

## 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

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

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Type of Request:**

- Contract/Grant Agreement**     **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)**     **Rezoning/Text Amendment**  
 **Dedication/Vacation**                       **Appropriation/Supplemental**                       **DRMC Change**  
 **Other:**

**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.)

Denver County Court moves to amend section 14-2(a), D.R.M.C. to increase the number of county judges from eighteen to nineteen.

**3. Requesting Agency:**

Denver County Court

**4. Contact Person:**

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Judge Theresa Spahn	Name: Kristin Wood
Email: <a href="mailto:theresa.spahn@denvercountycourt.org">theresa.spahn@denvercountycourt.org</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:kristin.wood@denvercountycourt.org">kristin.wood@denvercountycourt.org</a>

**5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:**

Over the course of the last thirty-five years, the Denver County Court has experienced a significant increase in annual filings and legislative impacts that have exponentially increased the workload of the Denver County Court. As a result of this impact, the Court submitted a bill request on October 14, 2019, seeking two additional judges; one for budget year 2020 and one for budget year 2021.

On December 2, 2019, City Council passed an ordinance increasing the Denver County Court from seventeen to eighteen judges for budget year 2020.

As part of the Court's American Recovery Program request, the Court sought funding for a nineteenth judge to address the case filing increase and legislative impacts mentioned above, in addition to addressing current and future backlog as a result of COVID-19. ARPA funding for a nineteenth judge was approved by City Council and the Court will not need additional funding in support of this request for 2022. The effective date of this ordinance will be November 1, 2021.

When citizens access the criminal justice system, they have a reasonable expectation that their time will be respected, and their case heard, that diversion options and specialized programming are explored and constitutional rights, such as the right to speedy trial, are met. A nineteenth judge will help us fulfill these access to justice rights and expectations.

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

Kristin Crawford

**7. City Council District:**

N/A

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

N/A

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