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COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Finance and Governance

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6 **A RESOLUTION**

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8 **A resolution amending the City Council Rules of Procedure.**

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10 WHEREAS, Sec. 13-2(d), D.R.M.C. authorizes the City Council to make rules  
11 governing its procedures; and

12 WHEREAS, Sec. 13-6(a)(2), D.R.M.C. provides that the Council may adopt or amend  
13 its rules of procedure by resolution.

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15 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

16 **Section 1.** That Rule 1 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by  
17 adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

18 **Rule 1. Meetings.**

19 1.3 Remote Meetings. The President holds the discretion to conduct a meeting, including  
20 hearings, by electronic means when there is an emergency under §2-32 of the D.R.M.C. Such  
21 meetings must provide the staff and the public (1) means to access the body’s deliberations and  
22 (2) a meaningful opportunity to participate in the meeting. Code §2-33.

23 1.4 Cancellation of Meetings. During emergencies defined under §2-32 of the D.R.M.C.,  
24 the president of city council may cancel meetings. Code §13-1.

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26 **Section 2.** That Rule 2 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by  
27 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

28 **Rule 2. ~~Quorum – Majority Vote.~~ Quorum; Majority Vote**

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30 **Section 3.** That Rule 3 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by  
31 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

32 **Rule 3. Order of Business.**

33 ~~3.1 The regular meetings shall be called to order at 3:30 p.m.~~

34 3.23.1 The President shall call upon a member or citizen to lead the Pledge of Allegiance  
35 and the Denver City Council Land Acknowledgement.

36 3.33.2 The roll call of the members shall be called and the names of those absent recorded.

1            ~~3.43.3~~If a quorum is present, the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be approved and  
2 the Council shall then take up business in the following order:

- 3            (a)    Announcements, presentations, communications, and reading of proclamations.
- 4            (b)    Introduction of new bills and reading of bill titles.
- 5            (c)    Call for separate consideration of resolutions or bills.
- 6            (d)    ~~Adoption of resolutions not set for hearing~~ Publication of bills on introduction.
- 7            (e)    Block vote on proclamations on consent, resolutions not set for hearing and fFinal  
8 consideration and adoption of bills not set for hearing.
- 9            (f)    Recess for general public comment ~~registration of persons wishing to speak at any~~  
10 ~~public hearings.~~
- 11           (g)    Unfinished business.
- 12           (h)    Reading of proclamations ~~called out for separate consideration.~~
- 13           (i)    Public hearings ~~and consideration of resolutions or bills set for hearing.~~
- 14           (j)    Other business.

15           ~~3.53.4~~ A bill, resolution, or proclamation may receive separate consideration upon the  
16 request of a Council member (also known as “calling out” a bill, resolution, or proclamation). All  
17 bills upon final consideration and all resolutions and proclamations that are not called out for  
18 separate consideration shall be voted upon separately in a block.

19           ~~3.63.5~~ The Council may, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and  
20 voting, proceed out of order to any order of business or return to any order already passed.

21           ~~3.73.6~~ To the extent Council has provided by law for the approval by resolution of any  
22 matter submitted to the Council under Sec. 3.2.6 of the Charter, any Council member may  
23 individually request a postponement of consideration of the resolution to the next scheduled  
24 regular meeting without the need for a formal motion or vote of the Council in order to effect the  
25 postponement. After allowing for Council discussion of the resolution, the President shall grant the  
26 request unless to do so would cause action on the resolution to be delayed beyond the 30-day  
27 deadline for action on the resolution as set forth in subsection 3.2.6 (F) of the Charter. No  
28 resolution may be postponed more than once under this Rule ~~3.76~~.

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30 Nothing herein shall affect the authority of any Council member to move for postponement of a  
31 resolution to a date certain under Rule 6.3(~~e~~), and any such motion shall take precedence over an  
32 individual request for postponement made under this Rule ~~3.76~~.

