

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 18-0813
4 SERIES OF 2018

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

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6 **A RESOLUTION**

7 **Amending the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure to provide for a censure**
8 **process.**

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10 WHEREAS, § 3.3.2 of the Charter authorizes the City Council to make rules governing its
11 procedures; and

12 WHEREAS, Sec. 13-11.5 (a)(2), D.R.M.C., provides that the Council may adopt or amend its
13 rules of procedure by resolution.

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15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**
16 **DENVER:**

17 **Section 1.** The Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended to add a new Rule
18 9.7 as follows:

19 **Rule 9.7 Censure**

20 Censure is a disciplinary procedure that may be imposed upon a member of the Denver City Council for
21 violating the Denver Charter, Denver Revised Municipal Code, or an officially adopted Council policy, in
22 accordance with the following process:

- 23 (1) Any member of City Council may request a censure resolution.
- 24 (2) If requested by a councilmember, the Clerk of Council (“clerk”), in consultation with legislative
25 counsel, must prepare the censure resolution. The resolution may be accompanied by any reports for
26 the City Council agenda for the next council meeting. The clerk must provide the reports to the
27 councilmember who is the subject of the censure before he or she places the resolution on the agenda.
- 28 (3) At the meeting, any councilmember may move to adopt the censure resolution. After the motion is
29 moved and seconded, the council may discuss the censure resolution. Following the discussion, the
30 councilmember subject to the censure may rebut or otherwise comment on the resolution, for a time
31 not to exceed ten minutes. Following the rebuttal, other councilmembers may respond to the rebuttal
32 or otherwise comment, for a time not to exceed five minutes per member. Following the response
33 period, the council shall vote on the censure resolution. Ten affirmative votes are necessary to pass
34 the resolution.

1 (4) If a member of City Council offers an amendment that amends the censure resolution, that
2 amendment must also be subject to debate. A member of the City Council may introduce a resolution
3 of censure upon himself or herself and follow the procedures in this rule.

4 If the Council President is the member subject to the censure, the President Pro-Tem shall preside over the
5 censure resolution portion of the meeting.

6 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: July 24, 2018

7 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A

8 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____

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10 _____ - PRESIDENT

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12 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
13 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
14 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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16 PREPARED BY: Kirsten J. Crawford, Legislative Counsel DATE: July 30, 2018

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

23 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____
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