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Chicago taxes killing small business

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Chicago is moving in the wrong direction eliminating small business from our neighborhoods. In the past year more business has left the streets than has joined retailers. Except for the hot neighborhoods of Lincoln Park, Halsted and primarily near north, many of Chicago's once-prominent independent retailers are suffering from a sales tax that drives sales online and a parking fee that keeps people home.

Property taxes that are already too high will make it difficult for landlords to lease property at reasonable rates for startups. What are we doing to our city? Right now people are saying, "Yeah, I remember when" while they look at empty stores.

-- *Mike Fisher, Chicago*

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