1           **Section 4.** That Rule 4 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by  
2 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

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4   **Rule 4.       Public Hearings.**

5           4.1   REGISTERING TO SPEAK. All persons wishing to address Council at a public hearing  
6 shall register their intention to do so online, by phone, or in person at the City Council central  
7 office. Registration begins on the Friday preceding the council meeting at 10:00 A.M. Sign-up  
8 closes ~~when Council reconvenes from recess~~ at 3:00 p.m. on the day of the council meeting. The  
9 Council President has discretion in allowing registration for required public hearings after sign-up  
10 closes.

11          4.2   TIME LIMITS; EXCEPTIONS. Before the hearing begins, the President shall announce a  
12 time limitation of three minutes for individual speakers, and all registered speakers shall strictly  
13 adhere to such limitation, with the following exceptions:

14          (a)   A speaker may answer questions from Council members outside the three-minute  
15 time limit.

16          (b)   Additional time may be given to accommodate disability or language translation.

17          (c)   A time limit longer or shorter than three minutes per speaker may be established  
18 upon affirmative vote of a majority of members present.

19          (d)   A speaker may not yield ~~his or her~~ time to another, except as provided in Rule 4.6(b).

20          (e)   An owner and applicant, or their representative, participating in a hearing subject to  
21 Rule 4.6(a).

22          4.6   LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS. The following special procedures shall govern for  
23 preservation designations:

24          (a)   *Structure Designation.* Prior to ~~general public comment~~ testimony at the public  
25 hearing, the President shall grant the owner and the applicant, or their representatives, time to  
26 present their case for or against preservation.

27          (b)   *District Designation.* Speakers who own property or reside in the district may yield  
28 time to allow a sole representative to speak for the owners or residents during the public hearing.

29          4.7.   COMBINED PUBLIC HEARINGS. When legally allowable, the President has the discretion  
30 to allow for two or more public hearings to be considered in block. Combined public hearings may  
31 be considered separately with the discretion of the President.

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33           **Section 5.** That Rule 5 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by  
34 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

1 **Rule 5. Course of Bills and Resolutions.**

2 5.1 FILING DEADLINE. All proposed resolutions and bills for ordinances shall be filed with  
3 the Council Secretary no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursdays (or, if Thursday is a legal holiday,  
4 then 12:00 Noon on Wednesday). Any proposed resolution or bill for an ordinance filed after this  
5 deadline shall constitute a late filing and shall be subject to Rule 7.6. ~~Code §13-1113-3(a)-(b); §13-~~  
6 ~~6(b),(d).~~

7 5.3 EXPLANATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS. Every bill and resolution shall be  
8 accompanied by a written statement from the appropriate department head or the City Attorney  
9 clearly explaining its contents, need, and what it is designed to accomplish; provided, however,  
10 that any member of Council may file a bill or resolution without such a statement. ~~Code §13-12.~~

11 5.4 POSTING OF AGENDA. All bills or resolutions filed by the deadline in their entirety, or  
12 filed in less than their entirety with the approval of the President, shall be assigned a number and  
13 be placed on the agenda for the following ~~Monday night~~ meeting. The agenda shall be posted and  
14 copies of the agenda shall be distributed to all members of Council no later than Friday.

15 5.5 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS. The titles of all bills filed by the deadline,  
16 and any late filings approved for consideration as provided for in Rule 7.6, shall be read by the  
17 Secretary at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

18 5.6 COMMITTEE ACTION ON BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS. Upon receipt of any request for  
19 Council approval of any ordinance or resolution, or upon referral of any bill or resolution by the  
20 President as provided in Rule 5.5, the matter shall be assigned to the appropriate Standing  
21 Committee established pursuant to Rule 10.

22 (a) *Action by consent.* At the discretion of the committee chair, any matter assigned to a  
23 committee for action may be approved on consent without convening a meeting of the committee  
24 to discuss and act on the matter. Any matter proposed by the chair for approval on consent shall  
25 be placed on a publicly available Committee consent agenda and circulated to all members of the  
26 committee regularly. If no member of council has requested that the matter be removed from the  
27 consent agenda and scheduled for action in a committee meeting, according to current Council  
28 protocol, the matter shall be deemed to be approved by unanimous consent of the committee for  
29 forwarding to the full Council. In order for a called out item to be scheduled as an action item at the  
30 same meeting, members shall submit their call-outs at least 48 hours prior to the committee  
31 meeting. If a member calls out an item off the consent agenda after that deadline, the item that is  
32 called out will be placed on the agenda as an action item for a subsequent committee meeting.

