

City of Chicago - 12th Ward

Proposal for a City of Chicago ordinance to protect news and other publishers from unauthorized use of content in Large Language Models and similar “artificial intelligence” (or “AI”) technologies:

The problem and background is summarized in the May 24, 2023, Letter from the Editor in the *McKinley Park News*, accessible at:

<https://mckinleypark.news/info/letter-from-the-editor/4135-why-i-ll-quit-publishing-the-mckinley-park-news>

As the letter notes:

“Everything I publish will be stolen and used against me in rival interfaces and products I’ll never be able to compete against.”

The *McKinley Park News* and Local News LLC demands that the City of Chicago adopt and implement an AI ethics policy that ensures the city will not be using products or services based on stolen content and expertise, and that the content and labor of independent news and other publishers will be protected from highly destructive unauthorized use.

We ask that this be codified and voted into law via an ordinance that will:

- Place an immediate moratorium on any City of Chicago use of Large Language Models that have been built on stolen content, such as that from the *McKinley Park News*, or contracting or working with any entities that do not qualify the provenance of their AI-powered services.
- Compel developers, operators and purveyors of Large Language Models and related services who operate or sell services or products in the City of Chicago to ensure they do not include or use any unauthorized content in their product or service.
- Compel developers, operators and purveyors of Large Language Models and related services in the City of Chicago to use and license third-party content and information following the basis of an opt-in relationship, where third parties must explicitly consent to such use, rather than an opt-out relationship, which compels arbitrary, patchwork and often ineffective measures that require extra cost and labor.

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