

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**.

****All fields must be completed.****
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Please mark one: **Bill Request** or **Resolution Request** **Date of Request:** July 31, 2017

1. **Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?**

Yes **No**

2. **Title: Refers a question to the November 2017 ballot to amend the Charter to change the name of Department of Environmental Health to Department of Public Health and Environment to better reflect agency responsibilities and increase the size of its Board from 5 seats to 9 to allow for more diverse representation.**

3. **Requesting Agency:** Mayor's Office

4. **Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution.)*

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5. **Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary.)*

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6. **General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:**

This referred measure is proposed to be submitted to the voters at the November 7, 2017 election.

The Department of Environmental Health was created through a Charter amendment in 1996 precipitated by a change in state law that made Denver General Hospital and its' clinics an independent entity, the Denver Health and Hospital Authority. The new department was assigned many health-related functions previously housed under the former Department of Health and Hospitals. DEH and DDHA split public health duties, with DEH having responsibility for regulatory health functions like food safety inspections, animal control and coroner and DHHA managing public health services like medical investigation of disease, immunization clinics and disease control. DEH acts as the county public health entity and is designated as the official public health agency for the county through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The name "Department of Environmental Health" has sometimes been misleading to the public and partner entities. It does not adequately convey the public health responsibilities of the department. Through conversations with partners including DHHA, we have determined it is in the City's best interest to update the department name to better reflect the duties.

The Board is the body that develops rules and regulations for implementing department issues. Over time the department and board have had responsibility for a broader set of issues (like marijuana, syringe exchange, increased focus on odor and noise, etc.) and would benefit from a more diverse set of expertise and experience. Additionally, it can be difficult to get a quorum at some meetings. With more board seats we can ensure we are not needlessly cancelling meetings or delaying hearings on rules.

These changes will not remove, change or add any powers or duties and are essentially clean-up/best practice items.

The form of the ballot question is provided in the draft bill.

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****Please complete the following fields:** (Incomplete fields may result in a delay in processing. If a field is not applicable, please enter N/A for that field.)

- a. **Contract Control Number:** N/A
- b. **Duration:** N/A
- c. **Location:** Citywide
- d. **Affected Council District:** All
- e. **Benefits:** Clarifies agency responsibilities and aligns with other county and state agencies; allows for broader board representation
- f. **Costs:** N/A

7. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance? (Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?) **Please explain.**

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