

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

HAROLD WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE ORDER 85-1

IN ORDER to assure that all residents of the City of Chicago, regardless of nationality or citizenship, shall have fair and equal access to municipal benefits, opportunities and services, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

SECTION 1. The policy of the Office of the Mayor is declared to be to encourage equal access by all persons residing in the City of Chicago, regardless of nation of birth or current citizenship, to the full benefits, opportunities and services, including employment and the issuance of licenses, which are provided or administered by the City of Chicago. To that end, the provisions of this Order shall be liberally construed to provide such access to the extent consistent with applicable legislative and common law provisions.

SECTION 2. The following definitions shall apply to this Order:

- (a) Agency. "Agency" means every department, agency, division, commission, council, committee, board, other body, or person established by, or acting on behalf of the City of Chicago at the direction of the Mayor, except the City Council and its committees.
- (b) Agent. "Agent" means any person employed by or acting on behalf of an agency as defined in Section 2(a).

- (c) Mayor. "Mayor" means the Mayor of the City of Chicago or his duly authorized agent.
- "Citizenship or residency status" means all matters regarding questions of citizenship of the United States or any other country, questions of authority from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States Department of Justice to reside or otherwise be present in the United States, and the time or manner of a person's entry into the United States. The use in this Order of the term "residency" shall not mean street address or location of residence in Chicago or elsewhere.

SECTION 3. No agent or agency shall request information about or otherwise investigate or assist in the investigation of the citzenship or residency status of any person unless such inquiry or investigation is required by statute, ordinance, federal regulation or court decision.

SECTION 4. No agent or agency shall disseminate information regarding the citizenship or residency status of any person unless required to do so by legal process.

SECTION 5. No agent or agency shall condition the provision of City of Chicago benefits, opportunities or services on matters related to citizenship or residency status unless required to do so by statute, ordinance, federal regulation or court decision.

SECTION 6. All applications, questionnaires and interview forms used in relation to City of Chicago benefits, opportunities or services shall be promptly reviewed by the pertinent agencies and any questions regarding citizenship or residency status other than those required by statute, ordinance, federal regulation or court decision, shall be deleted therefrom within 60 days of the date of this Order.

SECTION 7. This Order takes effect upon its signature by the Mayor and its receipt and filing with the City Clerk.

WASHINGTON

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Received and Filed:

City Clerk