

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2019

COUNCIL BILL NO.
COMMITTEE OF
4 REFERENCE:

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6 A BILL

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8 For an ordinance to amend the charter to give the legislative branch certain specified
9 powers currently reserved to the executive branch by giving the Denver City Council the
10 authority to procure professional services without executive branch approval, subject to
11 the approval of the voters at a special municipal election to be conducted in coordination
12 with the state general election on November 3, 2020.

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

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16 **Section 1.** There is hereby submitted to the properly qualified and registered electors of the
17 City and County of Denver for their approval or rejection at a special municipal election to be
18 conducted at the same time and in conjunction with the general election to be held in the City and
19 County of Denver on November 3, 2020, a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City and County
20 of Denver, as follows:

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22 **Effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to the**
23 **Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, the following sections of 2002**
24 **Charter of the City and County of Denver shall be and are hereby amended by**
25 **deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as**
26 **follows:**

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28 **§ 3.2.10 – Independent professional services.**

29 (A) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the City Council as a whole may, from time to
30 time and without executive branch approval, contract for professional services that the City Council
31 determines necessary to aid the City Council in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this
32 Charter and the Denver Revised Municipal Code.

33 (B) City Council shall develop and provide by ordinance the process by which this section may

1 be implemented for individual contracts.

2 **Section 2.** The ballot for the election must contain the following title and submission clause:

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4 **REFERRED QUESTION _____**

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6 Shall the Denver Charter be amended to give the legislative branch certain specified powers
7 currently reserved to the executive branch by giving the Denver city council the authority to
8 procure for professional services without executive branch approval?

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10 **Section 3.** The officials of the City and County of Denver charged with duties relating to the
11 election must, before the election, issue such calls, make such certifications and publications, give
12 such notices, make such appointments, and do all such other acts and things in connection with the
13 submission of this code amendment to the registered electors of the City and County of Denver at the
14 election required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado and the Charter and ordinances
15 of the City and County of Denver.

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17 **Section 4.** The ballots cast at such election must be canvassed and the results
18 ascertained, determined, and certified in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution
19 and laws of the State of Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of
20 Denver.

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22 **Section 5.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or other portion of this ordinance is held to
23 be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity of the remaining portions of this
24 ordinance shall not be affected.

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26 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: _____, 2019.

27 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: _____, 2019.

28 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____
29 2019

30 _____ - PRESIDENT

31 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____
32 2020

33 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
34 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE

CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2019;
_____ 2019

PREPARED BY: Troy Bratton, Assistant City Attorney; DATE: _____

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

Kristin M. Bronson

City Attorney

BY: _____, _____ City Attorney

DATE: _____