

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2025

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB25-0825
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance & Governance

A BILL

For an ordinance concerning ballot designations of referred measures, initiatives, and referenda.

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

Section 1. Section 15-9 (d) (6), D.R.M.C. is amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

Sec. 15-9. Form of ballot questions.

(d) At any election at which an initiative, referendum, or referred ordinance is submitted to a vote of the qualified electors, the clerk and recorder must order and number the municipal ballot measures as follows:

- (1) Referred ordinances must be designated by a number and letter;
- (2) Initiatives and referenda must be designated by a number;
- (3) All referred ordinances must precede all initiatives and referenda;
- (4) Municipal ballot measures must be ordered as follows:
 - a. Referred ordinances to increase taxes;
 - b. Referred ordinances to retain excess revenues;
 - c. Referred ordinances to increase debt;
 - d. Other referred ordinances;
 - e. Referenda;
 - f. Initiatives to increase taxes;
 - g. Initiatives to retain excess revenues;
 - h. Initiatives to increase debt; and
 - i. Other initiatives.
- (5) Municipal ballot measures must be numbered as follows:
 - a. Referred ordinances must be numbered in the following series: 2A – 2Z.
 - b. Initiatives and referenda must be numbered in the following series: 300 – 399.

(6) The clerk and recorder shall number municipal ballot measures consecutively starting from the last numeral and letter, or numeral, used in any previous election until 2Z or 399 is used. ~~Only~~ Except as stated in subsection (7) of this section, only after a referred ordinance is numbered 2Z, or an initiative or referendum is numbered 399, may the clerk and recorder reuse numbers or letters.

(7) Notwithstanding the language of subsection (6) of this section:

- a. If the total number of referred measures certified for the ballot in an election is greater than the remaining letters in the series, the clerk and recorder shall restart the series by designating the first referred measure for that election as 2A.
- b. If the total number of initiatives or referenda certified for the ballot in an election is greater than the remaining numerals in the series, the clerk and recorder shall restart the series by designating the first initiative or referendum for that election as 300.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: June 3, 2025

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: June 10, 2025

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: 06/23/2025

Anurag P. Sanderwal - PRESIDENT

APPROVED: Michael C. Johnston - MAYOR 06/25/2025
Michael C. Johnston (Jun 25, 2025 16:24 MDT)

ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL: _____; _____

PREPARED BY: Megan Waples, Assistant City Attorney DATE: June 12, 2025

Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

Katie J. McLoughlin, Interim City Attorney

BY: Anshul Bagga, Assistant City Attorney DATE: 06/12/2025