

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO.
SERIES OF 2025

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB25-XXXX
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

For an ordinance amending Denver Revised Municipal Code Section 2-428 concerning the purposes and allowed uses of monies in the city disposable bag fee fund.

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

Section 1. That Section 2-428 of Denver Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken below and adding the language underlined below to read as follows:

Sec. 2-428. Purposes and allowed uses of monies in city disposable bag fee fund.

Monies from the disposable bag fee shall be used to defray the costs to the city for administering the disposable bag fee program and related activities, which may include the following specific uses:

- a. Administrative costs associated with developing, implementing, and administering the disposable bag fee;
- b. Costs to Provide reusable carryout bags to residents and visitors;
- c. Educateion for residents, businesses, and visitors about the requirements of the program and impact of disposable bags on the city's environmental health, the importance of reducing the number of disposable plastic bags and other single-use products entering the waste stream, and the expenses associated with mitigating the effects of disposable bags on the city's drainage system, transportation system, wildlife and environment;
- d. Fund programs and infrastructure that allow the city to reduce waste associated with disposable bags and other single-use products;
- e. Purchase and installe Equipment designed to minimize bag pollution, including, recycling containers, and waste receptacles associated with disposable bags and other single-use products;
- f. Fund community cleanup events and other activities that reduce trash associated with disposable bags and single-use products;
- g. Mitigate Mitigation for the effects of disposable bags and single-use products on the city's drainage system, transportation system, wildlife, and environment;
- h. Conduct studies of disposable bag usage and the impact of the disposable bag fee in Denver;

1 i. Studies on waste reduction, reuse and recycling systems, material flow,
2 economic and greenhouse gas impacts of circularity, lifecycle assessments, and end markets;

3 j. ~~Maintain~~ Maintenance of a public website and educational programs and
4 resources that educate ~~residents~~ community members on the progress of waste reduction
5 efforts associated with disposable bags, and single-use products, circularity, and citywide
6 waste policies;

7 k. ~~Develop a task force to analyze the data and impact, and to recommend~~
8 ~~improvements.~~

9 k. Programs, policies, events, and infrastructure to advance Denver's circular
10 economy, such as reuse and repair initiatives;

11 l. Programs, policies, and infrastructure that support local and regional end
12 markets for diverted materials;

13 m. Education, coordination, resources, and compliance-related support for citywide
14 universal recycling and composting requirements impacting multi-family and commercial
15 properties, permitted events, and construction and demolition projects; and

16 n. Special or catalytic investments into the city's residential solid waste programs
17 that support citywide waste diversion goals.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: **TBD**
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: **TBD**
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____,
4 _____ - PRESIDENT
5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____,
6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST: _____ ; _____,
10 PREPARED BY: Kristin Brainerd, Assistant City Attorney DATE: **TBD**
11 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
12 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
13 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
14 3.2.6 of the Charter.
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16 Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney
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18 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____,