

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**.

****All fields must be completed.****

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Date of Request: June 17, 2014

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

2. **Title:** An ordinance amending Chapter 14, D.R.M.C. to create the Denver County Court Municipal Public Defender Commission and the Office of Municipal Public Defender.

3. **Requesting Agency:** Denver County Court

4. **Contact Person:** (With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution.)

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5. **Contact Person:** (With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary.)

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6. **General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:**

To create the Denver County Court Municipal Public Defender's Commission and the Office of Municipal Public Defender to provide legal representation to indigent defendants charged with municipal offenses. The law requires legal representation be provided to indigent defendants facing the possibility of a jail sentence.

****Please complete the following fields:** (Incomplete fields may result in a delay in processing. If a field is not applicable, please enter N/A for that field.)

a. **Contract Control Number:** NA

b. **Duration:** NA

c. **Location:** NA

d. **Affected Council District:** NA

e. **Benefits:** Provides improved oversight, accountability and defense services to indigent individuals.

f. **Costs:** The proposal is cost neutral. Currently the court has three contracts with law firms to provide legal defense at an estimated cost of \$861,295 in 2015. An estimated cost savings of \$56,882 in 2015 will result if an Office of Municipal Public Defender is created and the contracting for these services is discontinued.

Start-up costs of \$114,730 will need to be transferred from the General Fund Contingency in 2014 for furniture, computers, supplies, connectivity, phones, and salaries to insure the office and staff are ready to begin providing defense services on January 1, 2015.

7. **Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance?** (Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?) **Please explain.** No

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