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2 **BY AUTHORITY**

3 ORDINANCE NO.
4 SERIES OF 2026

COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-0687
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Governance and Intergovernmental Relations

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7 **A BILL**

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9 For an ordinance submitting to a vote of the qualified and registered electors of the
10 City and County of Denver at a special municipal election on November 3, 2026, a
11 proposed amendment to the Charter of the City and County of Denver to expressly
12 clarify that the Auditor's Office may continue to enforce wage laws, worker protection
13 laws, and other workplace rights laws in accordance with ordinances passed by City
14 Council.

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

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18 **Section 1.** There is hereby submitted to the properly qualified and registered electors of
19 the City and County of Denver for their approval or rejection at a special municipal election to be
20 conducted at the same time and in conjunction with the coordinated election to be held in the City
21 and County of Denver on November 3, 2026, a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City
22 and County of Denver, as follows:

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24 **Effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with**
25 **the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, the following sections of the**
26 **Charter of the City and County of Denver are amended to read as follows:**

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28 **§ 5.2.1 - General powers and duties of Auditor.**

29 (F) *Wage and Workplace Rights Enforcement.* The Auditor shall enforce wage, worker
30 protection, and workplace rights, as the Council by ordinance may require.

31 (G) *Other Duties Assigned by Ordinance.* The Auditor shall perform such other duties
32 not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter, as the Council may by ordinance require. The
33 Council shall provide by ordinance procedures to require the confidentiality of preliminary audit
34 findings, to require the public dissemination of final audit findings by and through the Audit
35 Committee, and to require response by departments and agencies to audit findings. No ordinance
36 shall compromise the independence of the Auditor as required by generally accepted government

1 auditing standards promulgated by the Comptroller General of the United States.

2 (HG) *Appointment of Deputy.* The Auditor may appoint a Deputy, who shall in addition to
3 any other duties assigned perform such functions and exercise such powers of the Auditor as the
4 Auditor may specifically assign to such Deputy.

5 **Section 2.** The ballot shall contain the following title and submission clause:

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7 **REFERRED QUESTION** _____

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9 Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to expressly clarify
10 that the Auditor's Office may continue to enforce wage laws, worker protection laws,
11 and other workplace rights laws in accordance with ordinances passed by City
12 Council?

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15 **Section 3.** The proper officials of the City and County of Denver as are charged with duties
16 relating to the election shall, before the election, issue such calls, make such certifications and
17 publications, give such notices, make such appointments, and do all such other acts and things
18 in connection with the submission of this Charter amendment to the registered electors of the City
19 and County of Denver at the election as are required by the Constitution and laws of the State of
20 Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of Denver.

21 **Section 4.** The ballots cast at such election shall be canvassed and the results
22 ascertained, determined, and certified in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution
23 and laws of the State of Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of
24 Denver.

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

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: May 19, 2026
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: May 26, 2026 by Consent
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____
4 _____ - PRESIDENT
5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____
6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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10 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST: _____ 2026; _____ 2026
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12 PREPARED BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: May 8, 2026
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14 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
15 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
16 ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
17 § 3.2.6 of the Charter.
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19 Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney
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21 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____