

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**.

All fields must be completed.

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Date of Request: July 29, 2019

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?

Yes No

2. Title: Refers a question to the November 2019 ballot to amend the Charter to add Emergency Medical Technician as a named rank of the Denver Fire Department (DFD) that will staff the department's Medical Unit providing a cost savings to the department, serve as a recruitment tool for both DFD and Denver Health and ensure more accurate Basic Life Service response for citizens of Denver and surrounding communities. The question will also amend the Charter to add Shift Commander as a rank on the Denver Fire Department as a cleanup, mirroring the existing collective bargaining agreement language.

3. Requesting Agency: Denver Fire Department

4. Contact Person: (With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution.)

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5. Contact Person: (With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary.)

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6. General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:

This referred measure is proposed to be submitted to the voters at the November 5, 2019 election.

The Denver Fire Department (DFD) and Denver Health Paramedic Division provide emergency medical care to the citizens of Denver and the surrounding communities. Care is divided into DFD providing Basic Life Support (BLS) emergency medical care while Denver Health provides more invasive Advanced Life Support (ALS) emergency medical care and this model of care will continue. In 2017, DFD formalized an alternative response vehicle program called the Medical Unit to target and relieve the workload of DFD's Fire Companies addressing lower acuity medical calls. This position is currently staffed by two DFD firefighters at overtime rate. Referring the question to the Charter to add Emergency Medical Technician as a named rank, will allow DFD to more appropriately staff the Medical Unit, provide cost savings to the department, serve as a recruitment tool and ensure more accurate BLS emergency medical care for the citizens Denver and surrounding communities. Denver Health will continue to provide the specialized ALS emergency medical care.

The question will also amend the Charter to add Shift Commander as a rank on the Denver Fire Department. Denver Fire Shift Commanders operate as a dedicated Incident Safety Officer on significant scenes to ensure a higher safety margin. This change is a clean-up to the Charter, mirroring existing collective bargaining language.

The form of the ballot question is provided in the draft bill.

****Please complete the following fields:** (Incomplete fields may result in a delay in processing. If a field is not applicable, please enter N/A for that field.)

a. Contract Control Number: N/A

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SIRE Tracking Number: BR19 0781

Date Entered: _____

- b. Duration:** N/A
- c. Location:** Citywide
- d. Affected Council District:** All
- e. Benefits:** Adds to Charter the rank of Emergency Medical Technician and Shift Commander to Denver Fire Department; providing more accurate BLS emergency services for the citizens of Denver and surrounding communities. Shift Commander is a cleanup to match existing collective bargaining agreement.
- f. Costs:** N/A

7. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance? (Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?) Please explain.

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