

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

2 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 SERIES OF 2023

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB23-0813  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

4 Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure

5 **A BILL**

6 **For an Ordinance approving a proposed donation of a surplus museum collection**  
7 **item from the City and County of Denver to Gilpin County Historical Society.**

8 **WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver owns an historic horse-drawn buggy by the Parks  
9 and Recreation Department; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the horse-drawn buggy is a part of the City’s museum collection at the Buffalo Bill  
11 Museum and Grave (“Museum”), located in Lookout Mountain Park; and

12 **WHEREAS**, since acquiring the horse-drawn buggy, the Museum has been unable to display  
13 the item due to its size; and

14 **WHEREAS**, has determined that the horse-drawn buggy does not have a direct connection with  
15 the historical individuals or events that are the subject of the Museum’s purpose, and as a result, the  
16 horse-drawn buggy is outside of the Museum’s mission and scope of collection; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the museum is a cultural institution that holds historical materials in the public trust  
18 and is a member of the American Alliance of Museums, and as a result, intends to comply with the  
19 best practices of this organization; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Museum has nonetheless determined that rather than auction the horse-drawn  
21 buggy as surplus, it is more appropriate and reflective of the horse-drawn buggy’s historic nature to  
22 donate the horse-drawn buggy to another museum or similar institution; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the City, after a search among several historical institutions, has further identified  
24 the Gilpin County Historical Society, which has a similar mission regarding the preservation of historic  
25 items, as the recipient of the horse-drawn buggy, subject to approval of this bill; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the proposed donation of a surplus horse-drawn buggy, restored and retaining its  
27 historic nature and quality, from the City and County of Denver to the Gilpin County Historical Society,  
28 cannot be made until after approval by the Council of the City in accordance with subsection 2.9.3 (C),  
29 Part 9, of Article II of the Charter of the City; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Director of General Services has determined that the horse-drawn  
31 buggy, no longer on display at the Museum is surplus and the donations is in the best interests of the  
32 City; and

