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Repeal of Sections 2-341 and 2-342 of Title II, Chapter 2, Article 16, D.R.M.C., regarding Geographic Information System, to repeal the requirement for licensing to third parties of Denver owned GIS data

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Geographic Information Systems Ordinance

- ▶ The GIS Ordinance amended the Denver Revised Municipal Code (*DRMC sections 2-341 & 2-342*) in 2004 to:
 - ▶ Establish requirements and procedures to be used by entities and individuals outside of the City for licensing of GIS data
 - ▶ Provide for the recovery of costs associated with the provision of the City's GIS data to members of the public



Intent of GIS Ordinance

- ▶ The primary intent of the ordinance was to:
 - ▶ Recover the incremental costs of providing GIS data to the public.
 - ▶ To recover a reasonable portion of the costs associated with building and maintaining the geographic information system.
- ▶ To protect sales of GIS data, the GIS Ordinance included a restrictive data license that limited all forms of sharing and reuse.



Findings

- ▶ A cost-benefit analysis was conducted in 2007 that found the return on investment was nominal primarily as a result of waived fees.
 - ▶ More than 60% of data fees were waived for entities working on behalf of the City of Denver on city projects.
- ▶ The revenues from licensing fees did not justify the continuation of the licensing program and the fee schedule was changed in 2008 to reduce the cost to \$0 for publicly available GIS data.



Ordinance Repeal

- ▶ As publicly available GIS data is no longer being sold, the terms provided for in the GIS Ordinance are now obsolete.
- ▶ It has been determined that it is in the best interests of the City and the community to have GIS data freely available as a public resource.



Questions?

