

**BY AUTHORITY**

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES OF 2021

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB21-0439  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure

**A BILL**

**For an ordinance approving and accepting amendments to multiple city adopted plans that change references to the name “Stapleton neighborhood” to “Central Park neighborhood”, for the City and County of Denver.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (“DRMC”), and by Ordinance No. 302, Series of 2019, the City accepted and approved Comprehensive Plan 2040 for the City and County of Denver (“Comprehensive Plan 2040”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver has accepted and approved a number of supplements to its comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No. 333, Series of 2019, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan entitled Blueprint Denver: A Blueprint for an Inclusive City for the City and County of Denver (“Blueprint 2019”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No. 818, Series of 2019, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan entitled the Loretto Heights Small Area Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No. 477, Series of 2019, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan entitled the Far Northeast Area Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No. 91, Series of 2015, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan entitled the National Western Center Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No. 34, Series of 2014, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan entitled the 61<sup>st</sup> and Pena Station Area Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No. 332, Series of 2009, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan entitled the Auraria West Station Area Plan; and

1           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No.  
2 549, Series of 2007, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan  
3 entitled the Louisiana-Pearl Station Area Plan; and

4           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No.  
5 561, Series of 2018, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan  
6 entitled the Downtown Area Plan Amendment; and

7           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No.  
8 714, Series of 2005, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan  
9 entitled the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Plan; and

10           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No.  
11 731, Series of 2004, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan  
12 entitled the Union Station Master Plan; and

13           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No.  
14 567, Series of 2003, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan  
15 entitled the River North Plan; and

16           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No.  
17 806, Series of 2000, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan  
18 entitled the Park Hill Neighborhood Plan; and

19           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the DRMC, and by Ordinance No.  
20 405, Series of 1993, the City accepted and approved a supplement to the City’s comprehensive plan  
21 entitled the Sunnyside Neighborhood Plan; and

22           **WHEREAS**, each of the aforementioned plan and plan supplements make reference to the  
23 name “Stapleton” for which the former airport and former statistical neighborhood were named; and

24           **WHEREAS**, the name “Stapleton” refers to former Denver Mayor, Benjamin F. Stapleton, who  
25 was a member of the Ku Klux Klan; and

26           **WHEREAS**, the City is an equitable, diverse, and inclusive city, and does not support or  
27 tolerate racial discrimination or inequality of any type; and

28           **WHEREAS**, the residents of said neighborhood chose the name “Central Park” to represent  
29 the neighborhood, after a series of votes facilitated by the local neighborhood group; and

30           **WHEREAS**, members of the City Council, duly authorized by the president of council have  
31 monitored the process whereby the aforementioned plan and plan supplements have been  
32 formulated to reflect the Central Park neighborhood name;

1           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**  
2 **DENVER:**

3           **Section 1.** That the amended Comprehensive Plan 2040, consisting of a document of the  
4 same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on May 4,  
5 2021, as 20210032, is hereby adopted and accepted as Comprehensive Plan 2040 for the City and  
6 County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

7           **Section 2.** That the amended Blueprint 2019, consisting of a document of the same name  
8 filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on May 4, 2021, as  
9 20210033, is hereby adopted and accepted as Blueprint 2019 for the City and County of Denver  
10 pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

11           **Section 3.** That the amended Loretto Heights Small Area Plan, consisting of a document  
12 of the same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on  
13 May 4, 2021, as 20210034, is hereby adopted and accepted as the Loretto Heights Small Area Plan  
14 for the City and County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

15           **Section 4.** That the amended Far Northeast Area Plan , consisting of a document of the  
16 same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on May 4,  
17 2021, as 20210035, is hereby adopted and accepted as the Far Northeast Area Plan for the City and  
18 County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

19           **Section 5.** That the amended National Western Center Master Plan, consisting of a  
20 document of the same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of  
21 Denver, on May 4, 2021, as 20210036, is hereby adopted and accepted as the National Western  
22 Center Master Plan for the City and County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