33 5.9 RE-REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE. Any matter referred by a committee to Council for action

1 may be re-referred to committee ~~for further discussion or reconsideration~~ by a vote of a majority of  
2 the members present and voting.

3 5.10 POSTPONEMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS. To the extent Council has provided by law for the  
4 approval by ~~resolution~~ bill of any matter submitted to the Council under Sec. 3.2.6 of the Charter,  
5 any Council member may individually request that the ~~resolution~~ bill be postponed to the next  
6 regularly scheduled Council meeting. After allowing for Council discussion of the ~~resolution~~ bill, the  
7 President shall grant the request unless to do so would cause action on the ~~resolution~~ bill to be  
8 delayed beyond the 30-day deadline as set forth in subsection 3.2.6 (F) of the Charter. No  
9 ~~resolution~~ bill may be postponed more than once. Nothing herein shall affect the authority of any  
10 Council member to move for re-referral of a ~~resolution~~ bill under Rule 5.9, and any such motion  
11 shall take precedence over an individual request for postponement under this Rule.  
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13 **Section 6.** That Rule 6 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by  
14 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

15 **Rule 6. Form of Motions.**

16 6.3 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS. When a question is pending ~~shall be under debate~~, no  
17 other motion shall be entertained except the following procedural motions, ~~which shall take~~  
18 ~~precedence in the order named and which shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of~~  
19 ~~members present and voting:~~

20 (a) Incidental Motions.

21 The following procedural motions (incidental motions) may be made when a question is pending  
22 and do not have an order of precedence among each other:

- 23 (1) To raise a question of order.
- 24 (2) To appeal.
- 25 (3) To make a factual or parliamentary inquiry.
- 26 (4) To modify or withdraw a motion.
- 27 (5) To raise a matter of privilege.
- 28 (6) To suspend the rules (generally or for a late filing).
- 29 (7) To divide a question (other than a combined public hearing).

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31 These incidental motions take precedence over all other procedural motions, except they may yield  
32 to a motion to adjourn immediately. If there is more than one incidental motion pending, the  
33 incidental motion that is made most recently will be considered first.

34 (b) Other secondary motions (Privileged and Subsidiary).

1 The following procedural motions may be made which shall take precedence in the order named  
2 and which shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of members present and voting:

- 3 (1) To adjourn to a date certain.
- 4 (2) To adjourn immediately.
- 5 (3) To take a recess.
- 6 (4) To take up a question out of its proper order.
- 7 (5) For the previous question.
- 8 (6) To postpone to a day certain.
- 9 (7) To request to postpone under Rule 3.6 or Rule 5.10.
- 10 (8) To refer or re-refer to the committee.
- 11 (9) To amend the pending question. ~~To amend or substitute for a procedural motion~~  
12 ~~listed above.~~

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14 All motions listed immediately above shall require a majority of those present and voting to adopt,  
15 except to request to postpone under Rule 3.6 or Rule 5.10; and to recess to go into executive  
16 session; and to amend a bill or resolution.

17 (c) Amendability of procedural motions.

18 The following procedural motions may be amended, with limitations provided in the organization's  
19 adopted parliamentary authority. An amendment cannot be made to substitute one form of  
20 procedural motion with another. An amendment to a procedural motion will apply to it and therefore  
21 have higher precedence:

- 22 (1) To set up an adjourned meeting.
- 23 (2) To take a recess.
- 24 (3) To postpone to a day certain.
- 25 (4) To refer or re-refer to the committee.
- 26 (5) To amend the pending question.
- 27 (6) To divide a question (other than a combined public hearing).

