

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO.
3 SERIES OF 2020

COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-0515
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance and Governance Committee

6 A BILL

8 For an ordinance to amend the Charter of the City and County of Denver to give City
9 Council the authority to procure professional services without executive branch approval,
10 subject to the approval of the voters at a special municipal election to be conducted in
11 coordination with the state general election on November 3, 2020.
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13 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

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15 **Section 1.** There is hereby submitted to the registered electors of the City and County of
16 Denver for their approval or rejection at a special municipal election held in conjunction with the
17 coordinated election on November 3, 2020, a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City and
18 County of Denver, as follows:
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20 **Effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with**
21 **the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, the following sections of the**
22 **Charter of the City and County of Denver are amended to read as follows:**
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24 **§ 3.2.10 – Independent professional services.**

25 (A) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, City Council as a whole may, from time to
26 time and without executive branch approval, contract for professional services that City Council
27 determines necessary to aid City Council in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under the
28 Charter and the Denver Revised Municipal Code.

29 (B) City Council shall develop and provide by ordinance the process by which this section
30 may be implemented for individual contracts.
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32 **Section 2.** The ballot shall contain the following title and submission clause:
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34 **REFERRED QUESTION _____**
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1 Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to give City Council the
2 authority to procure for professional services without executive branch approval?
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4 **Section 3.** The proper officials of the City and County of Denver who are charged with
5 duties relating to the election shall, before the election, issue such calls, make such certifications
6 and publications, give such notices, make such appointments, and do all such other acts and things
7 in connection with the submission of this Charter amendment to the registered electors of the City
8 and County of Denver at the election as are required by the Constitution and laws of the State of
9 Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of Denver.

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

13 **Section 5.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or other portion of this ordinance is held to be
14 invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance shall
15 not be affected.
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17 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: _____, 2020.

18 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: _____, 2020.

19 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2020

20 _____ - PRESIDENT

21 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2020

22 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
23 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
24 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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26 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2020; _____ 2020

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28 PREPARED BY: Kirsten J. Crawford, Assistant City Attorney; DATE: _____
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30 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
31 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
32 ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
33 3.2.6 of the Charter.
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35 Kristin M. Bronson

36 City Attorney

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2 BY: _____, _____ City Attorney
3 DATE: _____