

# DRMC CHAPTER 15 PROPOSED CHANGES

## DENVER ELECTIONS DIVISION

*Office of the Clerk and Recorder*

### BACKGROUND

Currently, Chapter 15 of Denver Revised Municipal Code contains outdated definitions, fails to require any disclosure of contributions for independent expenditures and electioneering communications, and lacks fines for non-compliance with deadlines.

The proposed ordinance is being brought forward now so the changes will be in place prior to the next Municipal General Election in 2019 and to provide time to update the online campaign finance portal to reflect the legislative changes.



### REVISIONS



- Clarifies various definitions, such as Candidate Committee and Election Cycle
- Delineates between Issue and Political Committees
- Clarifies reporting requirements
- Moves the filing deadline from 5:00 pm to 11:59 pm
- Removes obsolete terms based on definition clarifications

### ADDITIONS

- Creates the definition of Electioneering Communications
- Creates the definition of Independent Expenditures
- Creates a reporting structure for Electioneering Communications and Independent Expenditures
- Establishes a \$50 per day fining structure if a filer misses a filing deadline, which a fined entity may appeal for a reduction or waiver
- Creates more frequent campaign finance reporting intervals during non-election years



### CONNECT

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