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Chicago Passes 2025 Budget Without Property Tax Hike.

- **Mayor Johnson and aldermen battled for weeks to close deficit**
- **Chicago faced statutory deadline to pass a budget by Dec. 31**

The Chicago City Council approved an approximately \$17 billion budget for 2025 that raises levies and fees by more than \$180 million after Mayor Brandon Johnson removed his proposed property tax hike.

The spending plan comes after weeks of contentious talks between the Johnson administration and aldermen over how to close a nearly \$1 billion deficit with higher taxes or cuts. The depth of disagreements had raised concerns about whether a budget would pass by the Dec. 31 statutory deadline. The budget passed 27 to 23 on Monday.

“I know this was a long and arduous process,” Johnson said in remarks in the council chamber after the votes. “The budget we passed today is yet another down payment on securing a better, stronger and a much safer future for the people of this fine city.”

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