

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2026

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

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5 A BILL
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7 **For an ordinance amending Chapter 54 of the Revised Municipal Code,**
8 **concerning minor traffic infractions.**
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10 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

11 **Section 1.** That chapter 54, article II, division 1 of the Code shall be amended by deleting the
12 language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

13 **Sec. 54-23. – Minor Traffic Infractions.**

14 (a) Definitions.

15 (1) Immediate threat to public safety means behavior by a vehicle operator, or a vehicle
16 equipment defect, that is severe enough that it creates a substantial risk that a person will be injured,
17 or property will be damaged, if the vehicle is not stopped.

18 (b) Police officers shall not conduct vehicle stops for class A or class B traffic infractions, as
19 defined in D.R.M.C., §54-4, that do not pose an immediate threat to public safety unless officers are
20 acting upon articulable information in addition to the traffic violation, which may amount to reasonable
21 suspicion, regarding a crime such as:

22 (1) A violation of C.R.S. §42-4-301, or successor statute;

23 (2) A violation of D.R.M.C §54-126, C.R.S. §42-4-401, or successor statute;

24 (3) A violation of D.R.M.C., §54-159, C.R.S. §42-4-1105, or successor statute;

25 (4) A violation of C.R.S. §42-4-1601, et seq., or successor statutes;

26 (5) A violation of C.R.S. §18-12-101, et seq., or successor statutes;

27 (6) A violation of C.R.S. §18-4-201, et seq., or successor statutes;

28 (7) A violation of C.R.S. §18-18-405, or successor statute;

29 (8) A violation of C.R.S. §18-4-409, or successor statute;

30 (9) A crime with potential for or actual bodily injury,

31 (10) Any other similarly serious crime.

32 (c) Officers shall use their training, experience, and expertise to articulate the additional
33 information the officer used to initiate the stop.

34 (d) Any stop for a moving violation, where its commission could result in a traffic crash or

1 injury to a pedestrian, is authorized.

2 (e) Notwithstanding this section, the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to implement
3 policies to address the conduct of low-level traffic infractions, including reporting requirements and
4 discipline for an officer who violates this section.

5 (f) Reporting Requirements. By no later than [date x], the Department of Safety shall
6 maintain an information gathering system to facilitate easy and regular reporting. The chief of police
7 shall prepare written quarterly reports on vehicle stops conducted pursuant to this section. Copies of
8 quarterly reports shall be provided to the City Council, the Mayor, the manager of safety, the
9 independent monitor, and the citizen oversight board.

10 (g) Notification Requirements. The Chief of police and police commanders shall notify the
11 public and city council when a targeted enforcement directive pertaining to vehicle and traffic stops of a
12 specific area or a specific issue is given to the police force.

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14 **Secs. 54-2324—54-38. - Reserved.**

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16 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: _____, 2026.

17 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: _____, 2026.

18 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2026

19 _____ - PRESIDENT

20 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2026

21 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
22 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
23 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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25 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST _____ 2026; _____ 2026

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27 PREPARED BY:

DATE:

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

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36 BY: _____, _____ City Attorney DATE: _____