

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto: MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by 9 a.m. Friday. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 10/21/2024

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

Please mark one: The request directly impacts developments, projects, contracts, resolutions, or bills that involve property and impact within .5 miles of the South Platte River from Denver's northern to southern boundary? (Check map [HERE](#))

Yes No

1. Type of Request:

Contract/Grant Agreement Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Rezoning/Text Amendment

Dedication/Vacation Appropriation/Supplemental DRMC Change

Other:

2. **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.)

A bill for an ordinance amending section 14-109 concerning salary and benefits of county court magistrates.

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

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution (e.g., subject matter expert)	Contact person for council members or mayor-council
Name: Dawn Palutke, Director Human Resources	Name: Kristin Wood, Court Executive
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5. **General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:**
(who, what, why)

DRMC Section 14-109 provides that, subject to appropriations, the presiding judge of the Denver County Court is authorized to appoint such magistrates as are necessary to conduct the business of the Court. Presently, the Denver County Court employs four full time magistrates and has identified a need to hire a dedicated part time magistrate, no additional appropriations necessary.

As such, amendments are needed to DRMC Section 14-109 to distinguish a part-time magistrate working in a dedicated assignment, guaranteed 20+ or more hours per week and eligible to receive benefits, from a part-time on-call magistrate, who works on-call, as needed, who's hours are not guaranteed and less than 20 hours per week and are ineligible to receive benefits.

Amendments to this section include a new subsection(s) (c) which establishes on-call magistrate pay as the same hourly rate as full and part time magistrate pay, subsection (d) which defines benefits for full and part time magistrates, subsection (e) which defines on-call magistrates as ineligible to receive benefits and section (f) to comport with DRMC Sec. 18-11.

Amending 14-109 is necessary to comport with career service rules and DRMC 18-121(b) which provides officers or employees hired after December 31, 2009, insurance and paid leave benefits. Hiring a part time magistrate who is guaranteed 20+ hours a week without providing these benefits would be wholly inconsistent and inequitable, if not a violation of career service rules.

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6. **City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):** Anshul Bagga

7. **City Council District:** Citywide

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

N/A

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