1	BY AUTHORITY		
2	ORDINANCE NO	COUNCIL BILL NO. CB11-0956	
3	SERIES OF 2012	COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:	
4		Government & Finance	
5	<u>A BIL</u>	=	
6 7 8	For an ordinance relating to Chapter 53 (Taxation and Miscellaneous Revenue) of the Revised Municipal Code, to standardize the refund, assessment, petition, and appeal procedures for the taxes imposed in Articles II through VIII.		
9	BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:		
10	Section 1. Section 7, Article I (General), Ch	apter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-	
11	7) of the Revised Municipal Code is enacted and added to read as follows:		
12	Sec. 53-7. Definitions.		
13	The following words and phrases, when used	in this chapter, shall have the meanings	
14	given to them in this section, except where the context in which they are used indicates clearly		
15	and requires a different meaning according to customary usage.		
16	(1) <i>City</i> means the City and County of Denver or	the geographical area within its territorial	
17	limits, depending upon the context.		
18	(2) Director of Excise and Licenses means the d	irector of excise and licenses for the City and	
19	County of Denver.		
20	(3) <i>Manager</i> means the manager of finance for t	he City and County of Denver or the manager	
21	of finance's designee.		
22	(4) <i>Person</i> means any natural person, corporation	n, partnership, limited liability company,	
23	association, and other legal entities.		
24	(5) <i>Taxpayer</i> means any person obligated to acc	ount to the Manager for taxes collected or to	
25	be collected, or from whom a tax is due, under the t	erms of this chapter.	
26	Section 2. Subsections 24(6), (8), and (27)	Article II (City Sales Tax Article), Chapter 53,	
27	(also known as cited as Section 53-24(6), (8), and	d (27)) of the Revised Municipal Code, which	
28	currently read as follows, are repealed in their entire	•	
29	(6) City shall mean the City and County c	f Denver or the geographical area within its	
30	territorial limits, depending upon the context.		
31		n the director of excise and licenses in and for	
32	the city; and the term "manager" shall mean the manager of finance, or the duly authorized		
33	representative thereof, in and for the city.		
34	(27) <i>Taxpayer</i> shall mean any person obl 1	igated to account to the manager for taxes	

1 collected or to be collected under the terms of this article.

Section 3. Subsection 43(d), Article II (City Sales Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known
and cited as Section 53-43(d)) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the
language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

(d) *Hearing Petition*. An aggrieved applicant for a refund may, within thirty (30) days after
such decision is mailed postpaid to the taxpayer from the date of the decision to deny or reduce
their claim for refund, petition the manger of finance in writing for a hearing on the claim review of
the decision in the manner provided in section 53-4953-50 of this article. regarding petitions to the
manager protesting assessments and estimates of unpaid taxes.

Section 4. Section 49, Article II (City Sales Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited
 as Section 53-49) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken
 and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

Sec. 53-49. Refusal to make return; <u>Audit;</u> estimate of taxes, <u>penalty</u>, and interest; penalty; notice; assessment.

15 (a) The manager is authorized to examine, inspect and audit the books, invoices, accounts 16 and other records kept or maintained by the taxpayer for the collection of the taxes imposed by 17 this article. If the manager determines that any If any retailer taxpayer neglects or refuses to make 18 a timely return in payment of the taxes or to pay or to correctly account for any taxes as required 19 by this article, the manager shall make an estimate, based upon such information as may be 20 available to him, with or without employing investigative powers vested in the manager by this 21 article, of the amount of the taxes due for the period or periods for which the taxpayer is 22 delinquent; and upon the basis of such estimated amount, compute and assess in addition 23 thereto a penalty equal to fifteen (15) percent thereof, together with the interest on such 24 delinquent taxes at the rate of one (1) percent each month, or a fraction thereof, from the date 25 when due until the date paid.

(b) Promptly thereafter the manager shall notify the delinquent taxpayer in writing and
 demand payment thereof of such estimated taxes, penalty and interest.

(c) Such estimated amounts shall thereupon become an assessment, and such assessment shall be final and due and payable from the taxpayer to the city thirty (30) days from either the date of personal service of the notice and demand or the date of mailing of the notice and demand; provided, however, that within said thirty-day (30) period the delinquent taxpayer may petition the manager <u>in writing for review of the assessment in the manner provided in</u> section 53-50 of this article. in writing for a revision, modification, or cancellation of such

1 assessment, and, in such case, the taxpayer shall, within such thirty-day (30) period, elect to have 2 further proceedings, if any, following the hearing before the manager, governed either by 3 subsections 29-2-106.1(3) or (8) of the Colorado Revised Statutes or by section 53-56 of this 4 article (in accordance with subsection 29-2-106.1(9) of the Colorado Revised Statutes). Failure to 5 make an election shall be considered to be an election to be governed in further proceedings, if 6 any, by section 53-56 of this article. Further, the taxpayer shall furnish the manager a summary 7 written statement of facts and reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the 8 assessment and otherwise comply with the applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the 9 manager relating to petitions and hearings. The filing of a petition shall not toll the accrual of 10 interest on the amount of taxes due.

(d) Similarly, if any retailer having filed a return of and paid over the tax levied by this article feels that the amount of the tax is incorrect, the retailer may apply to the manager by petition in writing within twenty (20) days after the notice is mailed to him, or if applicable, after personal service, and the retailer may demand a hearing and a correction of the amount, or part of the amount, of the tax so assessed, following and complying with the same requirements as set forth in subsection (c) of this section.

(e) The burden of proof that sales or consumption of commodities and services upon which
 refunds of taxes are claimed, or for which modifications or cancellations of assessments are
 sought, are exempt from or not subject to taxation under this article shall be on the taxpayer and
 such proof shall be by a preponderance of evidence.

- **Section 5.** Section 50, Article II (City Sales Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-50) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:
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Sec. 53-50. Petition by aggrieved taxpayer to set hearing. Review by the manager.

(a) *Petitions*. Petitions submitted to the manager shall be in writing and shall contain a
 statement of facts and reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the assessment
 or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim, and shall otherwise comply with the applicable rules
 promulgated by the manager relating to petitions and hearings.

(b) *Time limit for filing petitions*. Petitions shall be submitted to the manager within thirty
 (30) days from the date of the assessment or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim. If a
 petition is not submitted within this time, the assessment or decision is final and no further review
 is available.

(c) *Notice of Hearing*. The manager shall notify the petitioning retailer claiming an error in
 assessment, or the purchaser claiming refund, <u>taxpayer</u> in writing of the time and place within the
 city fixed for hearing_at least thirty (30) days prior thereto.

4 (d) *Hearings*. (i) A hearing, if any, shall be held and a decision issued within one hundred 5 eighty (180) days from the date a petition is received by the manger, unless the taxpayer and the 6 manager agree in writing: (a) that the hearing shall be held and a decision issued within such 7 further agreed time or (b) that no hearing shall be held before the manager, in which case, the 8 taxpayer may pursue further review in accordance with section 53-56 of this article. (ii) If none of 9 the events described in subsection (d)(i) of this section have occurred, the manager may notify 10 the taxpayer in writing that the manager does not intend to conduct a hearing, in which case, the 11 taxpayer may pursue further review in accordance with section 53-56 of this article. (iii) If none of 12 the events described in subsections (d)(i) and (d)(ii) of this section have occurred, the taxpayer 13 may pursue further review in accordance with section 53-56 of this article any time after one 14 hundred eighty (180) days or such further agreed time has passed.

(e) Manager may appoint designee. A hearing, if any, shall be before the manager or its
 designee, who is authorized to administer oaths, to take testimony, to hear arguments, and to
 issue all necessary and appropriate orders and decisions.