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29 6.5. RIGHT OF MOVANT. A movant may speak or vote against his or her their own motion.

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31 **Section 7.** That Rule 7 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by  
32 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

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34 **Rule 7. Special Parliamentary Rules.**

1 7.2 ROLL CALL VOTES. The following rules shall govern roll call votes:

2 (a) Voting shall be in the form of “Aye” or “Nay” and the names of those voting for or  
3 against, as well as absences and abstentions, ~~and~~ shall be entered in the Minutes.

4 (b) An abstention shall not be considered as an affirmative or negative vote nor shall it  
5 be considered a vote when the rules require a majority present and voting or require a specific  
6 percentage of those present and voting. Abstention is proper only when a member has a  
7 perceived, potential or actual legal conflict of interest under city laws.

8 (c) Any member may explain ~~his or her~~ their vote.

9 (d) Any member may pass ~~his or her~~ their turn to vote, in which case the member will be  
10 called upon before the president’s turn to vote ~~the voting is complete~~, at which time the member  
11 must vote “Aye” or “Nay” or abstain.

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13 7.3 QUESTIONS OF ORDER. Questions of order shall not be debatable, ~~except in the course~~  
14 ~~of~~ Aan appeal from the decision of the President is debatable, subject to Council Rule 9.5.

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16 7.4 QUESTIONS DECIDED WITHOUT DEBATE. The following questions shall be decided  
17 without debate:

18 (a) To adjourn ~~Adjournment~~ to a date certain.

19 (b) To adjourn immediately.

20 (c) To take ~~Taking~~ a recess.

21 (d) To take up a question out of its proper order. ~~Questions relating to the priority of~~  
22 ~~business.~~

23 (e) Moving For the question.

24 (f) To raise a question of order.

25 (g) To request to postpone under Rule 3.6 or Rule 5.10.

26 (h) To make a factual or parliamentary inquiry.

27 (i) To withdraw a motion.

28 (j) To raise a matter of privilege.

29 (k) To divide a question.

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31 Any procedural motions where debate is allowed are subject to any limitations under the  
32 organization’s parliamentary authority.

33 7.7 GENERAL SUSPENSION OF THE RULES. Except for a late filing, these rules and any rules  
34 applicable to council under the council’s adopted parliamentary authority may be suspended by a

1 two-thirds vote of all members present and voting, with limitations provided under the council's  
2 adopted parliamentary authority.

3 7.9 PROCLAMATIONS. Any member or members of Council may sponsor and introduce a  
4 proclamation to express the sense of Council on any matter of concern to the body. The  
5 sponsoring member(s) must indicate whether the proclamation is of such import that it must be  
6 read into the record individually at a Council meeting. All other proclamations must be voted on in  
7 block. By way of example, proclamations may be adopted for the honorary recognition of persons  
8 and events, or for purpose of communicating the sense of Council on legislative or policy concerns  
9 to other government officials or to the public at large. Proclamations may not be used by the  
10 Council to take any official action. The title of all proclamations shall be filed by the filing deadline  
11 in Rule 5.1 unless the filing deadline is waived by the President. Any proclamation that is intended  
12 to communicate the sense of Council on legislative or policy concerns including, by way of  
13 example, proclamations that express a position of the Council on any state or federal legislation or  
14 on any state or local ballot issue, should be scheduled for discussion in the appropriate committee  
15 of reference prior to filing; provided, however, no committee vote shall be taken on the  
16 proclamation. The full text of any proclamations shall be distributed to all Council members prior to  
17 a vote by Council on the proclamation, and the proclamation shall be read into the record by the  
18 Secretary or by the Council member(s) who sponsored and introduced the proclamation. The  
19 President may waive the reading of the proclamation in part. Acceptance remarks are limited to  
20 five minutes. No more than two proclamations per session (See Rule 3.3) shall be considered  
21 separately at any Council meeting unless the President approves a greater number.

