

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

2 ORDINANCE NO.
3 SERIES OF 2020

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB20-0357
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Direct File - Black

5 **A BILL**

6 **For an ordinance authorizing cash transfers from TABOR Reserve Special**
7 **Revenue Funds to the Coronavirus Emergency Response Special Revenue**
8 **Fund.**

10 **WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is now a global pandemic impacting people
11 and economies worldwide; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Disaster Emergencies have been declared at the national, state, and local
13 level; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver has and will continue to incur unbudgeted
15 expenses to fight the virus to protect the well-being of Denver’s residents; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0293, Series of 2020, to establish the
17 Coronavirus Emergency Response Fund and transfer \$10 million from General Fund Contingency
18 to support unbudgeted costs in General Fund agencies to address the pandemic; and

19 **WHEREAS**, to date, the City has spent or committed more than \$13.5 million on supplies,
20 equipment and facilities as part of its COVID-19 response, and anticipates additional spending
21 over the next several weeks on shelter costs, medical supplies, workplace safety supplies, and
22 other items required for the City’s response; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the TABOR amendment to the State Constitution requires the City establish an
24 emergency reserve fund of three percent of all covered funds, the use of which is limited to
25 extreme disasters; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the three percent reserve requirement is met through a combination of cash
27 reserves and real estate assets in Special Revenue Funds, including the Tabor Amendment
28 Reserve, Accounting No. 11817, and the TABOR Amendment Reserve – Strategic Real Estate
29 Purchases, Accounting No. 11852; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Finance wishes to use TABOR cash reserves to address
31 unbudgeted expenditures associated with the City and County of Denver’s response to the local
32 disaster emergency;

1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: N/A
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____

4 _____ - PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____

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

9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL: _____; _____

10 PREPARED BY: Rachel Bardin, Budget and Management Office DATE: April 16, 2020

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 Kristin M. Bronson, Denver City Attorney

16 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____