

BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2022

COUNCIL BILL NO. 22-0589
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance & Governance

A BILL

For an ordinance approving the 2015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Plan, the creation of the 2015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Area and the 2015 East Colfax Street Property Tax Increment Area and Sales Tax Increment Area.

10 **WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver ("City") is a consolidated city and county
11 government pursuant to Article XX, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Colorado; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Denver Urban Renewal Authority ("Authority") is a body corporate organized
13 by the Colorado Urban Renewal Law, §§ 31-25-101, *et seq.*, Colorado Revised Statutes ("Act"); and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City and the Authority are cooperating on the redevelopment of the 3015
15 East Colfax area in Denver and desire to create an urban redevelopment area through the adoption
16 of this 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Plan, as filed with the Denver City Clerk on the 23rd
17 day of May, 2022, under City Clerk Filing No. 20220062, to facilitate redevelopment of the area as
18 more fully set forth in the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Plan; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Authority has approved the 3015 East Colfax
20 Urban Redevelopment Plan and redevelopment of the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Area
21 as described in the 3015 East Colfax Redevelopment Plan (collectively and as further described in
22 the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Plan, the “3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment
23 Area”); and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Authority has approved the creation of the
25 Property Tax Increment Area and the Sales Tax Increment Area, as each term is defined in the 2015
26 East Colfax Redevelopment Plan; and

27 **WHEREAS**, there has been prepared and referred to the Council of the City and County of
28 Denver ("City Council") for its consideration and approval a copy of the 3015 East Colfax Urban
29 Redevelopment Plan;

30 **WHEREAS**, the Denver Planning Board, which is the duly designated and acting official
31 planning body of the City, has submitted to the City Council its report respecting the 3015 East Colfax
32 Urban Redevelopment Plan for the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Area. The City Council
33 duly considered the report of the Planning Board; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the requirements of § 31-25-107(9.5) of the Act, School
2 District No. 1 in the City and County of Denver and State of Colorado ("DPS") has entered into that
3 2015 East Colfax Intergovernmental Agreement with the Authority (the "DPS Agreement") and the
4 Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, doing business as the Mile High Flood District ("UDFCD")
5 has entered into that letter agreement with the Authority (the "UDFCD Agreement"); and

6 **WHEREAS**, after notice as required by Colorado Revised Statutes, a public hearing has been
7 held concerning the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Plan ("Public Hearing").

8 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
9 DENVER:**

10 **Section 1.** That it be and is hereby found and determined, based upon the evidence
11 presented at the Public Hearing, in the related Conditions Study, and testimony at the Public Hearing,
12 that the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Area consists of a "blighted area," which is
13 appropriate for one or more urban redevelopment projects according to the Act, and which, by reason
14 of the following factors, constitutes "blight" (as defined in the Act), constitutes an economic and social
15 liability, and is a menace to the public health, safety, morals and welfare: (i) slum, deteriorated, or
16 deteriorating structures, (ii) unsafe or unsanitary conditions, (iii) deterioration of site or other
17 improvements, and (iv) existence of health, safety or welfare factors requiring high levels of municipal
18 services or substantial physical underutilization or vacancy of sites, buildings, or other
19 improvements.

20 **Section 2.** That it be and is hereby found and determined that the 3015 East Colfax Urban
21 Redevelopment Plan conforms to the Denver Comprehensive Plan 2040, as supplemented, and is
22 necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development of the community in
23 accordance with sound planning standards and local community objectives.

24 **Section 3.** That it be and is hereby found and determined that the 3015 East Colfax Urban
25 Redevelopment Plan will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the City
26 as a whole, for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment
27 Area by private enterprise.

28 **Section 4.** That it be and is hereby found and determined that the conditions of blight in the
29 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Area constitute an economic and social liability and a
30 menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare.

31 **Section 5.** That if any individuals or families are displaced from dwelling units as a result of
32 adoption or implementation of the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Plan, a feasible method

exists for the relocation of those individuals or families in accordance with the Act.

Section 6. That if business concerns are displaced by the adoption or implementation of 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Plan, a feasible method exists for the relocation of those business concerns in accordance with the Act.

Section 7. That it be and is hereby found and determined that reasonable efforts have been taken by the Authority and the City to provide written notice of the Public Hearing to all property owners, residents and owners of business concerns in the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Area at least thirty (30) days prior to the date hereof.

Section 8. That it be and is hereby found and determined that no more than one hundred twenty (120) days have passed since the commencement of the Public Hearing for the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Plan.

Section 9. That it be and is hereby found and determined that the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Plan contains no property that was included in a previously submitted urban renewal plan that was not approved by the City Council.

Section 10. That it is hereby found and determined that the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Plan conforms to the Denver Comprehensive Plan 2040, as a whole, and is necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development of the community in accordance with sound planning standards and local community objectives.

Section 11. That it be and hereby is found that the DPS Agreement and the UDFCD Agreement satisfy of the requirements of § 31-25-107(9.5) of the Act.

Section 12. That the City and County of Denver can adequately finance any additional City and County of Denver infrastructure and services required to serve development within the 3015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Area for the period during which City and County of Denver property taxes are paid to the Authority.

Section 13. That the 2015 East Colfax Urban Redevelopment Plan, having been duly reviewed and considered, be and hereby is approved.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: May 24, 2022
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: May 31, 2022 by Consent
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 DAILY JOURNAL: _____ ; _____

10 PREPARED BY: Bradley T. Neiman, Assistant City Attorney DATE: June 2, 2022

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.

15 Kristin M. Bronson, Denver City Attorney

16 BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: Jun 1, 2022