

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 15-0461
4 SERIES OF 2015

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance & Services

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6 **A RESOLUTION**

7 **Amending the Denver City Council Rules of procedure in regard to the**
8 **postponement or re-referral to committee of resolutions submitted to Council**
9 **for approval of any matter arising under Section 3.2.6 of the Charter.**
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11 WHEREAS, § 3.3.2 of the Charter authorizes the City Council to make rules governing its
12 procedures; and

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14 WHEREAS, Sec. 13-11.5 (a)(2), D.R.M.C. provides that the Council may adopt or amend
15 its rules of procedure by resolution.

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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**
18 **DENVER:**

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20 **Section 1.** A new Rule 3.7 shall be added to the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure
21 concerning the authority of individual council members to call for a postponement of a resolution
22 approving any matter submitted to the council under Sec. 3.2.6 of the Charter, to read as follows:

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24 3.7. To the extent Council has provided by law for the approval by resolution of any
25 matter submitted to the Council under Sec. 3.2.6 of the Charter, any Council member
26 may individually request a postponement of consideration of the resolution to the
27 next scheduled regular meeting without the need for a formal motion or vote of the
28 Council in order to effect the postponement. After allowing for Council discussion of
29 the resolution, the President shall grant the request unless to do so would cause
30 action on the resolution to be delayed beyond the 30-day deadline for action on the
31 resolution as set forth in subsection 3.2.6 (F) of the Charter. No resolution may be
32 postponed more than once under this Rule 3.7. Nothing herein shall affect the
33 authority of any Council member to move for postponement of a resolution to a date
34 certain under Rule 6.3 (e), and any such motion shall take precedence over an
35 individual request for postponement made under this Rule 3.7.
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1 **Section 2.** Rule 5.6 (d) of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure concerning
2 re-referral of bills and resolutions to committee shall be amended by adding the language
3 underlined, to read as follows:
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5 (d) *Re-referral to committee.* Any matter referred by a committee to council for
6 action may be re-referred to committee for further discussion or reconsideration by a
7 vote of a majority of the members present and voting. To the extent Council has
8 provided by law for the approval by resolution of any matter submitted to the Council
9 under Sec. 3.2.6 of the Charter, any Council member may individually request that
10 the resolution be re-referred to committee without the need for a formal motion or
11 vote of the Council in order to effect the re-referral. After allowing for Council
12 discussion of the resolution, the President shall grant the request unless to do so
13 would cause action on the resolution to be delayed beyond the 30-day deadline for
14 action on the resolution as set forth in subsection 3.2.6 (F) of the Charter. No
15 resolution may be re-referred more than once under this Rule 3.7. Nothing herein
16 shall affect the authority of any Council member to move for re-referral to committee
17 of a resolution under this subsection (d), and any such motion shall take precedence
18 over an individual request for re-referral made under this subsection.
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21 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: June 30, 2015

22 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A

23 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2015

24 _____ - PRESIDENT

25 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
26 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
27 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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29 PREPARED BY: David W. Broadwell, Asst. City Attorney; DATE: June 22, 2015

30 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed resolution has been reviewed by the office of
31 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
32 resolution. The proposed resolution **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
33 3.2.6 of the Charter.

34 D. Scott Martinez, City Attorney

35 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____
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