

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by 9 a.m. Friday. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Please mark one: ☒ Bill Request or ☐ Resolution Request

Date of Request: 6/18/25 _____

Please mark one: The request directly impacts developments, projects, contracts, resolutions, or bills that involve property and impact within .5 miles of the South Platte River from Denver's northern to southern boundary? (Check map [HERE](#))

☒ Yes ☐ No

1. Type of Request:

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

☐ Dedication/Vacation ☐ Appropriation/Supplemental ☐ DRMC Change

Other: Ordinance to Refer Franchise Agreement to Denver Voters

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.)

A bill for an ordinance submitting to a vote of the qualified and registered electors of the City and County of Denver at a special municipal election to be held in conjunction with the general election of November 4, 2025, a proposed public franchise agreement with Xcel Energy.

3. Requesting Agency: DOTI

4. Contact Person:

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| Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution (e.g., subject matter expert) | Contact person for council members or mayor-council |
| Name: Shannon Gifford, Mayor's Office | Name: Nicholas Williams, DOTI |
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5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

Every 20 years, CCD and Xcel Energy renew their public franchise agreement, which is a contract between CCD and Xcel Energy outlining public benefits and granting Xcel the right to use Denver's public right-of-way to install, maintain and repair infrastructure and facilities to deliver utility services. The current expires at the end of 2026, and CCD and Xcel Energy have negotiated a new agreement for council approval to refer to Denver voters for approval in the November 2025 election.

The public franchise agreement grants Xcel Energy the non-exclusive right to use Denver's right-of-way and Airport property to build the infrastructure needed to provide electricity, gas, steam and chilled water to the city – its homes, businesses, and public spaces. The franchise agreement also regulates operational matters pertaining to traffic signals and streetlights managed in partnership with Xcel Energy.

The public franchise agreement does not set utility rates and does not govern Xcel Energy's plans, designs or builds of utility infrastructure.

Significant public benefits delivered through the city's partnership with Xcel Energy include:

- Efficient public construction projects that reduce costs and minimize disruptions
- Energy assistance and efficiency programs that help residents manage costs
- Repairs to traffic signals and streetlights that keep Denver communities safe

Additional information is also available at www.denvergov.org/xcel

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): John McGrath, Charles Solomon

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

Resolution/Bill Number: _____

Date Entered: _____

7. **City Council District:** citywide

8. ****For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet****

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