

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2026

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

A BILL

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

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

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

Sec. 2-193. – Powers and Duties

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

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

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

Sec. 2-195. - Unlawful acts.

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

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

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

Article XXI, Office of Special Events, of this chapter 2 is hereby repealed. Any amendments to this division 3 that assume the powers and duties of repealed article XXI shall, as of the effective date

of this amendment, without further amendment to any ordinance, contracts, rules, regulations, executive orders, policies or procedures be deemed to assign the functions, powers, and duties in all ordinances, contracts, rules, regulations, executive orders, policies or procedures from the prior office of special events to Denver arts and venues, unless specifically amended or canceled within thirty (30) days of the effective date by the director. Unless specifically canceled, the ordinances, contracts, rules, regulations, executive orders, policies or procedures shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: January 6, 2026

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: January 13, 2026

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL 1/26/2026

Signed by: Amanda P. Sandoval 96E1DC2C6B93472... - PRESIDENT

APPROVED: Signed by: Al Cardenas 7DB0ED659F8D4A6... - MAYOR 1/29/2026

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

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST _____ ; _____

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

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

Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney

BY: Signed by: Jonathan Griffin B622307D59DE47B..., Assistant City Attorney DATE: 1/15/2026 | 9:30 AM MST