

Nonprofit Vehicle Donation Program

Program Summary

The City and County of Denver's Nonprofit Vehicle Donation Program repurposes roadworthy vehicles that would otherwise be sold through auction, providing eligible nonprofits with vehicles for educational and instructional use. This supports workforce development while ensuring legal, safety, and operational standards.

Background:

Councilwoman Torres collaborated with Denver's Department of General Services to create a formal vehicle donation program, filling a gap in current municipal code which did not allow donations. This program aligns with similar successful initiatives in other cities and organizations, demonstrating both feasibility and community impact.

Ordinance Amendment:

Current Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C. Sec. 54-816) does not authorize vehicle donations. A proposed amendment will add donation to eligible nonprofits as an authorized method of impounded vehicle disposition, enabling the program's legal foundation.

Key Objectives:

- Support vocational training through nonprofits and educational/governmental entities
- Create a legal framework for vehicle donation
- Maximize community benefit and minimize waste
- Ensure transparency and accountability

Eligibility:

- IRS-registered nonprofits or government entities focused on education or workforce development in the City and County of Denver
- Must have secure facilities and instructional plans for the vehicles
- Proof of nonprofit or educational institute status and agreement with the City required

Vehicles:

- Roadworthy, valued $\leq$ \$1,500, and legally cleared for donation
- Not from restricted sources or unsafe
- Held 30 days for owner reclamation before donation

Program Details:

- Up to 100 vehicles donated annually, max 4 per nonprofit

- “As-Is” condition; donees handle towing, repairs, and title transfer
- Application reviewed and vehicles allocated by General Services

Budget & Oversight:

- Minimal financial impact; manageable administrative workload
- Program governed by City ordinance amendment and legal agreements

Timeline:

- 8/11 – 8/15 - Nonprofit Vehicle Donation--Program Briefings
- 8/15 - Nonprofit Vehicle Donation Program--Ordinance Request submitted to Mile High Ordinance
- 8/20 – Nonprofit Vehicle Donation Program--Presentation due to Angela and myself
- 8/26 – Nonprofit Vehicle Donation Program -- Committee
- 9/2 – Nonprofit Vehicle Donation Program --Mayor-Council
 - *There will be no meeting on this date due to the holiday, but it will still be on the agenda.*
- 9/8 – Nonprofit Vehicle Donation Program-- First Reading
- 9/15 – Nonprofit Vehicle Donation Program -- Second Reading

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