(f) Burden of proof. The burden of proof that sales of tangible personal property and
 services upon which refunds of taxes are claimed, or for which modifications or cancellations of
 assessments are sought, are exempt from or not subject to taxation under this article shall be on
 the taxpayer and such proof shall be by a preponderance of evidence.

(g) *Final order or decision*. After such hearing, at which the manager is authorized to administer oaths and take evidence and hear argument, the manager shall enter findings and make such order in the matter as is proper and furnish a copy to the taxpayer. Said findings and order shall constitute final decision of the manager in the matter. The final order or decision of the manager or its designee shall be in writing and notice thereof shall be mailed to the taxpayer forthwith.

Section 6. Section 55, Article II (City Sales Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited
 as Section 53-55) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently reads as follows, is repealed in
 its entirety:

31 Sec. 53-55. Decisions of manager, notice; when final.

32 Decisions of the manager shall be final upon their entry and shall be mailed to the taxpayer 33 forthwith. Section 7. Section 56, Article II (City Sales Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited
 as Section 53-56) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken
 and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

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Sec. 53-56. Review of manager's final order or decision.

5 (a) Should the taxpayer be aggrieved by the a final order or decision of the manager, the 6 taxpayer may proceed to have the same reviewed under Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure 7 106(a)(4), or such similar procedure for the issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari, only by 8 the district court for the second judicial district of the state. The petition or complaint for review 9 must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date entry of the manager's final order or decision 10 and shall be the exclusive remedy for taxpayers electing, or deemed to have elected, to be 11 governed by this section under subsection (c) of section 53-49 of this article. Court proceedings 12 shall be governed by the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure as amended from time to time. Any 13 party, including the city, may appeal the final order or decision of the manager and, also, the 14 decision of the district court (or such other tribunal having jurisdiction), using all judicial, appellate, 15 and extraordinary proceedings available.

- (b) In lieu of the procedure provided for in subsection 53-56(a) of this article, the taxpayer
 may proceed to have a final order or decision of the manger reviewed under section 29-2-106.1 of
 the Colorado Revised Statutes.
- Section 8. Subsections 95(6), (8), and (27), Article III (City Use Tax Article), Chapter 53,
 (also known as cited as Section 53-95(6), (8), and (27)) of the Revised Municipal Code, which
 currently read as follows, are repealed in their entirety:
- 22 (6) *City* shall mean the City and County of Denver or the geographical area within its
 23 territorial limits, depending upon the context.
- 24 (8) *Director of excise and licenses* shall mean the director of excise and licenses in and for
 25 the city; and the term "manager" shall mean the manager of finance, or the duly authorized
 26 representative thereof, in and for the city.
- 27 (27) Taxpayer shall mean any person obligated to account to the manager for taxes
 28 collected or to be collected or from whom a tax is due under the terms of this article.
- **Section 9.** Subsection 111(d), Article III (City Use Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-111(d)) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:
- 32 (d) *Hearing <u>Petition</u>*. An aggrieved applicant for a refund may, within thirty (30) days after
 33 such decision is mailed postpaid to the taxpayer from the date of the decision to deny or reduce

their claim for refund, petition the manger of finance in writing for a hearing on the claim review of
 the decision in the manner provided in section 53-11753-118 of this article. regarding petitions to
 the manager protesting assessments and estimates of unpaid taxes.

Section 10. Section 117, Article III (City Use Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and
cited as Section 53-117) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language
stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

Sec. 53-117. Refusal to make return; <u>Audit</u>; estimate of taxes, <u>penalty</u>, and interest;
 penalty; notice; assessment.

9 (a) The manager is authorized to examine, inspect and audit the books, invoices, accounts 10 and other records kept or maintained by the taxpayer for the collection of the taxes imposed by 11 this article. If the manager determines that any If any person taxpayer neglects or refuses to make 12 a timely return in payment of the taxes or to pay or to correctly account for any taxes as required 13 by this article, the manager shall make an estimate, based upon such information as may be 14 available to him, with or without employing investigative powers vested in the manager by this 15 article, of the amount of the taxes due for the period or periods for which the taxpayer is 16 delinguent; and upon the basis of such estimated amount, compute and assess in addition 17 thereto a penalty equal to fifteen (15) percent thereof, together with the interest on such 18 delinguent taxes at the rate of one (1) percent each month, or a fraction thereof, from the date 19 when due until the date paid.

(b) Promptly thereafter the manager shall notify the delinquent taxpayer in writing and
 demand payment thereof of such estimated taxes, penalty and interest.

22 (c) Such estimated amounts shall thereupon become an assessment, and such 23 assessment shall be final and due and payable from the taxpayer to the city thirty (30) days from 24 either the date of personal service of the notice and demand or the date of mailing of the notice 25 and demand; provided, however, that within said thirty-day (30) period the delinguent taxpayer 26 may petition the manager in writing for review of the assessment in the manner provided in 27 section 53-118 of this article. in writing for a revision, modification, or cancellation of such 28 assessment, and, in such case, the taxpayer shall, within such thirty-day (30) period, elect to have 29 further proceedings, if any, following the hearing before the manager, governed either by 30 subsections 29-2-106.1(3) or (8) of the Colorado Revised Statutes or by section 53-56 of this 31 article (in accordance with subsection 29-2-106.1(9) of the Colorado Revised Statutes). Failure to 32 make an election shall be considered to be an election to be governed in further proceedings, if 33 any, by section 53-56 of this article. Further, the taxpayer shall furnish the manager a summary

written statement of facts and reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the assessment and otherwise comply with the applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the manager relating to petitions and hearings. The filing of a petition shall not toll the accrual of interest on the amount of taxes due.

5 (d) Similarly, if any retailer having filed a return of and paid over the tax levied by this article 6 feels that the amount of the tax is incorrect, the retailer may apply to the manager by petition in 7 writing within twenty (20) days after the notice is mailed to him, or if applicable, after personal 8 service, and the retailer may demand a hearing and a correction of the amount, or part of the 9 amount, of the tax so assessed, following and complying with the same requirements as set forth 10 in subsection (c) of this section.

11 (e) The burden of proof that sales or consumption of commodities and services upon which 12 refunds of taxes are claimed, or for which modifications or cancellations of assessments are 13 sought, are exempt from or not subject to taxation under this article shall be on the taxpayer and 14 such proof shall be by a preponderance of evidence.

Section 11. Section 118, Article III (City Use Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-118) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

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Sec. 53-118. Petition by aggrieved taxpayer to set hearing. Review by the manager.

(a) Petitions. Petitions submitted to the manager shall be in writing and shall contain a
 statement of facts and reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the assessment
 or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim, and shall otherwise comply with the applicable rules
 promulgated by the manager relating to petitions and hearings.

(b) *Time limit for filing petitions*. Petitions shall be submitted to the manager within thirty
 (30) days from the date of the assessment or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim. If a
 petition is not submitted within this time, the assessment or decision is final and no further review
 is available.

(c) *Notice of Hearing.* The manager shall notify the petitioning retailer claiming an error in
 assessment, or the purchaser claiming refund, taxpayer in writing of the time and place within the
 city fixed for hearing. at least thirty (30) days prior thereto.

