

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto: MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by 9 a.m. Friday. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: April 29, 2026

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

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: Donation

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.)

Approves the donation of retired Denver Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit horse "Maverick" to the non-profit Ride and Shine Equine Assisted Therapy, citywide.

3. **Requesting Agency:** Denver Police Department

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution (e.g., subject matter expert)	Contact person for council members or mayor-council
Name: Sgt. Austen Munson/Claudia Duran/Esther Leach	Name: Sgt. Austen Munson/Claudia Duran/Esther Leach
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5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

Maverick was recently diagnosed with Cushing's disease, a progressive and incurable hormonal disorder that can cause lethargy, weight loss, and laminitis. Although the condition can be managed with medication and regular farrier care, Maverick's lameness prevents him from continuing daily patrol duties. His increasing veterinary and farrier needs would also create a financial strain for the City and the Mounted Patrol Unit.

Our veterinarian recommended Ride and Shine Equine Assisted Therapy in Gillette, Wyoming, a 501(c)(3) organization experienced in caring for horses with Cushing's disease. They utilize their horses in hippotherapy programs that support children with conditions such as cerebral palsy, autism, and brain injuries. Director Jamie Hendrix has confirmed they are willing to provide Maverick with a new home and can arrange transportation.

We recommend that Maverick be retired following seven years of dedicated service to the City of Denver.

6. **City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):** Troy Bratton

7. **City Council District:** Citywide

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

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

Resolution/Bill Number: _____

Date Entered: _____

Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):

N/A – Donation

Vendor/Contractor Name (including any dba's): Ride and Shine Equine Assisted Therapy

Contract control number (legacy and new): N/A

Location: Citywide

Is this a new contract? Yes No **Is this an Amendment?** Yes No **If yes, how many?** _____

Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):N/A

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):

<i>Current Contract Amount</i> (A)	<i>Additional Funds</i> (B)	<i>Total Contract Amount</i> (A+B)
N/A	N/A	N/A

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A

Scope of work:

Maverick has been diagnosed with Cushing's disease, which causes progressive lameness and requires increased veterinary and farrier care. He can no longer perform patrol duties, and his ongoing medical needs would create a financial strain on the unit. Ride and Shine Equine Assisted Therapy in Gillette, Wyoming, a qualified 501(c)(3) organization experienced with horses with Cushing's disease, has offered to take him. We recommend retiring Maverick after seven years of service to the City of Denver.

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? N/A

If not, why not?

Has this contractor provided these services to the City before? Yes No

Source of funds: N/A

Is this contract subject to: W/MBE DBE SBE XO101 ACDBE N/A

WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (construction, design, Airport concession contracts): N/A

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? N/A

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