22 7.11. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. Before convening the regular meeting from  
23 recess, the Council shall conduct a televised one-half hour general public comment session during  
24 which persons may address the Council on any matter of city concern, except for any matter that is  
25 scheduled for either a formal or a courtesy public hearing at that meeting or any future meeting of  
26 Council. Anyone wishing to comment on a matter scheduled for a public hearing shall be  
27 requested to reserve their comments until the hearing in question.

28 (a) Persons wishing to address Council at a general public comment session shall  
29 register their intention to do so online, by phone, or in person at the City Council central office  
30 beginning at ~~11:00~~10:00 a.m. on the Friday before the general public comment session.  
31 Registration period will end at 3:00 p.m. the day of the general public comment session. Speakers  
32 shall be recognized to speak in the order of registration by priority level. Speakers who have not  
33 addressed Council during a general public comment session in the previous 90 days will have first  
34 priority. Speakers who have not addressed Council at the general public comment session in the



1 previous week shall be given second priority. Those who spoke at the previous week's meeting will  
2 have third priority.

3 (b) Speakers at a general public comment session shall be limited to a maximum of  
4 three minutes unless a shorter time is set by the President in consideration of the number of  
5 speakers who have registered for the session. A speaker may not yield ~~his or her~~ time to another  
6 speaker. Additional time may be given to speakers to accommodate disability or language  
7 translation.

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

13 (d) Under no circumstances may members of the public participate from a moving  
14 vehicle.

15 7.12. EXECUTIVE SESSION. In accordance with section 2-34 of the Denver Revised Municipal  
16 Code, City Council may recess and enter into an executive session upon a two-thirds vote in open  
17 session of those members present. Unless otherwise excluded by the Members of City Council,  
18 only the Members of City Council, the Mayor, city attorney(s), and staff who are designated by City  
19 Council or the Mayor as essential to the executive session may be present. No staff person may  
20 attend in the place of a Council Members. Council Members may not disclose information  
21 discussed only in executive session to any person not present during the executive session.  
22 Council may set a time in its motion to recess and enter into executive session to exit out of  
23 executive session or to exit out of executive session at the call of the President. If a matter  
24 discussed in executive session is subsequently before City Council for formal action, nothing in this  
25 rule prohibits a Council Member from stating ~~his or her~~ their position or opinion on the matter, but  
26 the Council Member may not divulge confidential information received during the executive  
27 session.

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29 7.13. COMMITTEE PROCEDURES FOR RESOLUTIONS SEEKING COUNCIL CONSENT OF MAYORAL  
30 APPOINTEES.

31 (a) A resolution seeking Council consent of a Mayoral appointee under Charter §2.2.6  
32 (D) shall be placed on the consent agenda.

1 (b) In considering a Resolution seeking Council consent of a Mayoral appointee, a  
2 member may request that a resolution for consent be scheduled for action at committee provided  
3 that:

4 1. Such member has made every effort to meet with the proposed appointee upon  
5 receipt of the proposed appointee’s candidate packet and in advance of the committee meeting to  
6 resolve outstanding questions as set forth below in subsection 2 below;

7 2. Any questions of the proposed candidate shall be limited to the Mayoral appointee's  
8 academic credentials, training and experience, and qualifications or ability to perform the essential  
9 functions of the position for which the consent is sought. The consent process is not intended as a  
10 review of the Mayoral appointee selection process;

11 3. Members asking questions at committee shall each be allotted five minutes for  
12 questions of the appointee provided the Chair has discretion to extend such time; and,

13 4. Members shall keep confidential any information in the proposed appointee's  
14 candidate packet to the extent required by law. Any records subject to disclosure under the  
15 Colorado Open Records Act will be handled by the appropriate custodian and not unilaterally  
16 released by any member in any forum including social media.  
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18 **Section 8.** That Rule 8 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by  
19 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:  
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21 **Rule 8. Officers.**

22 8.1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. At the meeting on the third Monday of July of each year,  
23 except when a Council seat is vacant, the order of business shall be:

24 (a) Election of a President as provided in §3.3.1 of the Charter, who shall hold office until  
25 the third Monday of July of the ensuing year, or until a successor is duly elected, whichever is later.

