

** Alderman **
Michele Smith
Chicago's 43rd Ward



IL State Fire Marshal Withdraws Proposed Sprinkler Regulations

Dear Friends,

I am happy to announce that IL State Fire Marshal Larry Matkaitis has [withdrawn](#) his proposed fire safety regulations from the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. Citing the "unprecedented amount of public input and suggestions through emails, letters and public meetings", State Fire Marshal Matkaitis withdrew his proposal, allowing that it needed further refinement.

As you know, we took an [aggressive stand](#) against this proposed ordinance as we believed that it was not only unnecessary but potentially financially crippling for countless 43rd Ward residents. I know that many of you joined us in this fight by e-mailing and writing members of the JCAR committee and the 43rd Ward's level of commitment was credited with having "led the charge" by the [Sun-Times](#).

My office and I will continue to monitor any development with the Fire Marshal's proposed fire safety regulations. Thank you for all of your support defeating this measure!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Michele".

Michele Smith
43rd Ward Alderman

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