

**BY AUTHORITY**

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES OF 2014

COUNCIL BILL NO. 14-0133  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Government and Finance

**A BILL**

**For an ordinance amending Article I, Chapter 53 (Taxation and Miscellaneous Revenue) of the Revised Municipal Code, to authorize the collection of past due finds, debts, fees, or dishonored bank drafts and other negotiable instruments in any court of competent jurisdiction.**

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

**Section 1.** Section 53-4(a) of the Revised Municipal Code is amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

(a) *Collection methods.* To collect on past due fines, debts, or fees, or dishonored bank drafts and other negotiable instruments, the city may employ any collection method available, including assigning such accounts to private counsel or private collection agencies. In order to collect delinquent fines, debts, or fees, or dishonored bank drafts and other negotiable instruments, the city may, at its option, sue the debtor in ~~the second judicial district~~ any court of competent jurisdiction. If suit is brought, then reasonable collection costs, attorney's fees, and legal expenses shall be added to the amount due. In the case of dishonored bank drafts and other negotiable instruments, in addition to the fee provided for in section 53-3, the city may pursue all remedies provided for in the Colorado Revised Statutes.

1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: February 27, 2014 (Consent Agenda)  
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: March 4, 2014  
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_, 2014  
4 \_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT  
5 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_, 2014  
6 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL: \_\_\_\_\_, 2014; \_\_\_\_\_, 2014  
10 PREPARED BY: Charles T. Solomon, Assistant City Attorney Date: March 4, 2014  
11 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of  
12 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed  
13 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to  
14 § 3.2.6 of the Charter.  
15 D. Scott Martinez, City Attorney  
16 BY: \_\_\_\_\_, Assistant City Attorney Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2014