on the table, including if alders will request the sale of Omni Air International.
 - As the item was held, it will need to be added to the agenda of a future Committee on Finance meeting and pass out before it can be voted on in Council.
- July 17, 2026 Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights Meeting
 - CIRRR had a subject matter hearing (Item 3) on the [agenda](#) to educate council members on the Omni Air International ICE-contractor deportation flights. Only 3 council members participated during this portion of the hearing. You can find [video](#) of the meeting, and the item begins at around 3:32:00.
 - A day before this meeting, there was [reporting that the deal's deadline has been extended to September 30th](#) as council members and the city continue to negotiate with Stonepeak
- XX, 2026 City Council Meeting
 - Should the Ordinance move out of Committee with a Recommend Do Pass or Recommend Do Not Pass out of Committee, then it will be voted on in Council. Please touch base with your alder and ask them to vote 'no' on this legislative item and sign up for public comment during this meeting!
 - As the item was held in the July 13th Committee on Finance meeting, it will not be voted on during the July 15, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Advocacy Ladder

Learn about Omni Air International

The Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights hosted a webinar on July 8th, 2026 with Gillian Brockell entitled 'What Does ICE Have to Do With Chicago Parking Meters?' to learn more about Omni Air International. Video recording [here](#), presentation [here](#) and [here](#).

Who is my alderperson?

[Find out who your alderperson is](#). Alders want to hear primarily from those voters who live in their ward!

What should I say and how do I get in touch?

General Script

Hi Alderperson [your alder],

My name is [your name] and I live at [your address] and I am your constituent. It is clear from the meeting of the Committee on Finance in June that Stonepeak Partners, who want to buy Chicago's Parking Meters, only care about their profits. They have a list of shady holdings in their portfolio, including Omni Air International, and Russian LNG both of which have morally reprehensible business practices that tarnish the reputation of Stonepeak. Per your responsibility under [Article 17 of the amended Concession Agreement](#) and [Section 15 of the authorizing ordinance](#), you can evaluate whether to approve the proposed sale based on the background and reputation of the buying entity as well as past or present performance on other projects and based on [this Crain's article](#) and [this Mother Jones Article](#) I think you have a clear, legally defensible case to decline to move forward on the merits of those factors, and I believe that you should vote no on what is currently before you. I have a two questions I would like responses to today or at the very latest end of this week:

1. Will you vote no on this Ordinance?
 - a. If no, why not?
2. Can you ask your colleagues who sit on the Committee on Finance to vote no on the legislation?
 - a. If no, why not?

Send an e-mail

Typically, your alder will have an e-mail address you can engage with. If you can't find one on their website, use the [general ward inbox](#) listed by alder. Customize the script with your personal thoughts, feelings and voice!

If you don't get a response to the questions: make a phone call!

Make a phone call

Typically, your alder will have a phone number you can call. If you can't find one on their website, try the [number listed on the Clerk's website](#) or the Mayor's [Find out who your alderperson is page](#). When you call, ask to speak with the alderperson or their legislative aide. Be courteous and adapt the script to your voice!

If you don't get a response to the questions: schedule a meeting!

Schedule a meeting

Typically, your alder will have an office location you can visit during their open hours. If you can't find the location on their website, try the [address listed on the Clerk's website](#) or the Mayor's [Find out who your alderperson is page](#). Many alders have 'ward night', or some sort of office hours where you can either walk in or schedule an appointment to speak with your alder. You can also ask them if you know you'll be seeing them at an event, so check out their website and/or social media accounts to see where they might be!

It can also be a great idea to take other constituents who live in the ward for your meeting- to reduce your own nerves and to show that others in your neighborhood also care about this issue.

When you schedule the meeting, ask to meet with the alderperson or their legislative aide. Be courteous and adapt the script to your voice!

Participate in public comment

Read the [City Clerk's outline on how to attend a council or committee meeting](#) to give public comment, whether written, virtual or in-person.

Attending Meetings

The public is admitted to City Hall for meetings on a first-come, first-served basis. Any person with a disability who would benefit from reasonable accommodation in order to attend can contact the Sergeant-at-Arms at Alvin.starks@cityofchicago.org or (312) 744-6000. Any such request should be made as far in advance of the relevant meeting as possible to provide City staff with sufficient time to make any appropriate accommodations.

Committee meetings are typically at City Hall (121 N LaSalle St) on the second floor at either 201A or Council Chambers. **Council meetings** are in Council Chambers.

During each meeting, the first 30 minutes is typically dedicated to in person and/or virtual public comment. This public comment is typically limited to 3 minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 10 speakers.

Written public comment

For Committee meetings, email your comments on any item in an upcoming committee meeting agenda to the e-mail listed on the meeting notice. For the July 13, 2026 Committee on Finance meeting, the notice states to e-mail Committeefinance@cityofchicago.org by 10AM on July 10, 2026.

For Council meetings, it cannot exceed two pages and should be emailed to public_comments@cityofchicago.org. Written comments will be accepted from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM on the day of the scheduled meeting.

Please include 'public comment' and the meeting date in the email's subject line.

Public comment is due 24 hours before the committee meeting.

All public comment is distributed to committee Alders and posted online in Rule 45 reports, but there is no guarantee that alders will read them.

Virtual public comment

For Committee Meetings, call (312) 744-6800 and leave a voice message with your name and telephone number. Requests to comment will be accepted from 10:00 AM two business days before the scheduled meeting until 9:00 AM the business day before the scheduled meeting. You must be available at the scheduled start time of the committee meeting and have access to a touch-tone telephone.

After 9:00 AM on the business day before the scheduled meeting, the Sergeant-at-Arms will compile a list of names and telephone numbers of those who wish to participate and assign each person a number. The order of participants will be determined by a random draw that the Sergeant-at-Arms conducts from the assigned numbers.

Between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on the business day before the scheduled meeting, the Sergeant-at-Arms will contact each selected participant at the telephone number provided, and give them instructions to access the meeting, including a telephone number and passcode. The Sergeant-at-Arms will only make one attempt to call the selected participant; if there is no live response, the selection is forfeited, and the Sergeant-at-Arms will move on the next selected participant.

At the scheduled start time on the day of the meeting, selected participants must call into the meeting from the telephone number they originally provided to the City and wait to be called upon to speak.

For Council meetings, call (312) 744-6800 and leave a voice message with your name and telephone number. Requests to comment will be accepted from 12:01 AM the Monday before the scheduled meeting until 8:00 AM on the day before the scheduled meeting. You must be available at 10:00 AM on the day of the meeting and have access to a touch-tone telephone.

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In-person public comment

For Committee meetings, head to the 2nd Floor of City Hall at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting and inform the Sergeant-at-Arms' staff that you wish to provide public comment during the meeting.

For Council meetings, you will inform security and/or Sergeant-at-Arms' staff on the 1st floor that you wish to provide public comment during the meeting.

You may be prompted to go through a metal detector and/or tell security where you wish to go. Be sure to avoid bringing backpacks, food and drink and weapons as they may be confiscated or entry denied. You will be prompted, when staff opens up the meeting to the public, to sign up for public comment via filling out a pink slip. Public comment speakers may be chosen randomly if many sign up to speak.