

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2026

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

A BILL

For an ordinance requiring all businesses operating in the City & County of Denver to take reasonable steps to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That a new section 1-17 shall be added to chapter 1 of the Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 1-17. – Business compliance with all existing laws.

A business that operates in the City & County of Denver shall take reasonable steps to ensure their agents, contractors, and employees comply with, all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, and other governmental orders or rules or regulations, including, without limitation, any federal or state court orders, writs, injunctions and decrees, now in force or that may be enacted, ordered, or amended from time-to-time. Marijuana and natural medicine businesses that operate legally under applicable provisions of the Colorado constitution and state and local law are exempt from the requirement to comply with the provisions of the Controlled Substances Act that prohibit the production, distribution, and possession of marijuana and natural medicine as defined in this code.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: _____, 2026.

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: _____, 2026.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2026

_____ - PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2026

ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

1 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST _____ 2026; _____ 2026

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3 PREPARED BY: Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney; DATE: April 16, 2026

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5 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
6 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
7 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
8 3.2.6 of the Charter.

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10 Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney

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12 BY: _____, _____ City Attorney DATE: _____

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