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2 **BY AUTHORITY**

3 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
4 SERIES OF 2024

COUNCIL BILL NO. 24-0849  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Finance and Governance

6 **A BILL**

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8 **For an ordinance submitting to a vote of the qualified and registered electors of**  
9 **the City and County of Denver at a special municipal election to be held in**  
10 **conjunction with the coordinated election of November 5, 2024, a proposed**  
11 **amendment to the Charter of the City and County of Denver to remove the**  
12 **requirement that members of the classified service be United States citizens.**  
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14 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**  
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16 **Section 1.** There is hereby submitted to the properly qualified and registered electors of  
17 the city and county of Denver for their approval or rejection at a special municipal election to be  
18 conducted at the same time and in conjunction with the coordinated election to be held on  
19 November 5, 2024, a proposed amendment to the charter of the city and county of Denver, as  
20 follows:  
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22 **Effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with**  
23 **the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, the following sections of the**  
24 **Charter of the city and county of Denver are amended to read as follows:**  
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26 **§ 9.4.1. –Qualifications of applicants.**

27 Applicants, at time of application to the Classified Service, ~~shall be citizens of the United States,~~  
28 shall be of good moral character, shall be capable of performing the essential functions of the  
29 position to which they are seeking appointment, and shall meet all other qualifications and  
30 requirements as may be set forth by Commission rule.  
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32 **Section 2.** The ballot shall contain the following title and submission clause:  
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35 **REFERRED QUESTION \_\_\_\_\_**

1 Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to remove the  
2 requirement that police officers and fire fighters be United States Citizens?

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4 **Section 3.** The proper officials of the City and County of Denver as are charged with duties  
5 relating to the election shall, before the election, issue such calls, make such certifications and  
6 publications, give such notices, make such appointments, and do all such other acts and things  
7 in connection with the submission of this Charter amendment to the registered electors of the City  
8 and County of Denver at the election as are required by the Constitution and laws of the State of  
9 Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of Denver.

10 **Section 4.** That pursuant to Section 31-2-210(4) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the  
11 Clerk and Recorder is directed to publish a notice of the City's special election and to include in  
12 that notice the full text of the proposed amendments as stated in this Ordinance. Such notice is  
13 to be published within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this Ordinance and not less than sixty  
14 (60) days nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days before said election.

15 **Section 5.** The ballots cast at such election shall be canvassed and the results  
16 ascertained, determined, and certified in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution  
17 and laws of the State of Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of  
18 Denver.

19 **Section 6.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or other portion of this ordinance is held to  
20 be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance  
21 shall not be affected.

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COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: June 25, 2024

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: July 2, 2024 by Consent

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 15, 2024

Anurish P. Sandora - PRESIDENT

APPROVED: Michael C. Johnston - MAYOR Jul 18, 2024  
Michael C. Johnston (Jul 18, 2024 14:39 MDT)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

PREPARED BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney; DATE: July 3, 2024

Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

Kerry Tipper, Denver City Attorney

BY: Anshul Bagga, Assistant City Attorney DATE: Jul 2, 2024