30 (d) *Hearings*. (i) A hearing, if any, shall be held and a decision issued within one hundred
 31 eighty (180) days from the date a petition is received by the manger, unless the taxpayer and the
 32 manager agree in writing: (a) that the hearing shall be held and a decision issued within such
 33 further agreed time or (b) that no hearing shall be held before the manager, in which case, the

1 taxpayer may pursue further review in accordance with section 53-124 of this article. (ii) If none 2 of the events described in subsection (d)(i) of this section have occurred, the manager may notify 3 the taxpayer in writing that the manager does not intend to conduct a hearing, in which case, the 4 taxpayer may pursue further review in accordance with section 53-124 of this article. (iii) If none 5 of the events described in subsections (d)(i) and (d)(ii) of this section have occurred, the taxpayer 6 may pursue further review in accordance with section 53-124 of this article any time after one 7 hundred eighty (180) days or such further agreed time has passed.

8 (e) Manager may appoint designee. A hearing, if any, shall be before the manager or its 9 designee, who is authorized to administer oaths, to take testimony, to hear arguments, and to 10 issue all necessary and appropriate orders and decisions.

(f) Burden of proof. The burden of proof that storage, use, distribution, or consumption of tangible personal property or services upon which refunds of taxes are claimed, or for which modifications or cancellations of assessments are sought, are exempt from or not subject to taxation under this article shall be on the taxpayer and such proof shall be by a preponderance of evidence.

16 (g) *Final order or decision*. After such hearing, at which the manager is authorized to 17 administer oaths and take evidence and hear argument, the manager shall enter findings and 18 make such order in the matter as is proper and furnish a copy to the taxpayer. Said findings and 19 order shall constitute final decision of the manager in the matter. The final order or decision of the 20 manager or its designee shall be in writing and notice thereof shall be mailed to the taxpayer 21 forthwith.

Section 12. Section 123, Article III (City Use Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-123) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety:

Sec. 53-123. Decision of manager; notice; when final.

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26 Decisions of the manager shall be final upon their entry and shall be mailed to the taxpayer 27 forthwith.

Section 13. Section 124, Article III (City Use Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-124) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

31 Sec. 53-124. Review of manager's <u>final order or decision</u>.

32 (a) Should the taxpayer be aggrieved by the <u>a</u> final <u>order or</u> decision of the manager, the 33 taxpayer may proceed to have the same reviewed under Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure

1 106(a)(4), or such similar procedure for the issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari, only by 2 the district court for the second judicial district of the state. The petition or complaint for review 3 must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date entry of the manager's final order or decision 4 and shall be the exclusive remedy for taxpayers electing, or deemed to have elected, to be governed by this section under subsection (c) of section 53-117 of this article. Court proceedings 5 6 shall be governed by the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure as amended from time to time. Any 7 party, including the city, may appeal the final order or decision of the manager and, also, the 8 decision of the district court (or such other tribunal having jurisdiction), using all judicial, appellate, 9 and extraordinary proceedings available.

(b) In lieu of the procedure provided for in subsection 53-124(a) of this article, the taxpayer
 may proceed to have a final order or decision of the manger reviewed under section 29-2-106.1 of
 the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Section 14. Subsection 170(7), Article IV (City Lodger's Tax Article), Chapter 53, (also
 known as cited as Section 53-170(7)) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently reads as
 follows, is repealed in its entirety:

16 (7) *Taxpayer* shall mean any person obligated to account to the manager of finance for
 17 taxes collected or to be collected, or from which a tax is due, under the terms of this article.

Section 15. Subsection 181(d), Article IV (City Lodger's Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-181(d)) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

(d) *Hearing <u>Petition</u>*. An aggrieved applicant <u>for a refund</u> may, within thirty (30) days after
such from the date of the decision to deny or reduce their claim for refund is mailed to him,
petition the manager of finance in writing for a hearing on the claim review of the decision in the
manner provided in <u>section 53-188 of</u> this article.

25 **Section 16.** Section 187, Article IV (City Lodger's Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known 26 and cited as Section 53-187) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language 27 stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

Sec. 53-187. Refusal to make return; <u>Audit;</u> estimate of taxes, <u>penalty</u>, and interest;
 penalty; notice; assessment.

30 (a) <u>The manager is authorized to examine, inspect and audit the books, invoices, accounts</u>
 31 <u>and other records kept or maintained by the taxpayer for the collection of the taxes imposed by</u>
 32 <u>this article. If the manager determines that any If any person taxpayer neglects or refuses to make</u>
 33 a <u>timely</u> return in payment of the taxes <u>or to pay or to correctly account for any taxes</u> as required

by this article, the manager shall make an estimate, based upon such information as may be available, <u>with or without employing investigative powers vested in the manager by this article</u>, of the amount of the taxes due for the period <u>or periods</u> for which the taxpayer is delinquent; and upon the basis of such estimated amount, compute and assess in addition thereto a penalty equal to fifteen (15) percent thereof, together with the interest on such delinquent taxes at the rate of one (1) percent each month, or a fraction thereof, from the date when due <u>until the date paid</u>.

(b) Promptly thereafter the manger of finance shall give to <u>notify</u> the delinquent taxpayer
written notice in writing and demand payment thereof of such estimated taxes, penalty and
interest, which notice must be served personally or by register or certified mail.

10 (c) Such estimated amounts shall thereupon become an assessment, and such 11 assessment shall be final and due and payable from the taxpayer to the city thirty (30) days from 12 either the date of personal service of the notice and demand or the date of mailing of the notice 13 and demand; provided, however, that within said thirty-day period the delinguent taxpayer may 14 petition the manager in writing for review of the assessment in the manner provided in section 53-15 188 of this article. a revision, modification or cancellation of such assessment, and, further, said 16 taxpayer shall, within such thirty day period, furnish the manager a written statement of the facts 17 and reasons for the requested changes in the assessment and otherwise comply with the 18 applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the manager relating to petitions and hearings. 19 The filing of a petition shall not toll the accrual of interest on the amount of taxes due.

20 (d) Such petition shall be in writing and the facts and figures submitted shall be submitted
 21 either in writing or orally and shall be given under oath of the taxpayer.

(e) Thereupon the manager of finance shall modify such assessment in accordance with the facts submitted, which facts the manager deems correct. Such assessment shall be considered the final order of the manager and may be reviewed under Rule 106(a)(4) of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure as provided in this article, provided, that the taxpayer gives written notice to the manager of such intention within five (5) days after receipt of the final order of assessment.

Section 17. Section 188, Article IV (City Lodger's Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-188) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

Sec. 53-188. Petition by aggrieved taxpayer to set hearings. <u>Review by the manager.</u>
 If any person, having made a return and paid the tax provided for in this article, feels that
 the amount of tax is incorrect, the person may apply to the manager by petition in writing within

thirty (30) days after the notice is mailed to the person, for a hearing and a correction of the amount of tax so assessed, in which petition the person shall set forth the reasons why such hearing should be granted and the amount by which such tax should be reduced.

4 (a) Petitions. Petitions submitted to the manager shall be in writing and shall contain a
5 statement of facts and reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the assessment
6 or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim, and shall otherwise comply with the applicable rules
7 promulgated by the manager relating to petitions and hearings.

8 (b) *Time limit for filing petitions*. Petitions shall be submitted to the manager within thirty 9 (30) days from the date of the assessment or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim. If a 10 petition is not submitted within this time, the assessment or decision is final and no further review 11 is available.

12 (c) *Notice of Hearing.* The manager shall notify the <u>petitioner taxpayer</u> in writing of the time 13 and place <u>within the city</u> fixed by the manager for <u>such</u> hearing. at least thirty (30) days prior 14 thereto.

(d) *Hearings*. A hearing, if any, shall be conducted in accordance with applicable rules
 promulgated by the manger relating to petitions and hearings.

(e) Manager may appoint designee. A hearing, if any, shall be before the manager or its
 designee, who is authorized to administer oaths, to take testimony, to hear arguments, and to
 issue all necessary and appropriate orders and decisions.

