

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

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3 RESOLUTION NO. CR16-0332  
4 SERIES OF 2016

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Governance & Charter

5 Review

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7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 Amending the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure to provide for a general public  
10 comment session before the first regular meeting of each month.  
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12 WHEREAS, § 3.3.2 of the Charter authorizes the City Council to make rules governing its  
13 procedures; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Sec. 13-11.5 (a)(2), D.R.M.C. provides that the Council may adopt or amend its  
16 rules of procedure by resolution.  
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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**  
19 **DENVER:**  
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21 **Section 1.** A new Rule 7.11 shall be added to the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure  
22 concerning the establishment of a general public comments session to occur before the first  
23 regular meeting of each month, to read as follows:  
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25 **Rule 7. Special Parliamentary Rules.**  
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27 7.11. General Public Comment Session. On the first Monday of each month, before  
28 convening the regular meeting, the Council shall conduct a one-half hour general  
29 public comment session during which persons may address the Council on any  
30 matter of city concern, except for any matter that is scheduled for either a formal or a  
31 courtesy public hearing at that meeting or any future meeting of Council. Anyone  
32 wishing to comment on a matter scheduled for a public hearing shall be requested to  
33 reserve their comments until the hearing in question.  
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- 35 a. Persons wishing to address Council at a general public comment  
36 session shall register their intention to do so in person, by email or by  
37 phone at the City Council central office beginning at 12:00 p.m. on the  
38 Friday before the general public comment session. Registration period

1 will end at 4:30 p.m. the day of the general public comment session.  
2 Speakers shall be recognized to speak in the order of registration.

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4 b. Speakers' at a general public comment session shall be limited to a  
5 maximum of three minutes unless a shorter time is set by the President  
6 in consideration of the number of speakers who have registered for the  
7 session.  
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9 c. Speakers at a general public comment session shall direct their  
10 remarks to Council as a body and not to any individual Council  
11 member. Speakers shall be requested by the President to refrain from  
12 any profane or obscene speech; threats of violence or economic  
13 reprisal against any public official intended to influence the behavior of  
14 the official; or speech which impugns any person on the basis of race,  
15 ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability.  
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17 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: May 3, 2016

18 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A

19 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2016

20 \_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT

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

24 PREPARED BY: David W. Broadwell, Asst. City Attorney; DATE: April 28, 2016

25 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed resolution has been reviewed by the office of  
26 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed  
27 resolution. The proposed resolution **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §  
28 3.2.6 of the Charter.  
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30 D. Scott Martinez, City Attorney

31 BY: \_\_\_\_\_, Assistant City Attorney DATE: May 19, 2016  
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