

# ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto:MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by **3:00pm on Monday**. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 2/22/21

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

## 1. Type of Request:

- Contract//IGA/Grant Agreement**       **Rezoning/Map Amendment**       **Appointment**  
 **Dedication/Vacation**       **OHR Classification**       **Other:** Updates to business licenses

## 2. Title: (Include a concise, one sentence description – please include name of company or contractor and contract control number - that clearly indicates the type of request: **grant acceptance, contract execution, contract amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.**)

A bill for an ordinance relocating Denver's medical marijuana code into Chapter 6 and combining it with Denver's retail marijuana code, renaming Chapter 6 to Alcohol Beverages and Cannabis, providing for additional local license types authorized by state law, and making conforming amendments to the Code pursuant to state law.

## 3. Requesting Agency: Department of Excise and Licenses

## 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; include attached executive summary if more space needed:

This ordinance repeals and replaces Chapter 6, Article V – Denver Marijuana Code and relocates Denver's medical marijuana code into Chapter 6. The ordinance reimagines Denver's marijuana code using an equity lens. It includes updates to align with changes made in the 2019 sunset review of the state's marijuana code while maintaining strong protections for youth. The ordinance authorizes the issuance of delivery permits for delivery of medical and retail marijuana to private residences in alignment with the state's marijuana delivery framework created by the state legislature in 2019. Most notably, the ordinance enacts a social equity program for marijuana licensing. It removes the numerical cap on marijuana store and cultivation locations, instead requiring that until July 1, 2027, applicants must meet the state's definition of a social equity applicant in order to qualify for a license for a retail marijuana store, retail marijuana cultivation, retail or medical marijuana products manufacturer, or retail or medical marijuana transporter license. Until July 1, 2024, only transporters that qualify as social equity applicants may conduct deliveries on behalf of stores. Social equity applicants also qualify for waived application fees and reduced license fees. Finally, the ordinance requires the Department of Excise and Licenses to report to City Council in writing by July 1, 2023 on the operation of the marijuana delivery program and by July 1, 2026 on the exclusive issuance of licenses to social equity applicants.

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

## 7. **\*\*For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet\*\*** Not Applicable

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

Resolution/Bill Number: BR21 0216

Date Entered: \_\_\_\_\_