(f) Burden of proof. The burden of proof that sales of lodging upon which refunds of taxes
 are claimed, or for which modifications or cancellations of assessments are sought, are exempt
 from or not subject to taxation under this article shall be on the taxpayer and such proof shall be
 by a preponderance of evidence.

(g) *Final order or decision.* After such hearing, at which the manager is authorized to administer oaths and take evidence and hear argument, the manager shall enter findings and make such order in the matter as is proper and furnish a copy to the taxpayer. Said findings and order shall constitute final decision of the manager in the matter. The final order or decision of the manager or its designee shall be in writing and notice thereof shall be mailed to the taxpayer forthwith.

30 **Section 18.** Section 189, Article IV (City Lodger's Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known 31 and cited as Section 53-189) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently read as follows, is 32 hereby repealed in its entirety:

33 Sec. 53-189. Hearings to be held in city.

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Every hearing before the manager of finance under this article shall be held in the city.

Section 19. Section 193, Article IV (City Lodger's Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known
and cited as Section 53-193) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently reads as follows, is
hereby repealed in its entirety:

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Sec. 53-193. Decisions of manager, notice; when final.

Every decision of the manager of finance shall be in writing, and notice thereof shall be
mailed to the vendor within ten (10) days, and all such decisions shall become final upon the
expiration of thirty (30) days after notice of such decision shall have been mailed to the taxpayer,
unless proceedings are begun within the time for review thereof as provided in this article.

Section 20. Section 194, Article IV (City Lodger's Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known
 and cited as Section 53-194) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language
 stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

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Sec. 53-194. Review of manager's final order or decision.

14 (a) Should the applicant for a refund-taxpayer be aggrieved at the by a final order or 15 decision of the manager of finance, the applicant taxpayer may proceed to have same reviewed 16 by the courts in the manner provided for review of other decisions of the manager under this 17 article, such review under Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure 106(a)(4) by to be in the district court 18 of for the second judicial district of the state. The petition or complaint for review must be filed 19 within thirty (30) days from the date of the final order or decision. Any party, including the city, 20 may appeal the final order or decision of the manager and, also, the decision of the district court 21 (or such other tribunal having jurisdiction), using all judicial, appellate, and extraordinary 22 proceedings available. 23 (b) Before filing a petition or complaint for review under Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure 24 106(a)(4), the taxpayer shall file with the manager of finance a bond in twice the amount of the 25 taxes, interest and other charges audited and stated in the final order or decision of the manager,

- 26 with surety as is provided in other cases of appeal, or may deposit lawful money of the United
- 27 <u>States in the same manner as herein provided.</u>
- Section 21. Section 195, Article IV (City Lodger's Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known
 and cited as Section 53-195) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently reads as follows, is
 hereby repealed in its entirely:
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Sec. 53-195. Review of manager's decision by district court.

32 (a) The district court of the second judicial district of the state shall have original jurisdiction
 33 in proceedings to review all questions of law and fact determined by the manager of finance in

1 administering the provisions of this article by writ under Rule 106(a)(4) of the Colorado Rules of

2 Civil Procedure.

3 (b) Before making application to the district court under Rule 106(a)(4) of the Colorado 4 Rules of Civil Procedure, the party making such application shall file with the manager of finance 5 a bond in twice the amount of the taxes, interest and other charges audited and stated in the 6 determination and decision of the manager with surety as is now provided in other cases of 7 appeal, or at his option may deposit lawful money of the United States in the same manner as 8 herein provided

9 (c) Such writs shall be issued by the clerk of the court upon a verified petition of the 10 taxpayer, filed within thirty (30) days after notice of the decision of the manager of finance in any 11 such matter.

(d) The writ shall be served within five (5) days after its issuance and shall be returnable, at
 such time as the court may determine, not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days
 after the date when the writ was issued. The manager of finance shall forthwith certify the record
 of the manager's proceedings to the court.

(e) The procedure thereunder shall be in conformity with the rules of civil procedure of the
 state.

Section 22. Section 196, Article IV (City Lodger's Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-196) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently reads as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

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Sec. 53-196. Review of district court decision by supreme court.

The decision of the district court under this article may be reviewed in the supreme court upon writ of error by any party.

Section 23. Subsection 240(3), Article V (Employee Occupational Privilege Tax Article),
 Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-240(3)) of the Revised Municipal Code, which
 currently reads as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

- 27 (3) Taxpayer shall mean any employer who is required to withhold and pay the tax imposed
 28 by this article; or the employee who is taxed herein, as the case may be.
- Section 24. Subsections 249(c) and (d), Article V (Employee Occupational Privilege Tax
 Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-249(c) and (d)) of the Revised Municipal
 Code are amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read
 as follows:
- 33 (c) *Decisions*. Upon receipt of such application, the manager shall examine the same with

all convenient speed and shall give notice to the applicant by an order in writing of his decision
 thereon. Hearing. Upon receipt of such application, the manager of finance shall grant to such
 employee a hearing upon the same, and the manager shall notify such employee in writing of the
 time and place fixed by him for such hearing. After such hearing, the manager shall make such
 order in the manner as is just and lawful and shall furnish a copy of such order to such employee.

6 (d) <u>Petition. An aggrieved applicant for a refund may, within thirty (30) days from the date</u>
7 of the decision to deny or reduce their claim for refund, petition the manager in writing for review
8 of the decision in the manner provided in section 53-255 of this article. Decisions. Upon receipt of
9 such application, the manager shall examine the same with all convenient speed and shall give
10 notice to the applicant by an order in writing of his decision thereon.

Section 25. Section 254, Article V (Employee Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter (also known and cited as Section 53-254) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

Sec. 53-254. Refusal to make return <u>Audit;</u> estimate of tax<u>es, penalty, and interest;</u>
 penalty; notice; assessment.

16 (a) The manager is authorized to examine, inspect and audit the books, invoices, accounts 17 and other records kept or maintained by the taxpayer for the collection of the taxes imposed by 18 this article. If the manager determines that any If any person taxpayer neglects or refuses to 19 make a return in payment of the taxes as required by this article, the manager shall make an 20 estimate, based upon such information as may be available, to him, with or without employing 21 investigative powers vested in the manager by this article, of the amount of the taxes due for the 22 period or periods for which the taxpayer is delinquent; and upon the basis of such estimated 23 amount, compute and assess in addition thereto a penalty equal to fifteen (15) percent thereof, 24 together with the interest on such delinquent taxes at the rate of one (1) percent each month, or a 25 fraction thereof, from the date when due until the date paid.

(b) Promptly thereafter the manager shall notify the delinquent taxpayer <u>in writing</u> and
 demand payment thereof of such estimated taxes, penalty and interest. in writing served
 personally or by mail.

(c) Such estimated amounts shall thereupon become an assessment, and such assessment shall be final and due and payable from the taxpayer to the city thirty (30) days from either the date of personal service of the notice and demand or the date of mailing of the notice and demand; provided, however, that within said thirty-day period the delinquent taxpayer may petition the manager in writing for <u>review of the assessment in the manner provided in section 53-</u>

1 <u>255 of this article.</u> a revision, modification or cancellation of such assessment, and further, said 2 taxpayer shall, within such thirty day period, furnish the manager a summary written statement of 3 the facts and reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the assessment and 4 otherwise comply with the applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the manager relating 5 to petitions and hearings. The filing of a petition shall not toll the accrual of interest on the amount 6 of taxes due.

7 (d) Such petition shall be in writing, and the facts and figures submitted shall be submitted
8 either in writing or orally and shall be given under oath of the taxpayer.

