

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by 9 a.m. Friday. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 6/19/2026

1. Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request
2. Does this request directly impact property within .5 miles of the South Platte River (Check map [HERE](#)) Yes No
3. Does this item fall under XO 66 (Prop 123) requiring it to skip Mayor-Council Yes No
4. Do you need to request a Waiver Request for this item Yes No
5. Type of Request:
- Contract/Grant Agreement Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Rezoning/Text Amendment
- Dedication/Vacation Appropriation/Supplemental DRMC Change
- Other: Ordinance to Refer Franchise Agreement to Denver Voters
6. Title: (Start with *approves, amends, dedicates, etc.*, include name of company or contractor and indicate the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, contract amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)

A bill for an ordinance submitting to a vote of the qualified and registered electors of the City and County of Denver at a special municipal election to be held in conjunction with the general election of November 3, 2026, a proposed public franchise agreement with the Public Service Company of Colorado, DBA Xcel Energy, for a term through December 31, 2046.

7. Requesting Agency: Department of Transportation & Infrastructure

8. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution (e.g., subject matter expert)	Contact person for council members or mayor-council
Name: Shannon Gifford, Mayor's Office	Name: Alaina McWhorter
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9. General description or background. Attach executive summary if more space needed: (who, what, why)

Every 20 years, CCD and Xcel Energy renew their public franchise agreement, which is a contract between CCD and Xcel Energy outlining public benefits and granting Xcel the right to use Denver's public right-of-way to install, maintain and repair infrastructure and facilities to deliver utility services. The current expires at the end of 2026, and CCD and Xcel Energy have negotiated a new agreement for council approval to refer to Denver voters for approval in the November 2025 election.

The public franchise agreement grants Xcel Energy the non-exclusive right to use Denver's right-of-way and Airport property to build the infrastructure needed to provide electricity, gas, steam and chilled water to the city – its homes, businesses, and public spaces. The franchise agreement also regulates operational matters pertaining to traffic signals and streetlights managed in partnership with Xcel Energy.

The public franchise agreement does not set utility rates and does not govern Xcel Energy's plans, designs or builds of utility infrastructure.

Major Benefits of the Franchise Agreement to the Residents of the City and County of Denver

- A franchise fee of 3% of Xcel revenues goes to City general fund.

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- The utility relocation provision of franchise agreement reduces the costs of public projects: when needed to facilitate public projects undertaken by the City and County and other governmental organizations serving Denver, Xcel relocates utility infrastructure at its own expense.
- An undergrounding fund of 1% of electric revenues is set aside to underground power lines at Xcel expense, based on City priorities.
- The portion of Denver International Airport located in Adams county will be incorporated into the franchise agreement on a contractual basis, allowing DEN to plan in a coordinated fashion.

Additional information is also available at www.denvergov.org/xcel

10. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): John McGrath, Charles Solomon

11. City Council District: All

****For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet****

Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):

Vendor/Contractor Name (including dba):

Contract control number (legacy and new):

Location:

Is this a new contract? Yes No Is this an Amendment? Yes No If yes, how many? _____

Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):

<i>Current Contract Amount</i> (A)	<i>Additional Funds</i> (B)	<i>Total Contract Amount</i> (A+B)

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>

Scope of work:

Was this contractor selected by competitive process?

If not, why not?

Has this contractor provided these services to the City before? Yes No

Source of funds: PRJ-10004718

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Is this contract subject to: W/MBE DBE SBE XO101 ACDBE N/A

WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (construction, design, Airport concession contracts):

Who are the subcontractors to this contract?

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