

## Disorderly conduct change

In other council action, the mayor also proposed changing the city's disorderly conduct ordinance after a federal appeals court ruled that some of the language could stifle free speech rights.

The ruling came in the case of Iraq War protester Buddy Bell, who was arrested along with two other protesters in downtown Chicago and charged with disorderly conduct in 2008. As suggested by the court, the city would re-

move a phrase allowing a disorderly conduct arrest for acts that are "likely to cause ... serious inconvenience, annoyance or alarm."

It was the second setback the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals dealt the city in lawsuits related to arrests of anti-war protesters. Last year, an appellate judge labeled as "idiotic" the city's actions in arresting more than 500 protesters — a ruling that led to an \$11 million settlement the council approved in June.