9 (e) Thereupon the manager of finance shall modify such assessment in accordance with 10 the facts submitted, which facts the manager deems correct. Such assessment shall be 11 considered the final order of the manager and may be reviewed under Rule 106(a)(4) of the 12 Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure as provided in this article, provided that the taxpayer gives 13 written notice to the manager of such intention within five (5) days after receipt of the final order of 14 assessment.

Section 26. Section 255, Article V (Employee Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-255) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by
 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

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Sec. 53-255. Hearings generally Review by the manager.

(a) Petitions. Petitions submitted to the manager shall be in writing and shall contain a
 statement of facts and reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the assessment
 or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim, and shall otherwise comply with the applicable rules
 promulgated by the manager relating to petitions and hearings.

(b) *Time limit for filing petitions*. Petitions shall be submitted to the manager within thirty
 (30) days from the date of the assessment or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim. If a
 petition is not submitted within this time, the assessment or decision is final and no further review
 is available.

27 (c) *Notice of Hearing.* The manager shall notify the taxpayer in writing of the time and 28 place within the city fixed for hearing.

- (d) *Hearings*. A hearing, if any, shall be conducted in accordance with applicable rules
 promulgated by the manger relating to petitions and hearings.
- 31 (e) Manager may appoint designee. A hearing, if any, shall be before the manager or its
 32 designee, who is authorized to administer oaths, to take testimony, to hear arguments, and to
 33 issue all necessary and appropriate orders and decisions.

- (f) Burden of proof. The burden of proof that the employment upon which refunds of taxes
 are claimed, or for which modifications or cancellations of assessments are sought, are exempt
 from or not subject to taxation under this article shall be on the taxpayer and such proof shall be
 by a preponderance of evidence.
- 5 (a) The manager of finance shall notify the taxpayer in writing of the time and place for a
 6 hearing thirty (30) days prior thereto.
- 7 (b) After a hearing under this article, the taxpayer shall not be entitled to a second hearing
 8 before the manager of finance on the matters set forth in the previous request for a hearing.
- 9 (c) At the hearing, the taxpayer may assert any facts, make any arguments and file any
 10 briefs and affidavits the taxpayer believes pertinent to the taxpayer's cause.
- (d) In lieu of the request for hearing within the time provided by this article, the taxpayer may, at the taxpayer's election, file a written brief and such other written materials or documents as the taxpayer shall deem appropriate and request that the manager of finance reconsider the deficiency without a hearing. The manager shall proceed to reconsider the deficiency in the same manner as if the written material submitted had been presented at a hearing pursuant to this section. The submission of written material shall be considered for all purposes the same as a request for and submission of the material at a hearing.
- (e) Based on the evidence presented at such hearing or filed in support of the taxpayer's contentions, the manager of finance shall make a final determination within a reasonable time and shall send the taxpayer a notice of final determination by mail accompanied by notice and demand for payment. The manager may modify the tax, penalty and interest questioned at the hearing and may approve a refund. Unless an appeal be taken as provided in this article, the tax, together with interest thereon and penalties, if any, shall be paid within thirty (30) days after mailing of the notice and demand for payment by the manager.
- (f) The burden of proof at the hearing shall be on the one making the claim and such proof
 shall be by a preponderance of evidence.
- Section 27. Section 256, Article V (Employee Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-256) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently
 reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety:
- 30 Sec. 53-256. Hearings to be held in city.
- 31 Every hearing before the manager of finance under this article shall be held in the city.
- 32 Section 28. Section 259, Article V (Employee Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter 33 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-259) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently

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reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety:

2 Sec. 53-259. Depositions.

The manager of finance or any party in an investigation or hearing before the manager may cause the deposition of witnesses residing within or without the state to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil actions in courts of this state and to that end compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records or memoranda.

Section 29. Section 260, Article V (Employee Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
53 (also known and cited as Section 53-260) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently
reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety:

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Sec. 53-260. Decisions of manager; notice; when final.

Every decision of the manager of finance shall be in writing, and notice thereof shall be mailed to the taxpayer within ten (10) days, and all such decisions shall become final upon the expiration of thirty (30) days after notice of such decision shall have been mailed to the taxpayer, unless proceedings are begun within the time for review thereof as provided in this article.

Section 30. Section 261, Article V (Employee Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-261) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by
 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

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Sec. 53-261. Review of manager's final order or decision in district court.

19 (a) Should the taxpayer be aggrieved by a final order or decision of the manager, the 20 taxpayer may proceed to have the same reviewed under Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure 21 106(a)(4) by the The-district court of for the second judicial district of the state. The petition or 22 complaint for review must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of the final order or 23 decision. Any party, including the city, may appeal the final order or decision of the manager and, 24 also, the decision of the district court (or such other tribunal having jurisdiction), using all judicial, 25 appellate, and extraordinary proceedings available. shall have original jurisdiction in proceedings 26 to review all guestions of law and fact determined by the manager of finance in administering the 27 provisions of this article by writ under Rule 106(a)(4) of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) Before filing a petition or complaint for review under Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure
106(a)(4), the taxpayer shall file with the manager a bond in twice the amount of the taxes,
interest and other charges audited and stated in the final order or decision of the manager, with
surety as is provided in other cases of appeal, or may deposit lawful money of the United States
in the same manner as herein provided. Such writs shall be issued by the clerk of the court upon
a verified petition of the taxpayer, filed within thirty (30) days after notice of the decision of the

1 manager of finance in any such matter.

(c) The writ shall be served within five (5) days after its issuance and shall be returnable at
such time as the court may determine, not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days
after the date when the writ was issued. The manager of finance shall forthwith certify the record
of the manager's proceedings to the court.

6 (d) The procedure there under shall be in conformity with the rules of civil procedure of the
7 state.

Section 31. Section 262, Article V (Employee Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
53 (also known and cited as Section 53-262) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently
reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety:

11 Sec. 53-262. Review of district court decision by supreme court.

The decision of the district court under this article may be reviewed in the supreme court
 upon writ of error by any party.

Section 32. Subsection 295(5), Article VI (Employer Occupational Privilege Tax Article),
 Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-295(5)) of the Revised Municipal Code, which
 currently reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety:

17 (5) *Taxpayer* shall mean any person engaged in business who is required to pay the tax
 18 imposed by this article.

Section 33. Section 306, Article VI (Employer Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-306) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by
 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

22 Sec. 53-306. Refusal to make return <u>Audit;</u> estimate of taxes<u>, penalty, and</u> interest; 23 penalty; notice; assessment.

24 (a) The manager is authorized to examine, inspect and audit the books, invoices, accounts 25 and other records kept or maintained by the taxpayer for the collection of the taxes imposed by 26 this article. If the manager determines that any If any person taxpayer neglects or refuses to 27 make a timely return in payment of the taxes or to pay or to correctly account for any taxes as 28 required by this article, the manager shall make an estimate, based upon such information as 29 may be available to him, with or without employing investigative powers vested in the manager by 30 this article, of the amount of the taxes due for the period or periods for which the taxpayer is 31 delinguent; and upon the basis of such estimated amount, compute and assess in addition 32 thereto a penalty equal to fifteen (15) percent thereof, together with the interest on such 33 delinquent taxes at the rate of one (1) percent each month, or a fraction thereof, from the date 1 when due <u>until the date paid</u>.

(b) Promptly thereafter, the manager shall notify the delinquent taxpayer in writing and
demand payment <u>thereof of such estimated taxes</u>, penalty and interest.

