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ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2025

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB 25-xxxx
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

Business, Arts, Workforce, Climate, and Aviation Services

A BILL

For an ordinance concerning recycling and organic material diversion and, in connection therewith, repealing and re-enacting article X, chapter 48, adding a new article XI, chapter 48, adding a new article XV, chapter 10, and amending article I, chapter 24, of the Code.

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

Section 1. That chapter 10, article XV is hereby added to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XV. RECYCLING AND REUSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION
MATERIALS**

Sec. 10-412 – Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to outline the requirements for construction, demolition recycling, and reuse requirements to divert as many materials as possible from the landfill to be reused or recycled.

Sec. 10-413. – Definitions.

Except as otherwise provided in this article, the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

(1) *Building official* means the person authorized to act on behalf of the building permitting and inspections services agency (agency) in the interpretation and enforcement of the Denver Building Code and appointed by the executive director of community planning and development.

(2) *Contractor* means the person issued a demolition permit, a residential construction permit, or a commercial construction permit, which could include a homeowner or tenant if expressly allowed by the building official.

(3) *Covered material* means the following material resulting from the construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition of utilities, structures, and buildings: concrete, asphalt, masonry, untreated wood, metal, or corrugated cardboard. Covered material also includes items

that can be reused, as defined herein. The executive director of community planning and development is authorized to promulgate rules establishing additional covered materials.

(4) *Gross Floor Area* means the floor area within the outside perimeter of the exterior walls of the building. The floor area of a building, or portion thereof, not provided with surrounding exterior walls shall be the usable area under the horizontal projection of the roof or floor above. The floor area of a tenant space shall be measured to the middle of interior walls.

(5) *Qualifying project* means any construction, demolition, addition, alteration, remodel, or tenant improvement project that requires a demolition permit or a residential or commercial construction permit.

(6) *Recycle* means to collect, sort, cleanse, treat, and reconstitute construction and demolition debris that would otherwise become solid waste and return the materials to the market in the form of raw material for new, reused, or reconstituted products which meet the quality standards necessary to be used in the marketplace.

(7) *Reuse* means to recover or reapply construction or demolition debris for uses similar or identical to its originally intended application, without manufacturing or preparation processes that significantly alters the material. The executive director of community planning and development is authorized to promulgate rules which may establish volumetric weight conversions for common reuse items.

(8) *Total demolition* means the complete removal of a structure that requires a demolition permit from the agency.

Sec. 10-414. – Recycle and reuse requirements.

(a) *In general.* For permit applications submitted on or after April 1, 2026, the contractor for a qualifying project must divert at least fifty (50) percent of the total amount by weight of construction and/or demolition debris produced on the site of a qualifying project by recycling, reusing, or recycling and reusing, at minimum three of the covered materials.

(b) *Prohibited materials.* The total amount of construction and demolition debris does not include material containing asbestos or lead, or material that is considered hazardous as defined either by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, or Denver department of public health and environment.

(c) *Demolition and construction.* When work at a location determined to be a Qualifying project includes both total demolition and construction, the total demolition portion of the work is considered one qualifying project, and the construction portion of the work is considered another separate qualifying project. A qualifying project in an existing building which

includes interior demolition and construction shall be treated as one qualifying project.

(d) *Application to modify or reduce recycling and reuse requirements.* If a contractor believes it cannot meet the requirements of this article due to site-specific conditions or material recyclability present in a qualifying project, the contractor may apply to reduce or modify the recycling and reuse requirements when submitting their construction and/or demolition application to the building official. The building official shall have the sole authority and discretion to award or deny modifications to this article. The executive director is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations which may establish additional requirements for contractors to prove that compliance with this article is impossible, impractical, or otherwise overly burdensome.

(1) *Achievable diversion rate.* If the building official approves modifying or reducing the fifty (50) percent diversion rate requirement for a specific qualifying project, the building official shall provide the contractor with an alternative achievable diversion rate. When an alternative achievable diversion rate is awarded, such rate shall be the amount required for that specific project in order for the project to be eligible for a full refund of the security deposit described in section 10-416. The contractor shall not be entitled to a partial refund pursuant to section 10-417 of this article.

