

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: **04-03-2025**

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:** For an ordinance amending Chapters 6 and 32 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code to modernize regulatory provisions for marijuana licenses, align marijuana licensing requirements with state law, and clarify requirements for court-appointed receivers managing licensed businesses, citywide.

3. **Requesting Agency:** Excise and Licenses

4. 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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5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

This bill will make five key changes to chapters 6 and 32 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) First, the bill revises the definition of social equity applicant to align local social equity criteria with the criteria established for the state in HB 20-1424. This change will ensure consistency between state and local social equity applicant criteria. Second, the bill allows medical-only marijuana stores within 1,000 feet of a school to add a retail store license. This change will not create any new retail store locations; it would allow a small number of medical-only stores the option to apply for a license to sell retail marijuana in addition to medical marijuana at the existing location. Third, the bill allows the Director of Excise and Licenses to set needs and desires hearings on a discretionary basis, when necessary, rather than requiring a hearing as a mandatory licensure step in all cases. Fourth, the bill removes local provisions that require certain documents be sent by certified mail. This removal would allow the Department to offer digital delivery of certain marijuana documents. However, this change would not have an impact until and unless the state marijuana code is amended to allow for additional delivery options as well. Finally, the bill authorizes court-appointed receivers to take licensing actions that a licensee would be authorized to take, which are often required by the appointing court. This change would require further Department rulemaking.

6. **City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):** Reginald Nubine

7. **City Council District:** Citywide

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

Resolution/Bill Number: _____

Date Entered: _____