

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2026

COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-0684
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance and Business

A BILL

For an ordinance requiring all businesses operating in the City & County of Denver to take reasonable steps to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That a new section 1-17 shall be added to chapter 1 of the Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 1-17. – Business compliance with all existing laws.

A business that operates in the City & County of Denver shall take reasonable steps to ensure their agents, contractors, and employees comply with, all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, and other governmental orders or rules or regulations, including, without limitation, any federal or state court orders, writs, injunctions and decrees, now in force or that may be enacted, ordered, or amended from time-to-time. Marijuana and natural medicine businesses that operate legally under applicable provisions of the Colorado constitution and state and local law are exempt from the requirement to comply with the provisions of the Controlled Substances Act that prohibit the production, distribution, and possession of marijuana and natural medicine as defined in this code.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: May 19, 2026 by Consent

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: May 26, 2026 by Consent

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL 06/08/2026

4 Signed by:

Diana Romero Campbell

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Signed by:

Michael Johnston

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- PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: _____

- MAYOR 6/9/2026

6 ATTEST: _____

- CLERK AND RECORDER,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

10 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST _____; _____

12 PREPARED BY: Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney;

DATE: May 28, 2026

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

19 Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney

20 Signed by:

Jonathan Griffin

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21 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney

DATE: 5/28/2026 | 10:12 AM MDT