(2) *Minimum covered materials requirement.* If the building official approves modifying or reducing the three covered materials requirement for a specific qualifying project, the building official will set a new minimum covered materials requirement for that specific project to be eligible for a full refund of the security deposit described in section 10-416. The contractor will not be entitled to a partial refund pursuant to section 10-417 of this article.

Sec. 10-415. – Exemptions.

The following projects are exempt from the recycling and reuse requirements set forth in section 10-414:

(a) The construction or demolition of a building five hundred (500) square feet or less in gross floor area.

(b) The improvement, repair, remodeling, tenant finish, or any other modification where the area of modification totals no more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet of gross floor area.

(c) Construction that does not require or have an associated demolition, residential construction, or commercial construction permit.

(d) The construction or demolition of a building due to an emergency order from the city.

(e) A residential or commercial construction permit where no construction is required and is only issued to document a change in occupancy.

Sec. 10-416. – Waste diversion plan and performance security deposit.

(a) In order to be issued a permit for a qualifying project, a contractor must submit a waste diversion plan as required by the building official.

(b) On or after April 1, 2026, prior to issuance of a demolition permit, a residential construction permit, or a commercial construction permit for a qualifying project a contractor shall submit a performance security deposit based on construction type and square footage in accordance with and subject to the maximum limits identified in Table 1 – Performance Security Deposit. The manager of community planning and development is authorized to adjust the amounts in Table 1, provided that any such adjustment shall be adopted in rules and regulations promulgated by the manager, and no adjustment may occur within one (1) year of the prior adjustment.

Scope of Work	Amount required	Maximum amount of the performance security deposit
New construction of 501 – 2,500 square feet	\$0.50/square foot	\$1,250
New construction more than 2,500 square feet	\$1.00/square foot	\$200,000
Demolition of a structure 501 – 2,500 square feet	\$0.50/square foot	\$1,250
Demolition of a structure more than 2,500 square feet	\$1.00/square foot	\$200,000
Existing building renovation/tenant finish more than 2,500 square feet	\$1.00/square foot	\$100,000

Table 1 - Performance Security Deposit

(c) Prior to the issuance of a demolition, residential construction, or commercial construction permit for a qualifying project, a contractor may request from the building official a reduction or exemption from the performance security deposit due to an economic hardship if the amount of the performance security deposit exceeds ten (10) percent of the valuation of the project. The building official shall have the sole discretion to reduce the amount of the performance security deposit.

Sec. 10-417. – Compliance documentation and refunding of performance security deposit.

1 (a) No later than sixty (60) days from the date of the final inspection of a qualifying
2 project, the contractor shall submit documentation to the agency showing compliance with
3 section 10-414 in a manner established by the building official.

4 (b) The contractor shall include original weight receipts or other itemized waste
5 documentation as adopted through rules and regulations, showing the types and amounts of
6 covered materials recycled or reused, and total amount of construction and demolition debris,
7 by weight.

8 (c) A contractor shall include the cubic yards for covered materials recycled or reused
9 when that material cannot be weighed due to size, lack of scales at a facility, or other
10 considerations.

11 (d) *Deposit Refund Amount Determination*

12 (1) If a contractor complies with the recycle and reuse requirements set forth in section
13 10-414, then the building official shall authorize a refund of one hundred (100) percent of the
14 performance security deposit to the contractor.

15 (2) Subject to other limitations of this article, if a contractor recycles, reuses, or
16 recycles and reuses between forty (40) percent and forty-nine and nine-tenths (49.9) percent of
17 the construction and/or demolition debris produced on the site of a qualifying project, then the
18 building official shall authorize the refund of seventy-five (75) percent of the performance security
19 deposit.

