

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2025

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB25-1716
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance and Business

A BILL

For an ordinance amending Ordinance 1542, Series of 2024, concerning the “Sidewalks Operating Fund” and the “Sidewalks Capital Equipment and Improvements Fund” programs.

WHEREAS, the citizen initiative “Denver Deserves” program, passed in November 2022, seeks to improve accessibility for residents and visitors by constructing, reconstructing, and repairing sidewalks to establish a safe, connected sidewalk network that enhances mobility for all, supports transit options, promotes community connectivity, establishes sustainable practices, and stimulates economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1076, series of 2024, approved a municipal code change to DRMC Chapter 49 Division 5 related to the Sidewalk Program and Sidewalk Fund and created the Sidewalk Enterprise Fund series (76000); and

WHEREAS, other City Enterprise Operating Funds are established as appropriated and lapsing to allow the departments administering these programs to spend and encumber budget using projected revenue instead of establishing budget only when revenue is received to avoid disruptions in services; and

WHEREAS, other City Enterprise Capital Funds have been established as appropriated and non-lapsing to allow departments to encumber budget in capital projects using projected revenue instead of establishing budget only when revenue is received and spend said budgets over several years, which is typical for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the Sidewalks Enterprise Operating Fund (76100) and the Sidewalks Capital Equipment and Improvements Fund”, Accounting No. 76300 were established as revenue based and non-lapsing instead of as appropriated funds; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to amend ordinance 1542, series of 2024, regarding the “Sidewalk Enterprise Operating Fund”, to change the fund type to appropriated and lapsing, and regarding the “Sidewalks Capital Equipment and Improvements Fund” to change the fund type to appropriated and non-lapsing; and

1 **WHEREAS**, this request is a companion to the annual Long Bill and allows for an administrative
2 action needed to implement the 2026 budget as adopted;

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5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**
6 **DENVER:**

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8 **Section 1.** Section 3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **“Section 3.** Expenditures are hereby authorized for the “Sidewalks
10 Operating Fund”, Accounting No. 76100, to be expended by the Executive
11 Director of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. Authorized
12 expenditures for Fund 76100 are for operating expenses **related** to Denver
13 Deserves Sidewalks Program. This is an appropriated ~~revenue-based~~ and
14 ~~non~~-lapsing fund.

15 **Section 2.** Section 5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 **Section 5.** Expenditures are hereby authorized for the “Sidewalks
17 Capital Equipment and Improvements Fund”, Accounting No. 76300, to be
18 expended by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation
19 and Infrastructure. Authorized expenditures for Fund 76300 are for capital
20 equipment and capital improvement project expenses related to Denver
21 Deserves Sidewalks Program. This is an appropriated ~~revenue-based~~ and
22 non-lapsing fund.”

23 **Section 3.** The Chief Financial Officer of the City and County of Denver is hereby authorized
24 and directed to make such book and record entries and to do such other things as may be
25 necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: November 4, 2025, by Consent
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: November 11, 2025, by Consent
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____
4 _____ - PRESIDENT
5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____
6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST: _____ ; _____
10 PREPARED BY: Nikki McCabe, Budget and Management Office DATE: November 13, 2025
11 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
12 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
13 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
14 3.2.6 of the Charter.
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16 Katie J. McLoughlin, Interim City Attorney
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18 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____
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