

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: 08/06/2026

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 a contract with Denver Health and Hospital Authority by adding three years, for a new end date of 12-31-2029 for the purpose of implementing the Denver Health Sales Tax, a .34% sales tax passed in November 2024 for the purpose of funding and supporting Denver Health in its provision of: Emergency and Trauma Care; Primary Medical Care; Mental Health Care; Drug and Alcohol Use Recovery; and Pediatric Care services, located at 777 Bannock Street, in Council District 3 (ENVHL-202578269/ ENVHL-202685577-01).

7. **Requesting Agency:** Denver Department of Public Health & Environment

8. **Contact Person:**

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

Denver voters passed ballot initiative 2Q on November 5, 2024, the Denver Health Sales Tax, a sales and use tax increase of thirty-four one-hundredths of one percent (.34%) to benefit Denver Health. The fund that receives the proceeds is entitled the Denver Health and Hospital Authority Tax Fund ("Denver Health Tax Fund" as that term is defined in the Ordinance) and is for the purpose of funding and supporting Denver Health in its provision of: Emergency and Trauma Care; Primary Medical Care; Mental Health Care; Drug and Alcohol Use Recovery; and Pediatric Care services, all of which are within the ongoing care and services being provided by Denver Health in and by its hospital, clinics and care teams.

The contract amount is appropriated annually based on the projected sales tax revenue. 2025 revenue collected was \$65,685,663. The 2026 tax revenue is projected to be \$68,473,998 and 2027 revenue is projected to increase to \$71,999,122. Funds are distributed monthly to Denver Health and Hospital Authority monthly, less a 1% administrative fee withheld by the City to support the oversight and administration of the tax fund. Any unspent administrative expenses are given to DHHA during the annual tax reconciliation process.

In 2025, the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment and the Denver Health and Hospital Authority entered into a contract to expend the Denver Health Sales Tax for two years, ending 12-31-2026. DDPHE and DHHA are adding three years to the existing contract and have negotiated several changes to the scope of work to enhance public reporting, align due dates, and clean up outdated language.

10. **City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):** Mitch Behr

11. **City Council District:** District 3/Citywide

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

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Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property): IGA

Vendor/Contractor Name (including dba): Denver Health and Hospital Authority

Contract control number (legacy and new):

Legacy: ENVHL-202578269-00

New: ENVHL-202685577-01

Location: 777 Bannock Street, Denver, Colorado 80204

Is this a new contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No **Is this an Amendment?** ☒ Yes ☐ No **If yes, how many?** 1

Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):

Existing: 01/01/2025-12/31/2026

Amended: 01/01/2025-12/31/2029

Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):

<i>Current Contract Amount</i> (A)	<i>Additional Funds</i> (B)	<i>Total Contract Amount</i> (A+B)
Appropriated Annually		

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
1/1/2025-12/31/2026	3 years	1/1/2025-12/31/2029

Scope of work:

Planning and reporting deliverables:

- 1) Denver Health and DDPHE will provide a proposed spending plan addendum by the end of March each year.
 - a. The addendum will include proposed metrics such as: patient volumes, patient demographics, and quality metrics. In addition to demographics, each service area may include two to four metrics reflecting information from one or more of the following three domains: volume, quality, and/or clinical impact. If applicable, DHHA will include relevant baseline data including prior year equivalents, reporting cadence, data sources, and alternative methodologies.
 - b. In addition to the written addendum, Denver Health will present to City Council on their proposed spending plan by the end of March each year.
 - c. DDPHE will also present their proposed spending plan for the 1% administrative expenditures.
- 2) Denver Health will provide a written annual report which outlines expenditures from the previous year, accessible to the public and submitted to Council, the Mayor, and the Auditor by May 1st. Denver Health will also submit their audited financial statements.
 - a. The outline for the report may be as follows:
 - i. CEO Summary
 - ii. Background/Methodology
 - iii. Overall Payer Mix
 - iv. Quantify Uncompensated Care
 - v. Outline reporting methodology
 - vi. Allocation Overview
 - vii. Financial accounting by clinical category
 - viii. Impact by Clinical Category
 - ix. May include items outlined in 4(B)(ii) [metrics above]

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- 3) Denver Health and DDPHE will provide a mid-year update on the spending plan and any material variances to Council by August 31st each year.

Distribution:

- 1) Denver Health will invoice DDPHE for 1/2th of the total appropriation for the fiscal year.
- 2) Any unspent City administrative expenses will be given to Denver Health during the annual reconciliation process at the close of the City fiscal year.

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? No **If not, why not?** The Denver Health Sales Tax fund was created for the sole purpose of supporting Denver Health's operations.

Has this contractor provided these services to the City before? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Source of funds: Fund 11892

Is this contract subject to: ☐ W/MBE ☐ DBE ☐ SBE ☐ XO101 ☐ ACDBE ☒ N/A

WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (construction, design, Airport concession contracts): N/A

Who are the subcontractors to this contract? Third Horizon Strategies, LLC was selected through a competitive bid to provide strategy and capacity building for DDPHE's oversight of the Denver Health Sales Tax Fund. Third Horizon's contract is paid through the City's 1% administrative fee.

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