20 (3) Subject to other limitations in this article, if a contractor recycles, reuses, or
21 recycles and reuses between thirty (30) percent and thirty-nine and nine-tenths (39.9) percent
22 of the construction and/or demolition debris produced on the site of a qualifying project, then the
23 building official shall authorize the refund of fifty (50) percent of the performance security deposit.

24 (4) There shall be no refund of any percentage of the performance security deposit to
25 a contractor that recycles, reuses, or recycles and reuses less than thirty (30) percent of the
26 construction and/or demolition debris produced on the site of a qualifying project.

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Compliance Percentage Amount	Diversion Percentage Amount	Deposit Refund Percentage Amount
100% Compliance	50% or more	100%
80% - 99% Compliance	40% - 49.9%	75%
60% - 79%	30% - 39.9%	50%
Less than 60%	Less than 30%	0%

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2 **Table 2 - Deposit Refund Amount Determination**

3 (e) Performance security deposit amounts that are forfeited by the contractor due to partial
4 compliance or non-compliance shall be transferred to the general fund

5 (f) *Trust Fund*

6 (1) There shall be one or more trust funds established to administer the performance
7 security deposit amounts (collectively, "security deposit funds") received by the city pursuant to this
8 article.

9 a. Revenue for projects complying with section 10-417(d) shall be returned to the
10 contractor in accordance with subsection (d), above; or

11 b. Revenue generated from forfeited security deposits shall be treated as a fine
12 transferred from a trust fund to the general fund.

13 (2) The manager of community planning and development shall manage the security
14 deposit funds.

15 **Sec. 10-418. – Administrative fee.**

16 The building official is authorized to impose an administrative fee in the amount of one
17 hundred and five dollars (\$105.00) per application for the issuance of a permit to a qualifying project.
18 The building official may adjust the fee annually in an amount equal to the percentage change from
19 the previous calendar year in the United States Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
20 consumer price index for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, all items, all urban consumers, or its successor
21 index. Any such adjustment, if made in the sole discretion of the building official, shall take effect on
22 July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter. The building official shall issue a publicly available fee
23 schedule reflecting the change prior to any such adjustment taking effect. The annual inflation
24 adjustment shall apply to and be collected in conjunction with the issuance of any demolition,
25 residential construction, or commercial construction permit on or after July of the year in which the
26 adjustment is made, regardless of when the application for the permit was made.

27 **Sec. 10-419. – Enforcement.**

28 It shall be unlawful for a contractor to violate any requirement of this article. In addition to any
29 other penalty authorized under the Code, any contractor that violates the requirements of this article
30 shall be subject to the disciplinary actions and penalties set forth in section 10-420 of this article.

31 **Sec. 10-420. – Disciplinary actions and penalties.**

32 (a) *Notice.* The building official may issue notices for violations of this article. The building

official shall serve any notice of violation by personal service or first-class mail addressed to the last known address of a contractor, or contained in the records of any municipal, state, or federal agency, including, but not limited to, the Colorado Secretary of State. The notice is deemed served on the date of receipt by the contractor if personally served or upon the date of mailing.

(b) *Disciplinary actions.* In addition to the grounds provided in chapter 32 of this code and in the Denver Building Code, a contractor's license or registration may be suspended or revoked in the following manner:

(1) A suspension of up to three (3) months after four (4) violations of section 10-414 of within a consecutive one (1) year period;

(2) Additional suspensions of up to three (3) years or revocations of up to five (5) years may be administered in accordance with section 127 of the Denver Building Code.

Sec. 10-421. – Appeals.

Except for appeals of license or registration suspensions or revocations that must follow the process set forth in the Denver Building Code, and notwithstanding the provisions in section 2-286, any determination of the building official related to this article is reviewable by the board of appeals in accordance with its procedures for administrative review as set forth in the Denver Building Code. Any person may petition the board of appeals for a hearing concerning the determination of a violation pursuant to this article. Such petition must be submitted in writing to the board of appeals for a hearing no later than thirty (30) days after notice of any such determination. Compliance with the provisions of this section is a jurisdictional prerequisite to appeal any determination made by the building official pursuant to this article, and failure to comply bars any such appeal. Appeals to the building official from any notice stays all administrative enforcement proceedings. Following a hearing, if any, the board of appeals shall make a final determination, which may be reviewed pursuant to the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure.

