

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by 9 a.m. Friday. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 8/13/2026

1. Please mark one: ☒ Bill Request or ☐ Resolution Request
2. Does this request directly impact property within .5 miles of the South Platte River (Check map [HERE](#)) ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Does this item fall under XO 66 (Prop 123) requiring it to skip Mayor-Council ☐ Yes ☒ No
4. Do you need to request a Waiver Request for this item ☐ Yes ☒ No

5. Type of Request:

- ☐ Contract/Grant Agreement ☐ Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) ☐ Rezoning/Text Amendment
- ☐ Dedication/Vacation ☐ Appropriation/Supplemental ☒ DRMC Change ☐ Other:

6. **Title:** (Start with *approves*, *amends*, *dedicates*, etc., include name of company or contractor and indicate the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, contract amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)

Amends and revises Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC), Chapter 28, Article III, V, VII by repealing and reenacting a new Article III, Article V, and Article VII establishing Division of Small Business Opportunity (DSBO) and its programs for advancing equitable access to public contracting for minority-owned, women-owned, and small business enterprises.

7. **Requesting Agency:** Denver Economic Development & Opportunity

8. **Contact Person:**

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution (e.g., subject matter expert)	Contact person for council members or mayor-council
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9. **General description or background. Attach executive summary if more space needed:** (who, what, why)

See Executive Summary

10. **City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):** Jason D. Moore

11. **City Council District:** Citywide

****For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet****

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Date Entered: _____

Executive Summary

This amends the City’s Equity in Contracting Ordinance, codified as Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC) Title II, Chapter 28, Article III, V, VII, by repealing and reenacting the Ordinance. Originally adopted by unanimous vote in 2020 and last updated in October 2021, the ordinance establishes the legal framework governing the Division of Small Business Opportunity (DSBO) and its programs for advancing equitable access to public contracting for minority-owned, women-owned, and small business enterprises. The current ordinance expires October 31, 2026, and the reauthorization process must be completed before that date to ensure continuity of these commitments.

Ordinance No. 286-20, adopted April 13, 2020, was passed by unanimous vote with broad business community support, a historic foundation we are committed to building upon. This reauthorization is not a renewal in name only. It represents deliberate, data-informed amendments: deepening protections, expanding contracting access, and strengthening program integrity.

The updates presented in the City’s Equity in Contracting Ordinance are designed to support the program and equitable contracting for the next five to seven years, and reflect the findings and recommendations of the Denver 2025 Availability and Disparity Study.

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