

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO.  
3 SERIES OF 2020

COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-0515  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Finance & Governance

5 A BILL

6 **For an ordinance to amend the Charter of the City and County of Denver to give**  
7 **City Council the authority to procure professional services without executive**  
8 **branch approval, subject to the approval of the voters at a special municipal**  
9 **election to be conducted in coordination with the state general election on**  
10 **November 3, 2020.**

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12 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

13 **Section 1.** There is hereby submitted to the registered electors of the City and County of  
14 Denver for their approval or rejection at a special municipal election held in conjunction with the  
15 coordinated election on November 3, 2020, a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City and  
16 County of Denver, as follows:

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18 **Effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with**  
19 **the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, the following sections of the**  
20 **Charter of the City and County of Denver are amended to read as follows:**

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22 **§ 3.2.10 – Independent professional services.**

23 (A) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, City Council as a whole may, from time to  
24 time and without executive branch approval, contract for professional services that City Council  
25 determines necessary to aid City Council in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under the  
26 Charter and the Denver Revised Municipal Code.

27 (B) City Council shall develop and provide by ordinance the process by which this section  
28 may be implemented for individual contracts.

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30 **Section 2.** The ballot shall contain the following title and submission clause:

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32 **REFERRED QUESTION \_\_\_\_\_**

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34 Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to give City Council the  
35 authority to procure for professional services without executive branch approval?

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**Section 3.** The proper officials of the City and County of Denver who are charged with duties relating to the election shall, before the election, issue such calls, make such certifications and publications, give such notices, make such appointments, and do all such other acts and things in connection with the submission of this Charter amendment to the registered electors of the City and County of Denver at the election as are required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of Denver.

**Section 4.** The ballots cast at such election shall be canvassed and the results ascertained, determined, and certified in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of Denver.

**Section 5.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or other portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: June 2, 2020

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: June 9, 2020

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ June 22, 2020

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- PRESIDENT

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

PREPARED BY: Kirsten J. Crawford, Assistant City Attorney                      DATE: June 10, 2020

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.

Kristin M. Bronson, Denver City Attorney

BY: Kirsten J. Crawford, Assistant City Attorney                      DATE: Jun 10, 2020