Sec. 10-422. – Rules and regulations

The executive director of community planning and development may adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of this article and any other ordinances or laws relating to recycling and reuse of construction and demolition materials.

Section 2. That chapter 24, article I, division 1 is hereby amended by adding the language underlined to read as follows:

1 **Sec. 24-2. - Variance on appeal.**

2 The board of public health and environment may authorize, upon appeal in specific cases, such
3 variances from the terms of any ordinance enforced by the department of public health and
4 environment or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, subject to terms and conditions
5 fixed by the board, as will not adversely affect public health where, owing to exceptional and
6 extraordinary circumstances, literal enforcement of the applicable provision will result in unnecessary
7 hardship. The burden of proof is upon the applicant to show by clear and convincing evidence that:

- 8 (1) The applicant will suffer undue hardship if the variance is not granted; and
9 (2) The variance will be in harmony with the spirit and purposes of the applicable portions
10 of the Code from which the variance is being requested.

11 The board shall not have such authority regarding the requirements of article X of chapter 48.

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13 **Section 3.** That chapter 48, article X, is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:
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15 **ARTICLE X. – RECYCLING AND ORGANIC MATERIAL DIVERSION FOR MULTI-FAMILY AND**
16 **NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND FOOD HANDLER BUSINESSES**

17 **Sec. 48-130. – Multi-family residential premises requirements.**

18 (a) For purposes of this article, the term “multi-family residential premises” means any
19 building, or part thereof, that is, as defined in the Denver Zoning Code, a “Dwelling, Multi-Unit” use
20 type with eight or more dwelling units; a “Manufactured Home Community”; or a “Congregate Living”
21 use type. Multi-family residential premises do not include “Residential Care” use types under the
22 Denver Zoning Code.

23 (b) The responsible party for a multi-family residential premises shall be the building
24 owner. However, if the building, or a part thereof, is licensed as a residential rental property under
25 chapter 27, a boarding home or personal care boarding home under chapter 26, or a trailer park
26 under chapter 35, the responsible party for such property or part thereof shall be the license holder.
27 If the property is a condominium or cooperative, each as defined in the Colorado Common Interest
28 Ownership Act, C.R.S. § 38-33.3-101 *et seq.*, as amended, the responsible party shall be the
29 Association, as defined in the act. In all cases, the responsible party shall also include any entity or
30 person acting as an agent for, or in any other legal capacity on behalf of, the building owner, license
31 holder, or Association, with respect to the premises, including, without limitation, a property manager.

(c) On or after April 1, 2026, the responsible party for a multi-family residential premises shall ensure that tenants, residents, employees, and contractors have access to on-site recycling and organic material diversion described under this article.

Sec. 48-131. – Non-residential premises requirements.

(a) For purposes of this article, the term “non-residential premises” means any building, or part thereof, not used for residential purposes, as well as any “Residential Care” use types under the Denver Zoning Code. Non-residential premises does not include parking garages, parking structures, parking lots, vehicle depots, vacant lots, condemned properties, undeveloped land, or other non-residential building use-types that are found to generate de minimis volumes of recyclable materials, as identified in rules and regulations promulgated by any department, office, or board identified in section 48-136.

(b) The responsible party for a non-residential premises shall be the building owner. If the property is a Condominium or Cooperative, each as defined in the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act, C.R.S. § 38-33.3-101 *et seq.*, as amended, the responsible party shall be the Association, as defined in the act. In all cases, the responsible party shall also include any entity or person acting as an agent for, or in any other legal capacity on behalf of, the building owner or Association with respect to the premises, including, without limitation, a property manager.

(c) On or after April 1, 2026, the responsible party for a non-residential premises shall ensure that tenants, customers, employees, and contractors have access to on-site recycling services described under this article.

Sec. 48-132. – Food waste producer requirements.