26 (b) Election of a President Pro Tempore who shall serve without additional compensation  
27 and who shall hold office until the third Monday of July of the ensuing year, or until a successor is  
28 duly elected, whichever is later.

29 (c) The election of Council officers shall be conducted as follows:

30 1. Candidates for the office of President of Council, and of President Pro  
31 Tempore, shall be nominated from the floor, separately, before the election for each office.

32 2. No second to a nomination shall be required.

33 3. The nominations shall be closed by a declaration by the presiding officer after  
34 the presiding officer asks for further nominations and receives no reply.

1           4.       The election for each office shall be in the form of a roll call election in which  
2 each member of Council, when called upon, declares ~~his or her~~ their vote for a candidate.

3           5.       An eligible person receiving a vote for an office need not have been  
4 nominated.

5           6.       No nominee shall be removed from consideration unless ~~he or she~~ the  
6 nominee withdraws.

7           7.       The candidate receiving at least seven votes for each office will be declared  
8 elected to that office by the presiding officer, after the verification by the Council Secretary of the  
9 votes cast.

10         (d)       If a Council seat is vacant at the time of the regularly scheduled election, the election  
11 for President and President Pro Tempore shall take place at the first regular Council meeting after  
12 every seat on the Council is filled.

13         8.2       POWERS AND DUTIES OF PRESIDENT. The President shall be the presiding officer and  
14 shall have the following powers and perform the following duties:

15         (d)       The President may speak to a motion to Appeal ~~points of order~~ in preference to other  
16 members.

17         (n)       As a member of council, the Council President has all the rights as every other  
18 council member, including the rights to debate and sponsor items. The Council President shall vote  
19 last during roll call.

20         8.3       PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE. In the absence of the President, upon ~~his or her~~ the  
21 President's inability to act, or upon the request of the President, the President Pro Tempore shall  
22 preside and shall have all of the powers and authority of the President.

23         8.4       OTHER PRESIDING OFFICER.

24         (a)       For brief periods during meetings the President may designate any member to  
25 preside in the temporary absence or inability to act of the President or President Pro Tempore. The  
26 President may designate another member to preside if they and the President Pro Tempore are  
27 both attending the meeting virtually.

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29         **Section 9.** That Rule 9 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by  
30 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

31         **Rule 9.       Rights and Restrictions of Members.**

32         9.1       ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS. If any member of Council shall be absent for three  
33 successive regular sessions and fail to attend the fourth meeting, unless excused by a vote of the

1 Council, the member shall cease to be a member and ~~his or her~~ the position-place shall be filled as  
2 though a vacancy had occurred. *Charter §3.1.6.*

3 9.2 RECOGNITION – SPEAKING.

4 (a) No member calling to speak, debate, give a notice, make a motion, submit a report,  
5 or for any other purpose, shall proceed until the member asks to be recognized and is recognized  
6 by the President, whereupon the member may proceed to address the Council from ~~his or her~~ their  
7 desk, or from a central microphone.

8 9.3 VOTING - ABSTAINING - CHANGING VOTE.

9 (a) Every member within Council Chambers when the President states a question may  
10 vote on the question, but a member shall not be obliged to vote on a question unless ~~he or she is~~  
11 they are in the Council Chambers when the vote is called.

12 (b) ~~Any member may abstain from voting on any question.~~ Any member who has an  
13 immediate and direct personal or financial interest in any bill or measure pending before the  
14 Council shall disclose this fact to the Council and shall abstain from voting on the question except  
15 when advised by the city attorney that the rule of necessity applies. *Charter §1.2.9; Code §2-61-2-*  
16 55.

17 (c) A member may change ~~his or her~~ their vote up to the time the result is finally  
18 announced, but not thereafter.

