



## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Nicor, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 4,785 linear feet of a 20-inch gas main in Oak Forest along Crawford Avenue north of 159<sup>th</sup> Street at the eastern edge of the Midlothian Meadows forest preserve. Construction would require removal of approximately three hundred thirty-one (331) non-invasive trees (264 live and 67 dead), resulting in tree mitigation fees and restoration of the license area. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (see Board Item No. 20-0279), and if such increase is more than 20% of the original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners. Construction will not require closure of the loop trail at Midlothian Meadows.

**Term:** Ten (10) years

**License Fee:** \$154,886.36

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$7,050.00

**Review Fee:** \$3,000.00

**Benefit Restoration Fee:** \$250,000.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$416,436.36 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$1,973,043.91

**The area of the License is:** 1.65 acres

**Concurrence(s):** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final license agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

Grantee will be required to meet the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

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