

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

2 RESOLUTION NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2023

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance and Governance

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5 **A RESOLUTION**

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7 **Amending the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure concerning electronic**
8 **participation in council meetings.**

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10 WHEREAS, Sec. 13-2(d), D.R.M.C. authorizes the City Council to make rules
11 governing its procedures; and

12 WHEREAS, Sec. 13-6(a)(2), D.R.M.C. provides that the Council may adopt or amend
13 its 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:**

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18 **Section 1.** That Rule 9 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by
19 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

20 9.6 ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS. Any member may participate in a
21 meeting, including any public hearings, ~~by electronic means during work travel, personal or~~
22 ~~medical necessity pursuant to Rule 9.7, or if authorized by the Council President.~~

23 ~~(a) Work travel is official city business that is more than 50 miles from Denver city limits~~
24 ~~to attend conferences, trainings, meetings, or events, provided such travel is in compliance with~~
25 ~~the City's fiscal rules and is related to the official or ceremonial duties of the member.~~

26 ~~(b) Personal necessities are personal and family events that prevent the member from~~
27 ~~attending in person but do not prevent the member from fully participating in the meeting.~~
28 ~~Examples include taking care of an ill family member or being out of town for a funeral.~~

29 ~~(c) Medical necessities are medical issues that prevent the member from attending the~~
30 ~~meeting in person but do not prevent the member from fully participating in the meeting. Examples~~
31 ~~include recovering from surgery, a need to quarantine, or nursing of an infant.~~

32 ~~(d) The Council President may approve participation in an extraordinary situation or if a~~
33 ~~member's attendance is required to achieve quorum for a committee or Council meeting.~~

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2 Under no circumstances may members participate from a moving vehicle.
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4 9.7 NOTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION. Notification of
5 electronic participation for any reason must be submitted by the member to the ~~executive director~~
6 ~~of City Council~~ Executive Director on a provided form no later than ~~three (3)~~ two (2) hours before
7 the start of the meeting. Requests submitted less than two (2) hours before the start of the meeting
8 will not be accepted and the member may not participate electronically. ~~The member must state~~
9 ~~the reason for electronic participation and must fill out a form~~ shall indicate which meeting(s)
10 they member would like to attend via electronic means. ~~Notification of electronic participation~~
11 ~~pursuant to Rule 9.6 (a)-(c) shall not require approval.~~ The Council President shall have the
12 discretion to approve or deny requests submitted less than two (2) hours before the start of the
13 meeting in an extraordinary situation or if a member's attendance is required to achieve quorum for
14 a committee or Council meeting. ~~under Rule 9.6 (d).~~

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16 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE:

17 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE:

18 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____

19 _____ - PRESIDENT

20 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
21 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
22 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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24 PREPARED BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: April 24, 2023

25 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed resolution has been reviewed by the Office of the
26 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
27 resolution. The proposed resolution is submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §3.2.6
28 of the Charter.

29 Kristin M. Bronson, City Attorney

30 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____