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20 **Section 10.** That Rule 10 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended  
21 by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

22 **Rule 10. Committees.**

23 10.5 SUBPOENA POWER. ~~For the purpose of gathering information on which to base its~~  
24 ~~reports,~~ Council or any committee duly authorized by Council shall have the power to compel the  
25 attendance and testimony of witnesses, and the production of books, records and documents, and  
26 to do all things necessary and needful in connection with the preparation and making of ~~such~~  
27 reports. *Charter §3.2.3; Code § 13-10.*

28 10.6 ~~PUBLIC COMMENT.~~ COMMITTEE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. For committee meetings where  
29 proposed changes to the municipal code or policy are discussed, there will be a fifteen-minute  
30 ~~public comment period~~ testimony on the measure with two minutes per speaker, unless extended  
31 at the discretion of the chair. The order of speakers is determined by the committee chair.  
32 Registration for public testimony in committees begins at 10:00 a.m. on the Friday preceding the  
33 committee meeting. Registration to speak closes thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the  
34 committee meeting. The committee chair has discretion to approve registrations after the deadline.

1 Committee testimony ~~Public comment~~ will not be permitted on an appointment or confirmation of  
2 an appointment to any board or commission or to any other office or position of employment for  
3 which council is the appointing or consenting authority. For all other items scheduled at committee,  
4 the public testimony ~~public comment~~ at a committee meeting is within the discretion of the  
5 committee chair if the matter is within the purview of the specific committee or the full council and  
6 the matter is not scheduled for a required public hearing.

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8 **Section 11.** That Rule 12 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended  
9 by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

10 **Rule 12. Decorum.**

11 12.3 DECORUM OF THE PUBLIC. During City Council meetings and committee meetings, the  
12 following rules apply to the public:

13 (d) An attendee must silence ~~his or her~~ their cell phone, pager, tablet, computer or any  
14 other electronic device so as to avoid disrupting the meeting.

15 12.4 ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC DECORUM. The presiding officer of Council or the committee  
16 chair, as applicable, is responsible for maintaining the order and decorum of meetings. These  
17 enforcement rules are in addition to the authority held by the sergeant-at-arms, if any, or any other  
18 peace officer or fire marshal in attendance.

19 (d) If an attendee is removed from the Council Chambers or committee room, the  
20 attendee may not attend any remaining portion of the meeting from which ~~he or she was~~ they were  
21 removed without permission granted upon motion adopted by a majority vote of the Council  
22 members in attendance.

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24 In addition to any other authority of the presiding officer or chair, the presiding officer ~~may~~  
25 may call a recess during which time the members of the Council may be instructed by the  
26 President to leave the meeting room.

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28 **Section 12.** That Rule 13 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended  
29 by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

30 **Rule 13. Censure.**

31 13.1 Censure is a disciplinary procedure that may be imposed upon a member of the  
32 Denver City Council for violating the Denver Charter, Denver Revised Municipal Code, or an  
33 officially adopted Council policy, in accordance with the following process:

1 (b) If requested by a councilmember, the Council Secretary, in consultation with  
2 legislative counsel, must prepare the censure resolution. The resolution may be accompanied by  
3 any reports for the City Council agenda for the next council meeting. The Secretary must provide  
4 the reports to the councilmember who is the subject of the censure before ~~he or she places~~they  
5 place the resolution on the agenda.

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7 **Section 13.** That Rule 14 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended  
8 by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

9 **Rule 14. Amendment of Rules.**

10 14.1 These rules, or any part thereof, may be amended, repealed, altered, or rescinded by  
11 the majority vote of Council, ~~but they shall not be amended, repealed, altered, or rescinded without~~  
12 ~~one week's notice of the intended resolution. Such notice shall be given at a regular meeting of~~  
13 ~~Council.~~

14 14.2 Any amendment to these rules shall, ~~after the notice required above,~~ be filed as a  
15 resolution, in the manner prescribed in these rules for resolutions.

16 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: April 2, 2024

17 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A

18 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_

19 \_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT

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

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24 PREPARED BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: March 29, 2024

25 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed resolution has been reviewed by the Office of  
26 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed  
27 resolution. The proposed resolution is **not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to  
28 §3.2.6 of the Charter.

29 Kerry Tipper, City Attorney

30 BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: Apr 4, 2024