

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2026

COUNCIL BILL NO. 25-2156
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Parks, Arts & Culture

5 **A BILL**

6 **For an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Revised Municipal Code of the City**
7 **and County of Denver by amending Article VIII, Division 3 and repealing Article XXI**
8 **to consolidate the Office of Special Events into Denver Arts and Venues.**

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

11 **Section 1.** Section 2-193 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code shall be amended by adding
12 the language underlined to read as follows:

13 **Sec. 2-193. – Powers and Duties**

14 (21) Serve the public in coordinating various application processes and multiple city
15 departments responsible for administering and enforcing applicable permits, ordinances and rules and
16 regulations necessary for conducting public permitted events, including but not limited to, festivals,
17 road races, film and any other public permitted events; and

18 (22) Review permit applications for public permitted events and filming operations on city-
19 owned property, and approving, approving with conditions, or denying same. For purposes of this
20 division, the term “public permitted event” means a temporary pre-planned gathering held on public
21 property owned by the city and county, open to the public, involving permitting by, and coordination of,
22 multiple city agencies. The term “public permitted event” as used herein, hereby expressly excludes
23 passive or continuous activation of public space including programs operated by Denver, and
24 expansions of established business operations such as patio dining or sidewalk sales, and any other
25 activation or expansion deemed by the Executive Director not to be a public permitted event.

26 **Section 2.** Division 3 of Article VIII, Chapter 2 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code is
27 hereby amended by adding the following section 2-195:

28 **Sec. 2-195. - Unlawful acts.**

29 It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the rules or regulations promulgated
30 pursuant to this division.

31 **Section 3.** Division 3 of Article VIII, Chapter 2 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code is
32 hereby amended by adding the following section 2-196:

33 **Sec. 2-196. Repeal of article XXI, Chapter 2 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code.**

34 Article XXI, Office of Special Events, of this chapter 2 is hereby repealed. Any amendments to

1 this division 3 that assume the powers and duties of repealed article XXI shall, as of the effective date
2 of this amendment, without further amendment to any ordinance, contracts, rules, regulations,
3 executive orders, policies or procedures be deemed to assign the functions, powers, and duties in all
4 ordinances, contracts, rules, regulations, executive orders, policies or procedures from the prior office
5 of special events to Denver arts and venues, unless specifically amended or canceled within thirty (30)
6 days of the effective date by the director. Unless specifically canceled, the ordinances, contracts,
7 rules, regulations, executive orders, policies or procedures shall otherwise remain in full force and
8 effect.

9 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: January 6, 2026

10 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: January 13, 2026

11 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____

12 _____ - PRESIDENT

13 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____

14 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
15 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
16 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

17 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST _____ ; _____

18 PREPARED BY: Nathan J. Lucero, Assistant City Attorney DATE: January 15, 2026

19 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
20 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
21 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
22 § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

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24 Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney

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26 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____