

# DESIGNATING BALLOT MEASURES

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# D.R.M.C. § 15-9

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- Updated in 2022 to:
  - Clarify ballot order and designation for different types of measures
    - Referred measures: 2A – 2Z; Initiatives/referenda: 300 – 399
  - Specify when Clerk may reuse letters and numerals
    - § 15-9 (6): “Only after a referred ordinance is numbered 2Z, or an initiative or referendum is numbered 399, may the clerk and recorder reuse numbers.”



# Referred measures are near the end of the series

## Certification of Municipal and Local Jurisdiction Ballot Measures

I, Paul D. Lopez, Clerk and Recorder of Denver, Colorado, certify the following list of municipal and local ballot measures that will appear on the ballot in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024.

*Denver's Municipal Ballot Measures* (Note: short titles in parentheses are for description purposes only and will not appear on the ballot):

Ballot Issue 2Q	(Denver Health)
Ballot Issue 2R	(Affordable housing)
Referred Question 2S	(Human Rights Office)
Referred Question 2T	(Citizenship for police and firefighters)
Referred Question 2U	(Collective bargaining)
Referred Question 2V	(Firefighters collective bargaining)
Referred Question 2W	(Elected officials' salaries)
Initiated Ordinance 308	(Fur ban)
Initiated Ordinance 309	(Slaughterhouse ban)

### *Other political subdivisions:*

Ballot Issue 4A	(Denver Public Schools)
Ballot Issue 6A	(Denver Downtown Development Authority)
Ballot Issue 7A	(Regional Transportation District)

Certified on this day, September 6, 2024.



Paul D. Lopez, Clerk and Recorder



# Potential for voter confusion

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- We anticipate more than three referred measures on the November 2025 ballot.
- Under the current law, we would designate the first three measures as 2X, 2Y, and 2Z. We would then restart the series at 2A.
- Ballot order (if, for example, we have 6 measures):  
2X, 2Y, 2Z, 2A, 2B, 2C.



# Proposed fix

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- Amend § 15-9:
  - “If the total number of referred measures certified for the ballot in an upcoming election is greater than the remaining letters in the series, the clerk and recorder shall restart the series by designating the first referred measure for that election as 2A.”
  - “If the total number of initiatives or referenda certified for the ballot in an upcoming election is greater than the remaining numerals in the series, the clerk and recorder shall restart the series by designating the first initiative or referendum for that election as 300.”



# Bill language

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- (6) The clerk and recorder shall number municipal ballot measures consecutively starting from the last numeral and letter, or numeral, used in any previous election until 2Z or 399 is used. ~~Only~~Except as stated in subsection (7) of this section, only after a referred ordinance is numbered 2Z, or an initiative or referendum is numbered 399, may the clerk and recorder reuse numbers or letters.
- (7) Notwithstanding the language of subsection (6) of this section:
- a. If the total number of referred measures certified for the ballot in an election is greater than the remaining letters in the series, the clerk and recorder shall restart the series by designating the first referred measure for that election as 2A.
  - b. If the total number of initiatives or referenda certified for the ballot in an election is greater than the remaining numerals in the series, the clerk and recorder shall restart the series by designating the first initiative or referendum for that election as 300.



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