(a) For the purposes of this article, the term “food waste producer” means a commissary; food processing, wholesale, and warehouse establishment; or retail food establishment; as those terms are defined in chapter 23. Food waste producer does not include mobile retail food establishments, pushcarts, food peddlers, or temporary retail food establishments, all as defined in chapter 23, food shelves, or food banks.

(b) The responsible party for a food waste producer shall be the holder of the license under chapter 23 for the commissary; food processing, wholesale, and warehouse establishment; or retail food establishment. The responsible party shall also include any entity or person acting as an agent for, or in any other legal capacity on behalf of, the license holder with respect to the premises, including, without limitation, a property manager.

(c) On or after April 1, 2026, the responsible party for a food waste producer shall ensure that employees, contractors, and customers have access to on-site recycling described in this article.

1 (d) On or after April 1, 2026, the responsible party for a food waste producer shall ensure
2 that employees and contractors have access to on-site organic material diversion described under
3 this article.

4 (e) Any department, office, or board identified in section 48-136 may adopt rules and
5 regulations to require responsible parties for food waste producers to ensure that customers also
6 have access to on-site organic material diversion when the ability to reduce or address contamination
7 from non-organic waste is improved.

8 (f) In addition to any exemptions pursuant to section 48-133(c), any restaurant, as defined
9 in section 23-2, that had less than \$2 million in revenues in the prior year and 25 or fewer employees
10 is exempt from the requirements of this article.

11 **Sec. 48-133. – General provisions regarding diversion requirements.**

12 (a) On-site recycling and organic material diversion services required under this article
13 shall:

14 (1) For recycling, collect at least the materials required to be recycled pursuant to the
15 Producer Responsibility Program for Statewide Recycling Act, C.R.S. § 25-17-701 *et seq.*, as
16 amended;

17 (2) For organic material diversion, collect at least all food waste;

18 (3) Provide sufficient receptacles, collection capacity, and service frequency, in
19 accordance with applicable rules and regulations; and

20 (4) Remove recyclables and organic materials as described herein, or as described in
21 rules and regulations adopted for the purposes hereof, by either:

22 a. Contracting with a solid waste hauler licensed under chapter 48 to transport the
23 recyclables and/or organic materials to a materials recovery facility or composting facility, as
24 applicable and both as authorized by law; or

25 b. Transporting the recyclables and/or organic materials, as permitted under
26 applicable law, to a materials recovery facility, composting facility, food bank or shelf, urban farm,
27 community garden, or designated transfer station for recyclables or organic materials, as applicable
28 and all as authorized by law; provided that where a responsible party chooses this option, they shall
29 retain documentation to demonstrate this method of compliance, such as invoices from the receiving
30 facility, including as may be required under rules and regulations.

31 (b) Any department, office, or board identified in section 48-136 may add to or remove
32 items from the list of recyclable materials and compostable materials required under subsection
33 (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section, through rules or regulations.

(c) Any department, office, or board identified in section 48-136 may adopt rules or regulations that establish a process by which the responsible party for an affected premises can request:

(1) Exemption from the requirements of this article for reasons including, but not limited to, economic hardship, de minimis volumes of materials, inadequacy of hauling service providers, and space constraints;

(2) Approval to comply with this article through alternative means such as food donation, animal feed, on-site organic material diversion, or other innovative processes; or

(3) Approval to comply with this article by sharing recycling or organic material diversion services.

(d) A responsible party for an affected premises to which an effective date in sections 48-130, 48-131, or 48-132 of this article applies and who begins operations after an applicable effective date shall comply with this article on the date that is 30 days after the affected premises is issued a city license. If the premises does not require a city license, the responsible party shall comply within 30 days of taking possession of the premises or beginning regular operations, as applicable.

Sec. 48-134. – Education.

(a) The responsible party shall provide recycling and organic material diversion (where applicable) information and instructions in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

(b) All information and documentation, including signage, required to be provided to persons or posted as public information under this article shall be written in English and Spanish, or picture-only, and include universal symbols in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

Sec. 48-135. – Waste diversion plans.

