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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES RATES AND OPERATIONS ORDINANCE FOR O'HARE**

*Ordinance ensures modern business framework guiding operations while final air carrier agreements solidified for O'Hare next year*

The City Council today approved Mayor Rahm Emanuel's ordinance allowing the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) to establish new rates and charges methodology and operating terms for all air carriers operating at O'Hare International Airport. CDA continues to work with airline partners to finalize the comprehensive use and lease agreement for O'Hare.

"Chicago would not be the world class city it is without a world class aviation system, and without O'Hare as a top connected hub and global destination for its nearly 80 million travelers a year," said Mayor Emanuel. "This action today will give all of our partners as well as our passengers an assurance that the airport—and the City's main economic engine—will continue running efficiently while we negotiate a multi-billion dollar deal to transform O'Hare for the future."

In advance of the current airport use and lease agreements expiring in May 2018, CDA is enacting the rates and operations ordinance as part of a two-step process to ensure governance is in place and that all airport business and operations at O'Hare continue seamlessly. The CDA expects the rates ordinance to ultimately be superseded by a negotiated use and lease agreement.

"With this interim step forward, we expect the ongoing productive discussions with our airline partners to move forward full steam ahead toward the final and most beneficial agreement for O'Hare," said Ginger S. Evans, Commissioner of CDA. "We remain completely focused on finalizing this agreement with our partners so that together we can chart a path for O'Hare's continued future growth."

The rates ordinance guarantees that a governance model and a modern rate structure will be in place when the current 34-year-old leases expire in May. If the ordinance were to go into effect at the expiration of the current lease, O'Hare's 61 air carriers would sign a Letter of Authorization, allowing them to be assigned space for a term of either one-year or on a month-to-month basis. The ordinance established operating terms and conditions and includes a revised rates methodology, which ensures the City will be able to recover full costs of operating the airport.

Pending approval by the majority of airlines, the more comprehensive use and lease agreement will replace the rates and operations ordinance as the sole governing document for all air carriers at O'Hare. The use and lease will establish future capital expansion efforts designed to help O'Hare

meet its forecast growth in the years ahead and a decision-making structure for other future investments.

A new use and lease agreement will include a plan for new capital investments to revitalize and expand O'Hare's terminals, complementing recent investments to modernize its airfield. These and other capital investments undertaken with the airline partners are a part of Mayor Emanuel's O'Hare 21 vision—a multi-billion capital program designed to modernize terminals, expand gates and amenities, and improve connectivity at O'Hare, while creating tens of thousands of new jobs and increased economic activity throughout the region.

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