

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF _____

COUNCIL BILL NO. 736
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

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5 A BILL
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7 For an ordinance concerning the public display and consumption of marijuana.

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9 WHEREAS, when Denver voters approved an initiated city ordinance on November 1, 2005
10 decriminalizing the possession of less than one ounce of marijuana by persons 21 years of age or
11 older under city laws, the ballot title and the measure itself indicated that the intent was to allow
12 only the “private adult use and possession of marijuana;” and

13 WHEREAS, when Denver voters approved an initiated city ordinance on November 6, 2007
14 to make “adult personal use” of marijuana the city’s “lowest law enforcement” priority, the measure
15 defined the term “adult personal use” to include only situations where “the marijuana is not used or
16 displayed in public” and the ballot title emphasized to the voters that the measure again applied
17 only to the “private use and possession of marijuana;” and

18 WHEREAS, when Denver and Colorado voters approved an initiated constitutional
19 amendment known as Amendment 64 on November 6, 2012 decriminalizing the possession of
20 less than one ounce of marijuana by persons 21 years of age or older,, the measure provided,
21 “nothing in this section shall permit consumption that is conducted openly and publicly;” and

22 WHEREAS, Amendment 64 also states, “Nothing in this section shall prohibit . . . any . . .
23 entity who occupies, owns or controls property from prohibiting or otherwise regulating the
24 possession, consumption, display, transfer, distribution, sale, transportation, or growing of
25 marijuana on or in that property;” and

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

29 **Section 1.** Subsection 38-175, D.R.M.C. shall be amended by adding the language
30 underlined, to read as follows:

31 **Sec. 38-175. Possession or consumption of ~~marihuana~~ marijuana.**

32 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one (21) to
33 possess one (1) ounce or less of ~~marihuana~~ marijuana. If such person is under

1 the age of eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the offense, no jail sentence
2 shall be imposed and any fine imposed may be supplanted by treatment as
3 required by the court.

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5 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to openly and publicly ~~display or consume one (1)~~
6 ounce or less of marihuana marijuana. ~~If such person is under the age of eighteen (18)~~
7 ~~years of age at the time of the offense, no jail sentence shall be imposed and the fine may~~
8 ~~be supplanted by treatment as required by the court.~~

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10 (1) The term "openly" means occurring or existing in a manner that is
11 unconcealed, undisguised, or obvious.

12 (2) The term "publicly" means:

13 (a) Occurring or existing in a public place; or

14 (b) Occurring or existing in any outdoor location where the
15 consumption of marijuana is clearly observable from a public
16 place.

17 (3) The term "public place" means a place to which the public or a
18 substantial number of the public have access, and includes but is not
19 limited to streets and highways, transportation facilities, schools, places
20 of amusement, parks, playgrounds, and the common areas of public
21 and private buildings or facilities.

22 (c) For the purposes of this section, section 38-175.5, and section 39-10, the term
23 "marihuana" or "marijuana" shall mean and include all parts of the plant-cannabis
24 sativa L., whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any
25 part of such plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or
26 preparation of such plant, its seeds, or its resins. It does not include fiber produced
27 from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, or the sterilized seed
28 of such plant which is incapable of germination, if these items exist apart from any
29 other item defined as "marihuana" in this section. "Marihuana" does not mean or
30 include marihuana concentrate as defined in this section.—of the genus cannabis
31 whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the
32 plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of
33 the plant, its seeds, or its resin, including marijuana concentrate. "Marijuana" does

1 not include industrial hemp, nor does it include fiber produced from the stalks, oil, or
2 cake made from the seeds of the plant, sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable
3 of germination, or the weight of any other ingredient combined with marijuana to
4 prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other product.

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6 ~~(d) For the purposes of this section, the term "marihuana marijuana concentrate"~~
7 ~~shall mean hashish, tetrahydrocannabinol, or any alkaloid, salt, derivative,~~
8 ~~preparation, compound, or mixture, whether natural or synthesized, of~~
9 ~~tetrahydrocannabinol.~~

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11 (d) It shall not be an offense under subsection (b) of this section if the consumption
12 of marijuana is occurring on private residential property and the person consuming
13 the marijuana is:

14 (1) An owner of the property; or

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16 (2) A person who has a leasehold interest in the property; or

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18 (3) Any other person who has been granted express or implied permission to
19 consume marijuana on the property by the owner or the lessee of the
20 property.

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22 (e) Any violation of subsection (b) of this section is hereby declared to be a non-
23 criminal violation and, upon an admission or finding or judgment of guilt or liability by
24 default or otherwise, the violator shall be subject to the following maximum penalties:

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27 (1) First violation: one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).

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29 (2) Second violation: five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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31 (3) Third and each subsequent violation: nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars
32 (\$999.00).

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35 **Section 2.** Section 39-10, D.R.M.C. shall be amended by adding the language underlined, to

1 read as follows:

2 **Sec. 39-10. Alcohol beverages and marijuana.**

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4 (a) It shall be unlawful, without legal authorization, to sell, serve, possess or consume
5 alcohol beverages at or within any park, parkway, mountain park or other recreational
6 facility.

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8 (b) It shall be unlawful, without legal authorization, for any person to possess or consume
9 alcohol beverages or 3.2 beer within fifty (50) feet of any roadway, playground, recreation
10 center, or swimming pool at or within any park, parkway, mountain park or other
11 recreational facility.

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13 (c) It shall be unlawful to consume, use, display, transfer, distribute, sell, or grow marijuana
14 at or within any park, parkway, mountain park or other recreational facility.

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16 (d) Any violation of subsection (c) of this section is hereby declared to be a non-
17 criminal violation and, upon an admission or finding or judgment of guilt or liability by
18 default or otherwise, the violator shall be subject to the following maximum penalties:

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21 (1) First violation: one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).

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23 (2) Second violation: five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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25 (3) Third and each subsequent violation: nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars
26 (\$999.00).

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30 **Section 3.** Division 3 of Article II of Chapter 38, D.R.M.C. shall be amended by the addition
31 of a new section 38-175.5, to read as follows.

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33 **Sec. 38-175.5. Marijuana prohibited on the 16th Street Pedestrian and Transit Mall and**
34 **adjacent streets.**

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1 (a) It shall be unlawful to consume, use, display, transfer, distribute, sell, or grow
2 marijuana on the 16th Street Pedestrian and Transit Mall or on any city-owned street or
3 sidewalk within a distance of one block from the 16th Street Pedestrian and Transit Mall.
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6 (b) For the purposes of this section, the 16th Street Pedestrian and Transit Mall shall
7 mean the portion of 16th Street between the west curb line of Broadway, and the
8 southeasterly curb line of Chestnut Street.
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10 (c) Any violation of subsection (a) of this section is hereby declared to be a non-
11 criminal violation and, upon an admission or finding or judgment of guilt or liability
12 by default or otherwise, the violator shall be subject to the following maximum
13 penalties:

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15 (1) First violation: one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).

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17 (2) Second violation: five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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19 (3) Third and each subsequent violation: nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars
20 (\$999.00).
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23 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: _____, 2013.

24 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: _____, 2013.

25 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2013

26 _____ - PRESIDENT

27 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2013

28 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
29 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
30 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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32 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2013; _____ 2013
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34 PREPARED BY: David W. Broadwell; DATE: November 12, 2013
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36 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the

1 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
2 ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
3 3.2.6 of the Charter.
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6 Douglas J. Friednash

7 City Attorney

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9 BY: _____, _____ City Attorney

10 DATE: _____

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