(a) The responsible party for an affected premises shall create a waste diversion plan by the date on which the requirements of this article apply to the premises and shall continually update and maintain such plan to ensure compliance with this article and any applicable rules and regulations.

(b) A plan must:

(1) be consistent with the requirements of this article and any rules and regulations developed pursuant to this article, including as to format and any submission requirements; and

(2) include information or documentation as required by any agency authorized to develop rules or regulations under this article to verify compliance with this article.

(c) All responsible parties must maintain a copy of the waste diversion plan on-site and produce it upon request of any official with enforcement authority under section 48-137.

1 **Sec. 48-136. – Rules and regulations.**

2 The director of excise and licenses, the board of public health and environment, the manager
3 of community planning and development, the manager of transportation and infrastructure, the
4 manager of aviation, and/or the executive director of the office of climate action, sustainability, and
5 resiliency may adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of
6 administering and enforcing the provisions of this article and any other ordinances or laws relating
7 to and affecting non-residential waste requirements in the city, which may include a responsible
8 party's duty to demonstrate commitment and/or compliance with this article.

9 **Sec. 48-137. – Compliance and enforcement.**

10 (a) The director of excise and licenses, the manager of public health and environment, the
11 manager of community planning and development, the manager of transportation and infrastructure,
12 the manager of aviation, and/or the executive director of the office of climate action, sustainability,
13 and resiliency are hereby empowered to enforce the provisions of this article and any rules or
14 regulations issued pursuant to it.

15 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of this article or any rule or
16 regulation issued pursuant to it.

17 (c) The director of excise and licenses, the manager of community planning and
18 development, the manager of transportation and infrastructure, and the executive director of the
19 office of climate action, sustainability, and resiliency are "enforcement officials" who may enforce this
20 article, any rule or regulation issued pursuant to this article, or any order issued pursuant to this
21 article, in accordance with article XII of chapter 2 of the Code and any implementing regulations.

22 (d) The manager of public health and environment may enforce this article, any rule or
23 regulation issued pursuant to this article, or any order issued pursuant to this article, in accordance
24 with subsections 24-5(b) through (h) of the Code and any implementing regulations, except that any
25 penalty amounts shall be consistent with section 2-293.

26 (e) Any person who disputes a violation for which a civil penalty is assessed may file a
27 notice of appeal pursuant to article XII of chapter 2; provided however that if the violation is issued
28 by the department of public health and the environment, such appeal shall be filed pursuant to
29 section 24-1 of the Code.

30 (f) The director of excise and licenses also has authority to enforce these provisions
31 pursuant to chapter 32.

32 (g) Whenever a licensee is the responsible party, the licensee shall submit with its license
33 application the following information: (i) the name and contact information of the person responsible

for compliance with the provisions of this article; and (ii) the name(s) and contact information of the hauler(s) providing the recycling and/or organic waste diversion services required by this article. In addition, the department of excise and license may require such licensees and applicants for licensure to submit a waste diversion plan or otherwise demonstrate compliance with this article.

(h) No variances shall be allowed for any provision of this article and any rules or regulations issued pursuant to it.

Sec. 48-138 - 153. – Reserved.

Section 4. That a new article XI is hereby added to chapter 48 to read as follows:

ARTICLE XI. SPECIAL EVENT REQUIREMENTS FOR RECYCLABLES AND ORGANIC MATERIAL COLLECTION

Sec. 48-153. – Definitions.

Except as otherwise provided in this article, the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

(1) *Permitted event* means an event permitted by the city which occurs, in whole or in part, on public property and determined to be one or more of the following type(s) of event(s): a special event as defined in article XXI, chapter 2, as determined by the executive director of the office of special events, or the manager of parks and recreation, or an event requiring a special event revocable street occupancy permit as determined by the manager of transportation and infrastructure.

(2) *Responsible city offices and departments* means the office of special events, the office of climate action sustainability and resiliency, the department of parks and recreation, or the department of transportation and infrastructure.

