

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2017

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB17-0694
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
4 Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness

5 **A BILL**

6 **For an ordinance amending Article IV, Chapter 29 of the Denver Revised Municipal**
7 **Code relating to temporary general assistance.**

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

10 **Section 1.** That section 29-81 et seq. of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (“D.R.M.C.”)
11 shall be amended by adding a new section 29-87 to read as follows:

12 **Article IV. – Temporary general assistance**

13 **Sec. 29-87. Records of general assistance.**

14 (a) *Use and disclosure.* Use and disclosure of general assistance records shall be restricted to purposes
15 directly connected with the administration and billing or invoicing for the general assistance program. It
16 shall be unlawful for any person to solicit, disclose, or make use of or to authorize, knowingly permit,
17 participate in, or acquiesce in the use of any lists or names of or any information concerning persons
18 applying for or receiving general assistance, including directly or indirectly derived from records or
19 acquired in the course of the performance of official duties.

20 (b) *Outstanding felony arrest warrants.* Unless prohibited by state or federal law, based upon a written
21 request of a law enforcement agency, the department of human services shall provide law enforcement
22 agencies with information concerning the location of any person whose name appears in the department's
23 records who is the subject of an outstanding felony arrest warrant. Location information provided pursuant
24 to this section shall be used solely for law enforcement purposes.

25 (c) *No civil liability.* Neither the department of human services nor its employees or agents shall be
26 liable in civil action for providing information in accordance with part (b) of this ordinance.

27 (d) *Law enforcement agency.* As used here, “law enforcement agency” means any agency of the state or
28 its political subdivisions that is responsible for enforcing the laws of this state. “Law enforcement agency”
29 includes but is not limited to any police department, sheriff's department, district attorney's office, the
30 office of the state attorney general, and the Colorado bureau of investigation.

31 (e) *Authorization.* By requesting or accepting general assistance, an individual authorizes the
32 department of human services to use and disclose general assistance information consistent with this
33 ordinance.
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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: June 29, 2017, by consent
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: July 4, 2017, by consent July 17, 2017
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____
4 _____ *Adam Banks* - PRESIDENT
5 APPROVED: _____ *Allegra "Happy" Haynes* - MAYOR Jul 19, 2017
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: Debra R. Knapp, Assistant City Attorney DATE: July 5, 2017
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.
14 Kristin M. Bronson, Denver City Attorney
15 BY: *DRK* _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: Jul 5, 2017