

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto: MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by **3:00pm on Monday**. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 6/14/21

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Type of Request:

- Contract/Grant Agreement Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Rezoning/Text Amendment
 Dedication/Vacation Appropriation/Supplemental DRMC Change
 Other:

2. **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.)

Amends Chapter 24 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code to align testing for sexually transmitted infections with state statute.

3. **Requesting Agency:** Public Health & Environment (DPHE)

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Kevin Kelly	Name: Will Fenton & Kevin Kelly
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5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

Denver Revised Municipal Code 24-131 gives DDPHE the ability to mandate testing for sexually transmitted infections in order to protect public health. While noble in aim, the ordinance's language discriminates against sex workers. Black women are significantly over represented in arrests for sex work creating serious public health inequality for this population. State statute 25-4-412 removes this inequality while still maintaining DDPHE's authority to mandate testing when necessary to protect public health. In an effort to protect the health of the partners of individuals who attempt to purchase sex better known as "johns," these johns will still be required to be tested for sexually transmitted infections. This will continue to be included as part of the sentencing that comes with a guilty charge for solicitation.

For more information please see the attached executive summary.

6. **City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):** Lee Zarzicki

7. **City Council District:** All

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

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

Resolution/Bill Number: BR21 0697

Date Entered: _____