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## **Chicago Budget Discussions Reach Stalemate, Raising Possibility of 1st-Ever City Government Shutdown.**

**Mayor Brandon Johnson issued a challenge Monday to the group of 26 alders who are fighting his budget with an alternative plan.**

CHICAGO (WLS) — The Chicago budget clock keeps ticking, but it appears the mayor and a group of 26 alders who have offered an alternative budget are no closer to a compromise than they were last week.

That is raising the prospects of a potential city government shutdown.

Both sides are laying the groundwork to blame the other if for some reason a budget deal does not get done before the end of the year. But a lengthy weekend meeting did nothing to break the stalemate, which raises the specter of Chicago's first government shutdown.

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