(3) *Responsible party* means the permittee of a permitted event.

Sec. 48-154. – Recycle and organic waste requirements.

(a) *In general.* On or after April 1, 2026, the responsible party must provide recycling and organic material collection to their employees, contractors, customers, volunteers, and attendees.

(b) *Containers.* The responsible party of a permitted event must supply containers, placed in sufficiently adequate locations, to make source separation of recyclables, organic material, and trash convenient for employees, contractors, customers, and attendees of permitted events. The containers must:

(1) Be of appropriate number and size to adequately accommodate recyclables, organic

1 material, and trash quantities reasonably anticipated to be generated at the location;

2 (2) Display appropriate signage in English and Spanish, or picture-only, be color coded to
3 identify the type of refuse to be deposited, and meet any additional design criteria established by
4 rules and regulations adopted by the responsible city offices and departments; and,

5 (3) Be placed in reasonably convenient locations to provide equally convenient access to
6 users, consistent with the rules and regulations adopted by the responsible city offices and
7 departments.

8 **Sec. 48-155. – Exemptions.**

9 The following exemptions shall apply:

10 (a) Permitted events that generate a de minimis amount of waste, demonstrate a proven
11 economic hardship, or do not have licensed food vendors for on-site consumption, are exempt from
12 the organic materials requirements of this article;

13 (b) Permitted events that anticipate three hundred fifty (350) or fewer total daily attendees
14 are exempt from the recycling and organic material collection requirements of this article;

15 (c) Permitted events that anticipate one thousand (1,000) or fewer total daily attendees
16 are exempt from the organic material collection requirements of this article.

17 (d) Any responsible party that is granted an exemption by the responsible city office or
18 department, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the office or department, if the
19 responsible party demonstrated a good faith effort but ultimately failed to secure adequate hauling
20 services for recycling and organic material.

21 **Sec. 48-156. – Education and waste diversion plan.**

22 (a) In order to be issued a permit for a permitted event, a responsible party must submit a
23 waste diversion plan on a form established by the responsible city offices or departments. The waste
24 diversion plan must include, at a minimum, phone and email contact information on the haulers
25 servicing the event, and the manner in which the responsible party will educate staff and vendors on
26 its waste diversion plan.

27 (b) All information and documentation, including signage, required to be provided to
28 persons or posted as public information under this article shall be written in English and Spanish, or
29 picture-only, and include universal symbols as adopted through rules and regulations by the
30 responsible city offices and departments.

31 (c) Each container designated or used for collection and disposal of materials to a state-
32 recognized landfill shall be prominently marked "landfill trash" in English and Spanish, or picture-
33 only and in compliance with the rules and regulations adopted by the responsible city offices and

1 departments.

2 (d) Each container designated or used for collection or transport of recyclables or organic
3 materials shall be affixed with a sign that includes:

4 (1) The type of materials accepted written in English and Spanish, or picture-only;

5 (2) The term "recycling," "compostables," "organics," "food waste," as appropriate; and

6 (3) Other labeling requirements as adopted through rules and regulations by the
7 responsible city offices and departments.

8 **Sec. 48-157. – Rules and regulations.**

9 The executive director of the office of special events, the executive director of the office of
10 climate action sustainability and resiliency, the manager of parks and recreation, or the manager of
11 transportation and infrastructure may adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as may be
12 necessary for the purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of this article and any other
13 ordinances or laws relating to permitted events.

14 **Sec. 48-158. – Disciplinary actions and penalties.**

15 The manager of the department of transportation and infrastructure and the manager of
16 the department of parks and recreation are authorized to assess civil penalties pursuant to this
17 article as provided in article XII, chapter 2 of the Code.

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7 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____
8 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
9 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
10 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
11 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL: _____ ; _____
12 PREPARED BY: _____ DATE: **Filing Date**
13 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
14 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
15 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to § 3.2.6
16 of the Charter.
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18 Katie J. McLoughlin, Interim City Attorney
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20 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____