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**MAYOR EMANUEL INTRODUCES ORDINANCE TO UPDATE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CHICAGO CITY MARKETS**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel introduced an ordinance today to align the requirements for Chicago City Markets with current practice and new state laws.

"Chicago City Markets are not just farmers markets," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "They are neighborhood cultural assets in communities across the City, providing residents with fresh food, live entertainment and unique Chicago-made products."

If passed, this ordinance will further align Chicago City Markets so that they reflect current practices at the markets and new state laws. The updates will provide clarity around guidelines, which will help vendors and market managers.

Chicago City Markets take place in neighborhoods across the city from Division Street to Roseland, downtown to Austin. Many markets serve communities with limited access to fresh produce and areas designated low-income, low-access by the U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA). This year, most of the City of Chicago-managed market locations will accept LINK and will distribute double value coupons with every LINK purchase in a partnership with Experimental Station.