4 (c) Such estimated amounts shall thereupon become an assessment, and such 5 assessment shall be final and due and payable from the taxpayer to the city thirty (30) days from 6 either the date of personal service of the notice and demand or the date of mailing of the notice 7 and demand; provided, however, that within said thirty-day period the delinguent taxpayer may 8 petition the manager in writing for review of the assessment in the manner provided in section 53-9 307 of this article. a revision, modification or cancellation of such assessment, and further, said 10 taxpayer shall, in order to perfect such petition and within such thirty-day period, furnish the 11 manager a summary written statement of the facts and reasons for and the amount of the 12 requested changes in the assessment, and thereafter comply otherwise with the applicable rules 13 and regulations promulgated by the manager relating to petitions and hearings. The filing of a 14 petition shall not toll the accrual of interest on the amount of taxes due.

(d) Such petition shall be in writing, and the facts and figures submitted shall be submitted
 either in writing or orally and shall be given under oath of the taxpayer.

17 (e) Thereupon the manager of finance shall modify such assessment in accordance with 18 the facts submitted, which facts the manager deems correct. Such assessment shall be 19 considered the final order of the manager and may be reviewed under Rule 106(a)(4) of the 20 Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure as provided in this article, provided, that the taxpayer gives 21 written notice to the manager of such intention within five (5) days after receipt of the final order of 22 assessment.

Section 34. Section 307, Article VI (Employer Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-307) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by
 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

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Sec. 53-307. Hearings generally Review by the manager.

27 (a) Petitions. Petitions submitted to the manager shall be in writing and shall contain a
 28 statement of facts and reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the assessment
 29 and shall otherwise comply with the applicable rules promulgated by the manager relating to
 30 petitions and hearings.

(b) *Time limit for filing petitions*. Petitions shall be submitted to the manager within thirty
 (30) days from the date of the assessment. If a petition is not submitted within this time, the
 assessment is final and no further review is available.

- (c) Notice of Hearing. The manager shall notify the taxpayer in writing of the time and
 place within the city fixed for hearing.
- 3 (d) *Hearings*. A hearing, if any, shall be conducted in accordance with applicable rules
 4 promulgated by the manger relating to petitions and hearings.
- (e) Manager may appoint designee. A hearing, if any, shall be before the manager or its
 designee, who is authorized to administer oaths, to take testimony, to hear arguments, and to
 issue all necessary and appropriate orders and decisions.
- 8 (f) Burden of proof. The burden of proof that the employment upon which modifications or
 9 cancellations of assessments are sought, are exempt from or not subject to taxation under this
 10 article shall be on the taxpayer and such proof shall be by a preponderance of evidence.
- (a) The manager of finance shall notify the taxpayer in writing of the time and place for a
 hearing under this article thirty (30) days prior thereto.
- (b) After a hearing under this article, the taxpayer shall not be entitled to a second hearing
 before the manager of finance on the matters set forth in the previous request for a hearing.
- (d) In lieu of the request for a hearing within the time provided by this section, the taxpayer may, at the taxpayer's election, file a written brief and such other written materials or documents as the taxpayer shall deem appropriate and request that the manager of finance reconsider the deficiency without a hearing. The manager shall proceed to reconsider the deficiency in the same manner as if the written material submitted had been presented at a hearing pursuant to this section. The submission of written material shall be considered for all purposes the same as a request for and submission of the material at a hearing.
- (e) Based on the evidence presented at such hearing or filed in support of the taxpayer's
 contentions, the manager of finance shall make a final determination within a reasonable time and
 shall send the taxpayer a notice of final determination by mail accompanied by notice and
 demand for payment. The manager may modify the tax, penalty and interest questioned at the
 hearing and may approve a refund. Unless an appeal be taken as provided in this article, the tax,
 together with interest thereon and penalties, if any, shall be paid within thirty (30) days after
 mailing of the notice and demand for payment by the manager.
- (f) The burden of proof shall be on the one making such claim and such proof shall be by a
 preponderance of evidence.
- Section 35. Section 308, Article VI (Employer Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-308) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently
 reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety:

1 Sec. 53-308. Hearings to be held in city.

Every hearing before the manager of finance under this article shall be held in the city.
Section 36. Section 311, Article VI (Employer Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
53 (also known and cited as Section 53-311) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently
reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety::

6 Sec. 53-311. Depositions.

7 The manager of finance or any party in an investigation or hearing before the manager 8 may cause the deposition of witnesses residing within or without the state to be taken in the 9 manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil actions in courts of this state and to that end 10 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records or memoranda.

Section 37. Section 312, Article VI (Employer Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-312) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently
 reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety::

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Sec. 53-312. Decisions of manager; notice; when final.

Every decision of the manager of finance shall be in writing, and notice thereof shall be mailed to the taxpayer within ten (10) days, and all such decisions shall become final upon the expiration of thirty (30) days after notice of such decision shall have been mailed to the taxpayer, unless proceedings are begun within the time for review thereof as provided in this article.

Section 38. Section 313, Article VI (Employer Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-313) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by
 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

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Sec. 53-313. Review of manager's final order or decision in district court.

23 (a) Should the taxpayer be aggrieved by a final order or decision of the manger, the 24 taxpayer may proceed to have the same reviewed under Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure 25 106(a)(4) by the The district court of for the second judicial district of the state. shall have original 26 jurisdiction in proceedings to review all guestions of law and fact determined by the manager of 27 finance in administering the provisions of this article by writ under Rule 106(a)(4) of the Colorado 28 Rules of Civil Procedure. The petition or complaint for review must be filed within thirty (30) days 29 from the date of the final order or decision. Any party, including the city, may appeal the final 30 order or decision of the manager and, also, the decision of the district court (or such other tribunal 31 having jurisdiction), using all judicial, appellate, and extraordinary proceedings available.

32 (b) Before filing a petition or complaint for review under Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure
 33 106(a)(4), the taxpayer shall file with the manager a bond in twice the amount of the taxes,

interest and other charges audited and stated in the final order or decision of the manager of finance, with surety as is provided in other cases of appeal, or may deposit lawful money of the United States in the same manner as herein provided. Such writs shall be issued by the clerk of the court upon a verified petition of the taxpayer, filed within thirty (30) days after notice of the decision of the manager of finance in any such matter.

6 (c) The writ shall be served within five (5) days after its issuance and shall be returnable at
7 such time as the court may determine, not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days
8 after the date when the writ was issued. The manager shall forthwith certify the record of the
9 manager's proceedings to the court.

(d) The procedure there under shall be in conformity with the rules of civil procedure of the
 state.

Section 39. Section 314, Article VI (Employer Occupational Privilege Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-314) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently
 reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety:

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Sec. 53-314. Review of district court decisions by supreme court.

The decision of the district court in this article may be reviewed in the supreme court upon
 writ of error by any party.

Section 40. Subsection 345(6), Article VII (Facilities Development Administration Tax
 Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-345(6)) of the Revised Municipal Code,
 which currently reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety:

(6) *Taxpayer* shall mean any person obligated to account to the manager of finance for the
 taxes collected or to be collected, or from whom a tax is due, under the terms of this article.

Section 41. Subsection 355(d), Article VII (Facilities Development Administration Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-355(d)) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

(d) *Hearing <u>Petition</u>*. An aggrieved applicant <u>for a refund</u> may, within thirty (30) days after
notice of such decision, <u>from the date of the decision to deny or reduce their claim for refund</u>,
petition the manager of <u>finance</u> <u>in writing</u> for a hearing on the claim <u>review of the decision</u> in the
manner provided for petitioning assessments set forth in subsections <u>53-36553-361(c)</u> and (d) <u>of</u>
<u>this article.</u> and the final determination of the manager may be reviewed in district court as
provided in sections <u>53-361(e)</u> and <u>53-366</u>

33 Section 42. Section 361, Article VII (Facilities Development Administration Tax Article),

Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-361) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended
 by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows::

Sec. 53-361. Refusal to make return <u>Audit;</u> estimate of taxes, <u>penalty</u>, and interest;
 penalty; notice; assessment.

