

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**. For any questions please contact Skye Stuart.

****All fields must be completed.****
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Date of Request: October 16th, 2017

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

2. Title: (Include a concise, one sentence description – please include name of company or contractor and contract control number - that clearly indicates the type of request: **grant acceptance, contract execution, contract amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.**)

A bill for an ordinance concerning the licensing and regulation of private security businesses and private security guards.

3. Requesting Agency: Excise and Licenses

4. Contact Person: (With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution.)

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5. Contact Person: (With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary.)

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6. General description/background of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:

This ordinance makes various changes to Excise and Licenses' existing regulations surrounding licensed security guards and private businesses who employ security guards. The changes are largely centered on requiring basic standards for training, enhanced FBI background check procedures, defining specific duties that require licensure, and removing antiquated ordinance language, such as renaming the existing "merchant guard license" to "security guard license". The ordinance also provides more clarity to certain duties and job functions that are exempt from licensure.

****Please complete the following fields:** (Incomplete fields may result in a delay in processing. If a field is not applicable, please enter N/A for that field – please do not leave blank.)

- a. **Contract Control Number:** N/A
- b. **Contract Term:** N/A
- c. **Location:** N/A
- d. **Affected Council District:** Citywide

e. **Benefits:** More clear, specific definitions on who needs a security guard license will help provide clarity on which type of individuals and employees need a security guard license. The proposed definition will no longer require certain non-security job functions, such as ushers, ticket takers, crowd monitors, and other event-staff type of individuals to acquire a license – all of which are required to obtain licenses under the existing regulations. Additionally, the duties that remain subject to licensure will now require basic, minimum training standards to bring Denver in line with other national jurisdictions and best practices that require training for security guards. Furthermore, an enhanced FBI background check procedure will help reduce application wait times for security guard applicants and companies, while also reducing application workload and time for DPD detectives housed in Excise and Licenses who currently process and review security guard applications.

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f. Contract Amount (indicate amended amount and new contract total):

7. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance? (Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?) Please explain.

Excise and Licenses has received concern about the increased cost and time of the enhanced FBI background check requirement from certain industry associations who employ their own security guards. Currently, the department only requires a background check from the Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI) for individual security guard applications. The CBI check only reviews an individual's criminal history in Colorado alone. While the FBI background check does cost more than the CBI check, it is a more exhaustive and thorough check that provides criminal history of an applicant from all 50 states using a biometric fingerprint scan. Whereas the CBI check costs \$7, the FBI check costs approximately \$40, and local background check companies can provide an expedited FBI review in 24-48 hours for a cost of \$70.

To address the concern of the enhanced FBI background check costs, the department has proposed the following:

- The ordinance reduces the population of individuals that need to become licensed in the first place. This includes exempting ID checkers, ushers, ticket takers, and general crowd control or event staff from licensure.
- The ordinance will waive the one-time application fee of \$50 for veterans applying to be security guards.
- The ordinance will allow for all security guard applications to be submitted entirely online, removing the requirement for individuals to apply in person.
- The enhanced FBI check requirement will reduce application review times by providing criminal history from all 50 states up front and at once. This eliminates the need for DPD detectives to conduct lengthy criminal history research in other states, and can save valuable time for both the companies and the department when processing security guard applications.

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