

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is a home rule unit government pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6 (a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the City of Chicago may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs including protecting the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is home to many famous restaurants offering the finest cuisine and dining experiences to their customers; and

WHEREAS, millions of people visit Chicago every year, attending cultural events and dining in our legendary restaurants; and

WHEREAS, recently the media has shed light on the unethical practices of the care and preparation of the livers of birds; and

WHEREAS, birds, in particular geese and ducks, are inhumanely force fed, via a pipe inserted through their throats several times a day, in order to produce a rare delicacy, foie gras, for restaurant patrons; and

WHEREAS, arguably our City's most renowned chef, Charlie Trotter, has stopped serving the delicacy, foie gras, in his restaurants; and

WHEREAS, similar legislation requiring the ethical treatment of birds is being introduced throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of California passed legislation prohibiting the act of force feeding birds as well as banning the sale of the product made from this inhumane treatment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is currently considering a similar ban of the practice of force feeding and the resulting product; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent Zogby poll, nearly 80 percent of Americans, when educated about foie gras, support a ban on the force feeding of birds; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Chicago and those who visit here have come to expect, and rightfully deserve, the highest quality in resources, service and fare; and

WHEREAS, by ensuring the ethical treatment of animals, who are the source of the food offered in our restaurants, the City of Chicago is able to continue to offer the best in dining experiences; and now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are expressly incorporated herein and made part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Chapter 7-39 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by creating new sections underlined as follows:

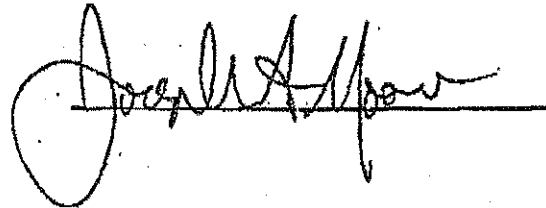
7-39-001 Food Establishments – Banned Items

All food dispensing establishments, as defined in section 4-8-010 of the Municipal Code, shall prohibit the sale of foie gras.

7-39-005 Violation – Penalty

Any business that violates any provision of this Chapter shall be fined not less than \$250 and no more than \$500 for each offense, and a separate and distinct offense shall be deemed to have been committed for each and every day on which any business shall be guilty of such violation.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 90 days after its passage and publication.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph A. Powell", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.