23           **Section 6.** That the amended 61<sup>st</sup> and Pena Station Area Plan, consisting of a document  
24 of the same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on  
25 May 4, 2021, as 20210037, is hereby adopted and accepted as the 61<sup>st</sup> and Pena Station Area Plan  
26 for the City and County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

27           **Section 7.** That the amended Auraria West Station Area Plan, consisting of a document of  
28 the same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on May  
29 4, 2021, as 20210038, is hereby adopted and accepted as Auraria West Station Area Plan for the  
30 City and County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

31           **Section 8.** That the amended Louisiana-Pearl Station Area Plan, consisting of a document  
32 of the same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on

1 May 4, 2021, as 20210039, is hereby adopted and accepted as the Louisiana-Pearl Station Area  
2 Plan for the City and County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

3 **Section 9.** That the amended Downtown Area Plan Amendment, consisting of a document  
4 of the same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on  
5 May 4, 2021, as 20210040, is hereby adopted and accepted as the Downtown Area Plan  
6 Amendment for the City and County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

7 **Section 10.** That the amended Jefferson Park Neighborhood Plan, consisting of a document  
8 of the same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on  
9 May 4, 2021, as 20210041, is hereby adopted and accepted as the Jefferson Park Neighborhood  
10 Plan for the City and County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

11 **Section 11.** That the amended Union Station Master Plan, consisting of a document of the  
12 same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on May 4,  
13 2021, as 20210042, is hereby adopted and accepted as the Union Station Master Plan for the City  
14 and County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

15 **Section 12.** That the amended River North Plan, consisting of a document of the same name  
16 filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on May 4, 2021, as  
17 20210043, is hereby adopted and accepted as the River North Plan for the City and County of Denver  
18 pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

19 **Section 13.** That the amended Park Hill Neighborhood Plan, consisting of a document of the  
20 same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on May 4,  
21 2021, as 20210044, is hereby adopted and accepted as the Park Hill Neighborhood Plan for the City  
22 and County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

23 **Section 14.** That the amended Sunnyside Neighborhood Plan, consisting of a document of  
24 the same name filed with the City Clerk, Ex-Officio Clerk of the City and County of Denver, on May  
25 4, 2021, as 20210045, is hereby adopted and accepted as the Sunnyside Neighborhood Plan for the  
26 City and County of Denver pursuant to Section 12-61(d), DRMC.

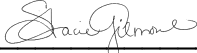
27 **Section 15.** That the adoption and acceptance of the aforementioned plan and plan  
28 supplements in Sections 1 through 14, herein, and of any subsequent amendment or supplement  
29 thereto, are intended to establish the same as the official guide for the officials of the City and County  
30 of Denver and private citizens when making decisions affecting the future character of the City and  
31 County of Denver; provided, however, that such approval shall not preempt the decision making  
32 powers vested by law or the administrative directive in the Mayor, the Council or any other official of  
33 the City and County of Denver with respect to, but not limited to, a zoning map amendment, a zoning

1 language amendment, a dedication or vacation of a street, alley or other public way, a designation  
2 of a park, the issuance of a revocable permit, a conveyance or the acquisition of real property by the  
3 City and County of Denver, or an appropriation for a construction or a capital improvement; and  
4 provided further, that it is expressly understood that considerable judgment must be exercised in the  
5 application of the plan and plan supplements policies to the decision making processes of the Mayor,  
6 Council and other officials of the City and County of Denver.

7 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: April 27, 2021 by Consent

8 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: May 4, 2021 by Consent

9 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_ May 17, 2021

10  - PRESIDENT

11 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

12 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
13 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
14 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

15 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL: \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

16 PREPARED BY: Nathan J. Lucero, Assistant City Attorney DATE: May 6, 2021

17 Pursuant to Section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of  
18 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed  
19 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to  
20 § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

21 Kristin M. Bronson, Denver City Attorney

22 BY: , Assistant City Attorney DATE: May 5, 2021