5 (a) The manager is authorized to examine, inspect and audit the books, invoices, accounts 6 and other records kept or maintained by the taxpayer for the collection of the taxes imposed by 7 this article. If the manager determines that any If any person taxpayer neglects or refuses to make 8 a timely return in payment of the taxes or to pay or to correctly account for any tax as required by 9 this article, the manager of finance shall make an estimate, the amount of taxes due, based upon 10 such information as may be available to him, with or without employing investigative powers 11 vested in the manager by this article, of the amount of taxes due for the period or periods for 12 which the taxpayer is delinquent; and upon the basis of such estimated amount, compute and 13 assess in addition thereto a penalty equal to fifteen (15) percent thereof, together with the interest 14 on such delinquent taxes at the rate of one (1) percent each month, or a fraction thereof, from the 15 date when due until the date paid.

(b) Promptly thereafter, the manager of finance shall notify give to the delinquent taxpayer
 in writing and demand payment thereof notice of such estimated taxes, penalty and interest.

18 (c) Such estimated amounts shall thereupon become an assessment, and such 19 assessment shall be final and due and payable from the taxpayer to the city thirty (30) days from 20 either the date of personal service of the notice and demand or the date of mailing of the notice 21 and demand; provided, however, that within said thirty-day period the delinquent taxpayer may 22 petition the manager in writing for review of the assessment in the manner provided in section 53-23 365 of this article. in writing for a revision, modification or cancellation of such assessment, and 24 further, said taxpayer shall, within such thirty-day period, furnish the manager a summary written 25 statement of the facts and reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the 26 assessment, and otherwise comply with the applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the 27 manager relating to petitions and hearings. The filing of a petition shall not toll the accrual of 28 interest on the amount of taxes due.

(d) Such petition shall be in writing, and the facts and figures submitted shall be submitted
under oath either in writing or orally at a hearing scheduled by the manager of finance. The
hearing shall take place in the office of the manager, and notice thereof and the proceedings shall
otherwise be in substantial conformity with C.R.S. 1973, 24-4-105, except as modified by
regulations issued by the manager.

(e) Thereupon, the manager of finance shall make a final determination and, if appropriate,
 modify such assessment in accordance with the facts submitted, which facts the manager deems
 correct. Such assessment, as modified, shall be considered the final order of assessment of the
 manager and may be reviewed under Rule 106(a)(4) of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure as
 provided in this article, provided, that the taxpayer give written notice to the manager of such
 intention to petition for review under Rule 106(a)(4) within ten (10) calendar days after notice of
 the final order of assessment.

Section 43. Section 364, Article VII (Facilities Development Administration Tax Article),
Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-364) of the Revised Municipal Code, which
currently reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety:

11 Sec. 53-364. Depositions.

12 The manager of finance or any party in an investigation or hearing before the manager 13 may cause the deposition of witnesses residing within or without the state to be taken in the 14 manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil actions in courts of this state and to that end 15 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records or memoranda.

Section 44. Section 365, Article VII (Facilities Development Administration Tax Article),
Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-365) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended
by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

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Sec. 53-365. Decisions of manager; notice; when final Review by the manager.

(a) Petitions. Petitions submitted to the manager shall be in writing and shall contain a
 statement of facts and reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the assessment
 or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim, and shall otherwise comply with the applicable rules
 promulgated by the manager relating to petitions and hearings.

(b) *Time limit for filing petitions*. Petitions shall be submitted to the manager within thirty
 (30) days from the date of the assessment or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim. If a
 petition is not submitted within this time, the assessment or decision is final and no further review
 is available.

(c) *Notice of Hearing.* The manager shall notify the taxpayer in writing of the time and
 place within the city fixed for hearing.

30 (d) *Hearings*. A hearing, if any, shall be conducted in accordance with applicable rules
 31 promulgated by the manger relating to petitions and hearings.

1	(e) Manager may appoint designee. A hearing, if any, shall be before the manager or its		
2	designee, who is authorized to administer oaths, to take testimony, to hear arguments, and to		
3	issue all necessary and appropriate orders and decisions.		
4	(f) Burden of proof. The burden of proof that admissions upon which refunds of taxes are		
5	claimed, or for which modifications or cancellations of assessments are sought, are exempt from		
6	or not subject to taxation under this article shall be on the taxpayer and such proof shall be by a		
7	preponderance of evidence.		
8	(g) Final order or decision. The final order or decision of the manager or its designee sha		
9	be in writing and notice thereof shall be mailed to the taxpayer forthwith.		
10	Decisions of the manager shall be final upon their entry and shall be mailed to the taxpayer		
11	forthwith.		
12	All notices or other information required to be given to the taxpayer in writing under the		
13	provisions of this article if mailed postpaid to the last known address of the taxpayer, after		
14	reasonable inquiry of such address, shall be deemed complete and effective upon and as of the		
15	posting of the same in the mails of the United States postal service unless returned within ten (10)		
16	days by the United States postal service to the manager. Filing by the taxpayer shall be deemed		
17	complete upon mailing to or personal service on the manager of finance.		
18	Section 45. Section 366, Article VII (Facilities Development Administration Tax Article),		
19	Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-366) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended		
20	by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:		
21	Sec. 53-366. Review of manager's <u>final order or</u> decision in district court .		
22	(a) Should the taxpayer be aggrieved by a final order or decision of the manager, the		
23	taxpayer may proceed to have the same reviewed under Colorado Rule of Civil Procedure		
24	<u>106(a)(4) by the The district court of for</u> the second judicial district of the state. The petition or		
25	complaint for review must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of the final order or		
26	decision. Any party, including the city, may appeal the final order or decision of the manager and,		
27	also, the decision of the district court (or such other tribunal having jurisdiction), using all judicial,		
28	appellate, and extraordinary proceedings available. shall have original jurisdiction in proceedings		
29	to review all questions of law and fact determined by the manager of finance in administering the		
30	provisions of this article by order or writ under Rule 106(a)(4) of the Colorado Rules of Civil		
31	Procedure.		
32	(b) Before filing a petition or complaint for review under Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure		
33	106(a)(4), the taxpayer shall file with the manager a bond in twice the amount of the taxes,		
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1 interest and other charges audited and stated in the final order or decision of the manager of 2 finance, with surety as is provided in other cases of appeal, or may deposit lawful money of the 3 United States in the same manner as herein provided. Before making application to the district 4 court under Rule 106(a)(4) of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure, the party making such 5 application shall file with the manager of finance a bond in twice the amount of the taxes, interest 6 and other charges stated in the determination and decision of the manager with surety as is now 7 provided in cases of attachment under the rules of civil procedure, or at the party's option may 8 deposit lawful money of the United States in the same manner.

9 (c) Such writs or orders shall be issued by the clerk of the court upon a verified petition or
 10 complaint of the taxpayer, filed within thirty (30) days after notice of the decision of the manager
 11 of finance.

(d) The procedure there under shall be in conformity with the rules of civil procedure of the
 state.

Section 46. Section 379, Article VII (Facilities Development Administration Tax Article),
 Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-379) of the Revised Municipal Code is enacted
 and added to read as follows:

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Sec. 53-379. Notices to be sent by mail.

All notices or other information required to be given to the taxpayer in writing under the provisions of this article if mailed postpaid to the last known address of the taxpayer, after reasonable inquiry of such address, shall be deemed complete and effective upon and as of the posting of the same in the mails of the United States postal service unless returned within ten (10) days by the United States postal service to the manager. Filing by the taxpayer shall be deemed complete upon mailing to or personal service on the manager of finance.

