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**RE: Illinois Condominium Property Act and Protecting Owner's Privacy**

Dear Neighbor:

In December 2017, I received correspondence from many condominium association residents and association boards across the 2nd Ward expressing concerns about the Illinois Legislature's passage of Public Act 100-0292. This measure changed a section of the Illinois Condominium Property Act with respect to certain privacy issues, such as contact information.

In short, the changes in state law made condo owner's personal information more widely available. For example, prior to the passage of the state measure, condo boards could use their discretion when turning over the names and addresses of individual condominium owners. The new state measure added email addresses and phone numbers.

From my perspective, and that of my 42nd Ward colleague, Alderman Brendan Reilly, this went too far.

I submitted a formal inquiry for legal review, asking the extent to which I, as your Alderman, could act in utilizing our Home Rule Authority to address the issue. It was determined that as the law stands today, the Illinois Condominium Property Act does not preempt home rule authority.

Hence, the City of Chicago can enact legislation that upholds the City's Condominium Ordinance that contains provisions in conflict with the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

In light of this response, on January 17, 2018, I joined 42nd Ward Alderman Brendan Reilly in introducing an Ordinance reversing Public Act 100-0292. This proposed Ordinance would allow condo association boards to limit the release of owner's names, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and weighted votes in Chicago condo buildings. It restores local condo board discretion and strengthens condo owner's individual rights to privacy.

The matter has been referred to the Chicago City Council Committee on Housing and Real Estate for consideration.

Thank you for your time and feedback on this issue, and I will keep you posted on our progress.

Sincerely,

Brian Hopkins  
Alderman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
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