

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 24-0611
4 SERIES OF 2024

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance and Governance

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6 **A RESOLUTION**

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8 **A resolution amending Rules 4, 7, and 10 of the City Council Rules of**
9 **Procedure.**

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11 WHEREAS, Sec. 13-2(d), D.R.M.C. authorizes the City Council to make rules
12 governing its procedures; and

13 WHEREAS, Sec. 13-6(a)(2), D.R.M.C. provides that the Council may adopt or amend
14 its rules of procedure by resolution.

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16 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

17 **Section 1.** That Rule 4 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by
18 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

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20 4.1 Registering to Speak. All persons wishing to address Council at a public hearing shall register
21 their intention to do so online, by phone, or in person at the City Council central office. Registration
22 begins on the ~~Friday~~ Thursday preceding the council meeting at ~~4:00 A.M.~~ 5:00 P.M. Sign-up
23 closes at 3:00 p.m. on the day of the council meeting. The Council President has discretion in
24 allowing registration for required public hearings after sign-up closes.

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26 4.8 Written Testimony.

27 (a) Those wishing to submit written testimony to a public hearing held at a council
28 meeting may do so via the City Council website, US mail or other courier, or by delivery in person
29 at the City Council offices at 1437 Bannock St, room 451. Written testimony is accepted beginning
30 at 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the public hearing.

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32 (b) Written testimony will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting in which
33 the hearing will be held. The council president has discretion in allowing submissions for required
34 public hearings after the sign-up period closes.

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36 **Section 2.** That Rule 7 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by
37 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

1 7.11 General Public Comment Session. Before convening the regular meeting from recess,
2 the Council shall conduct a televised one-half hour general public comment session during which
3 persons may address the Council on any matter of city concern, except for any matter that is
4 scheduled for either a formal or a courtesy public hearing at that meeting or any future meeting of
5 Council. Anyone wishing to comment on a matter scheduled for a public hearing shall be
6 requested to reserve their comments until the hearing in question.

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8 (a) Persons wishing to address Council at a general public comment session shall
9 register their intention to do so online, by phone, or in person at the City Council central office
10 beginning at ~~10:00 a.m. on the Friday~~ 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the general public
11 comment session. Registration period will end at 3:00 p.m. the day of the general public comment
12 session. Speakers shall be recognized to speak in the order of registration by priority level.
13 Speakers who have not addressed Council during a general public comment session in the
14 previous 90 days will have first priority. Speakers who have not addressed Council at the general
15 public comment session in the previous week shall be given second priority. Those who spoke at
16 the previous week's meeting will have third priority.

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18 **Section 3.** That Rule 10 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended
19 by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

20 10.6 Committee Public Testimony.

21 For committee meetings where proposed changes to the municipal code or policy are
22 discussed, there will be a fifteen-minute public testimony on the measure with two minutes per
23 speaker, unless extended at the discretion of the chair. The order of speakers is determined by the
24 committee chair. Registration for public testimony in committees begins at ~~10:00 a.m.~~ 5:00 p.m. on
25 the ~~Friday~~ Thursday preceding the committee meeting. Registration to speak closes ~~thirty (30)~~
26 ~~minutes~~ one hour prior to the start of the committee meeting. Submissions for written testimony
27 opens at 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the committee meeting and closes one hour before
28 the start of the committee. Written testimony shall be submitted in the same manner as described
29 in Rule 4.8(a). The committee chair has discretion to approve registrations and submissions after
30 the deadline. Committee testimony will not be permitted on an appointment or confirmation of an
31 appointment to any board or commission or to any other office or position of employment for which
32 council is the appointing or consenting authority. For all other items scheduled at committee, the
33 public testimony at a committee meeting is within the discretion of the committee chair if the matter

1 is within the purview of the specific committee or the full council and the matter is not scheduled for
2 a required public hearing.

3 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: May 7, 2024 by consent

4 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A

5 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: May 13, 2024

6  _____ - PRESIDENT

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

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11 PREPARED BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: May 9, 2024

12 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed resolution has been reviewed by the Office of
13 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
14 resolution. The proposed resolution is **not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
15 §3.2.6 of the Charter.

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17 Kerry Tipper, City Attorney

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19 BY: Anshul Bagga, Assistant City Attorney DATE: May 9, 2024