

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor’s Legislative Team

at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**. Contact the Mayor’s Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 1/28/2019

Please mark one: x **Bill Request** or **Resolution Request**

1. Type of Request:

Contract/Grant Agreement **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)** **Rezoning/Text Amendment**

Dedication/Vacation **Appropriation/Supplemental** **DRMC Change**

x **Other:** New Special Revenue Fund

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.)

Establishes a Special Revenue Fund to receive sales tax revenue for the administration of the Caring for Denver program, per article XIV of Chapter 24 of the DRMC, as amended through Initiated Ordinance 301 in the November 2018 election, and appropriates \$37,014,414 for 2019.

3. Requesting Agency: Department of Finance, Budget and Management Office

4. Contact Person:

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

In November 2018, Denver voters approved Initiated Ordinance Number 301, which increased the sales tax rate by 0.25% starting January 1, 2019 to fund mental health services and treatment for children and adults; suicide prevention programs; opioid and substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery programs; and facilities and programs for those with mental health and substance abuse needs, including housing, joint efforts of first-responders and mental health experts, and training for first responders. The funds can be used to reduce homelessness, improve long-term recovery, and reduce the use of jails and emergency rooms, provided that the new fund shall not supplant existing funding sources for mental health programs in Denver.

This bill request establishes the Caring for Denver Special Revenue Fund, Fund Number 14810 in the Public Health Fund Series, to receive the sales tax revenue from the incremental increase in the sales tax rate of 0.25% and to administer the program, which will be managed by a non-profit entity. The expending authority for the fund will be the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment. The cost center will be 6501600.

The fund will be appropriated and lapsing. However, to ensure that the correct amount of revenue is dedicated to the voter-approved program, the amount appropriated each year shall be increased or decreased by the difference between (1) the prior year’s appropriation that was based upon estimated revenues and (2) the actual revenues received in the prior year as determined by the annual audit of the City’s financial statements, per year-end close. A cap on administrative costs will be applied per article XIV of Chapter 24 of the DRMC. This bill request also appropriates \$37,014,414 to the fund for 2019.

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

7. City Council District: All

To be completed by Mayor’s Legislative Team:

Resolution/Bill Number: BR19 0081

Date Entered: _____