

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 16-0332
4 SERIES OF 2016

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Governance & Charter Review

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6 **A RESOLUTION**

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8 Amending the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure to provide for a general public
9 comment session before the first regular meeting of each month.

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11 WHEREAS, § 3.3.2 of the Charter authorizes the City Council to make rules governing its
12 procedures; and

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14 WHEREAS, Sec. 13-11.5 (a)(2), D.R.M.C. provides that the Council may adopt or amend its
15 rules of procedure by resolution.

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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**
18 **DENVER:**

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20 **Section 1.** A new Rule 7.11 shall be added to the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure
21 concerning the establishment of a general public comments session to occur before the first regular
22 meeting of each month, to read as follows:

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24 **Rule 7. Special Parliamentary Rules.**

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26 7.11. General Public Comment Session. On the first Monday of each month, before
27 convening the regular meeting, the Council shall conduct a one-half hour general
28 public comment session during which persons may address the Council on any
29 matter of city concern, except for any matter that is scheduled for either a formal or a
30 courtesy public hearing at that meeting or any future meeting of Council. Anyone
31 wishing to comment on a matter scheduled for a public hearing shall be requested to
32 reserve their comments until the hearing in question.

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34 a. Persons wishing to address Council at a general public comment
35 session shall register their intention to do so in person, by email or by
36 phone at the City Council central office beginning at 12:00 p.m. on the
37 Friday before the general public comment session. Registration period
38 will end at 4:30 p.m. the day of the general public comment session.
39 Speakers shall be recognized to speak in the order of registration.

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b. Speakers' at a general public comment session shall be limited to a maximum of three minutes unless a shorter time is set by the President in consideration of the number of speakers who have registered for the session.

c. Speakers at a general public comment session shall direct their remarks to Council as a body and not to any individual Council member. Speakers shall be requested by the President to refrain from any profane or obscene speech; threats of violence or economic reprisal against any public official intended to influence the behavior of the official; or speech which impugns any person on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE:

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE:

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2016

_____ - PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

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

Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed resolution 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 resolution. The proposed resolution **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

D. Scott Martinez, City Attorney

BY: _____

DATE: _____