Section 47. Section 405, Article VIII (Telecommunications Business Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-405) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by
 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

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Sec. 53-405. Audit; estimate of taxes, penalty, and interest; notice; Assessments.

(a) <u>The manager is authorized to examine, inspect and audit the books, invoices, accounts</u>
and other records kept or maintained by the taxpayer for the collection of the taxes imposed by
this article. If the manager determines that any If any person taxpayer neglects or refuses to make
a timely return in payment of the taxes or to pay or correctly account for any tax or pay the tax as
required by this article, the manager shall make an estimate, the tax shall be assessed in the
amount estimated by the manager of finance to be due, based upon such information as may be

available, with or without <u>employing investigative powers vested in the manager by this article</u>,
conducting an investigation, <u>of the amount of the taxes due</u> for the period or periods for which the
<u>taxpayer person</u> is delinquent; <u>and upon the basis of such estimated amount</u>, <u>compute and</u>
<u>assess in addition thereto a penalty equal to fifteen (15) percent thereof</u>, <u>together with the interest</u>
<u>on the delinquent taxes at the rate of one (1) percent each month</u>, <u>or a fraction thereof</u>, <u>from the</u>
<u>date when due until the date paid</u>., <u>adding thereto the penalty and interest provided in this article</u>.

7 (b) Promptly thereafter the manager shall notify the delinquent taxpayer in writing and
8 demand payment thereof of such estimated taxes, penalty and interest.

9 (c) Such estimated amounts shall thereupon become an assessment, and such 10 assessment shall be final and due and payable from the taxpayer to the city thirty (30) days from 11 either the date of personal service of the notice and demand or the date of mailing of the notice 12 and demand; provided, however, that within said thirty-day period the delinquent taxpayer may 13 petition the manager in writing for review of the assessment in the manner provided in section 53-14 <u>406 of this article.</u> a revision, modification, or cancellation of such assessment. The filing of a 15 petition shall not toll the accrual of interest on the amount of taxes due.

(d) Similarly, if any telecommunications business having filed a return of and paid over the
tax levied by this article feels that the amount of the tax is incorrect, the telecommunications
business may apply to the manager by petition in writing within thirty (30) days after the notice is
mailed to him, or if applicable, after personal service, and the telecommunications business may
demand a hearing and a correction of the amount, or part of the amount, of the tax assessed,
following and complying with the same requirements as set forth in subsection (c) of this section.

(e) The taxpayer shall furnish the manager a summary written statement of facts and
 reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the assessment and otherwise comply
 with the applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the manager relating to petitions and
 hearings.

(f) The burden of proof that sales or consumption of commodities and services upon which
 refunds of taxes are claimed, or for which modifications or cancellations of assessments are
 sought, are exempt from or not subject to taxation under this article shall be on the taxpayer and
 such proof shall be by a preponderance of evidence.

30 **Section 48.** Section 406, Article VIII (Telecommunications Business Tax Article), Chapter 31 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-406) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by 32 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

33 Sec. 53-406. Petition by aggrieved taxpayer to set hearing Review by the manger.

(a) Petitions. Petitions submitted to the manager shall be in writing and shall contain a
 statement of facts and reasons for and the amount of the requested changes in the assessment
 or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim, and shall otherwise comply with the applicable rules
 promulgated by the manager relating to petitions and hearings.

- 5 (b) *Time limit for filing petitions*. Petitions shall be submitted to the manager within thirty 6 (30) days from the date of the assessment or decision to deny or reduce a refund claim. If a 7 petition is not submitted within this time, the assessment or decision is final and no further review 8 is available.
- 9 (c) *Notice of Hearing.* The manager of finance shall notify the taxpayer in writing of the
 10 <u>time and place within the city fixed for hearing.</u>
- (d) *Hearings*. A hearing, if any, shall be conducted in accordance with applicable rules
 promulgated by the manger relating to petitions and hearings.
- (e) Manager may appoint designee. A hearing, if any, shall be before the manager or its
 designee, who is authorized to administer oaths, to take testimony, to hear arguments, and to
 issue all necessary and appropriate orders and decisions.
- (f) Burden of proof. The burden of proof that sales or consumption of commodities and
 services upon which refunds of taxes are claimed, or for which modifications or cancellations of
 assessments are sought, are exempt from or not subject to taxation under this article shall be on
 the taxpayer and such proof shall be by a preponderance of evidence.
- (g) *Final order or decision*. The final order or decision of the manager or its designee shall
 be in writing and notice thereof shall be mailed to the taxpayer forthwith.
- The manager shall notify the petitioner claiming an error in assessment, or claiming a refund, in writing of the time and place within the city fixed for hearing at least thirty (30) days prior thereto. After such hearing, at which the manager is authorized to administer oaths and take evidence and hear argument, the manager shall enter findings and make such order in the matter as is proper and furnish a copy to the petitioner. Said findings and order shall constitute the final decision of the manager in the matter.
- Section 49. Section 411, Article VIII (Telecommunications Business Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-411) of the Revised Municipal Code, which currently
 reads as follows, is repealed in its entirety:
- 31 Sec. 53-411. Decisions of manager, notice; when final.

32 Decisions of the manager shall be final upon their entry and shall be mailed to the taxpayer 33 forthwith. Section 50. Section 412, Article VIII (Telecommunications Business Tax Article), Chapter
 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-412) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by
 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

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Sec. 53-412. Review of manager's final order or decision.

5 (a) Should the taxpayer be aggrieved by the a final order or decision of the manager, the 6 taxpayer may proceed to have the same reviewed under Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure 7 106(a)(4), or such similar procedure for the issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari, only by 8 the district court for the second judicial district of the state. The petition or complaint for review 9 must be filed within thirty (30) days from the entry-date of the manager's final order or decision. 10 and shall be the exclusive remedy. Court proceedings shall be governed by the Colorado Rules of 11 Civil Procedure as amended from time to time. Any party, including the city, may appeal the 12 decision of the manager and, also, the decision of the district court (or such other tribunal having 13 jurisdiction), using all judicial, appellate, and extraordinary proceedings available

(b) Before filing a petition or complaint for review under Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure
 106(a)(4), the taxpayer shall file with the manager a bond in twice the amount of the taxes,
 interest and other charges audited and stated in the final order or decision of the manager of
 finance, with surety as is provided in other cases of appeal, or may deposit lawful money of the
 United States in the same manner as herein provided.

Section 51. Subsection 420, Article VIII (Telecommunications Business Tax Article), Chapter 53 (also known and cited as Section 53-420(d)) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

(d) *Hearing*-<u>*Petition*</u>. An aggrieved applicant for a refund may, within thirty (30) days after
such from the date the decision to deny or reduce their claim for refund is mailed postpaid to the
taxpayer, petition the manager of finance in writing for a hearing on the claim review of the
decision in the manner provided in section 53-4056 of this article. regarding petitions to the
manager protesting assessments and estimates of unpaid taxes.

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30 COMMITTEE CONSENT APPROVAL DATE: December 22, 2011

31 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: December 27, 2011

32 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____

_____, 2012

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1	APPROVED:	MAYOR	, 2012		
2 3 4	ATTEST:	- CLERK AND RECORDER, EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER			
5	NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL:	, 2012;	, 2012		
6	PREPARED BY: Charles T. Solomon, Assistant C	ity Attorney Date: Decem	ber 29, 2011		
7 8 9 10	Pursuant to section 13-12, 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.				
11	Douglas J. Friednash, City Attorney				
12	BY:, Assistant City Atto	rney Date:	, 2011		