

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 SERIES OF 2023

COUNCIL BILL NO.23-0199  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
4 Finance and Governance

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6 A BILL

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8 **For an ordinance amending Section 18-81, D.R.M.C., setting the salaries of elected**  
9 **officers for terms beginning July 17, 2023.**  
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11 WHEREAS, the Colorado Constitution and Charter of the City and County of Denver  
12 prohibit the salaries of elected officials from being increased or decreased during a term of  
13 office; and

14 WHEREAS, section 9.2.2 of the charter requires the City Council to establish the salaries  
15 for the ensuing term of elected Charter officers after January 1 of each year in which a general  
16 city election will be held, but before the general election; and

17 WHEREAS, any increase in the salaries of elected officials is limited to the cumulative  
18 increase in the Denver-Boulder-Greeley CPI or successor index, or the cumulative increase in  
19 the mean salary of employees in the Career Service, whichever is less; and

20 WHEREAS, the cumulative increase in the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood CPI successor  
21 index during the period 2019 through 2022, inclusive, was 15.42%; and

22 WHEREAS, as reported by the Office of Human Resources, the cumulative increase in  
23 the mean salary of employees in the Career Service for the period 2019 through 2022,  
24 inclusive, was 9.32%, meaning that the annual salaries of Denver elected officials cannot  
25 increase in excess of 9.32% during the next four-year term of the elected officials commencing  
26 July 17, 2023.

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

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30 **Section 1.** That Sec. 18-81 of the Revised Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety  
31 and the section is amended by re-enacting a new Sec. 18-81, to read as follows:

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33 **Sec. 18-81. Salaries.**

34 In accordance with the limitations on the salaries of elected Charter officers as set forth in

1 section 9.2.2 of the Charter, the council hereby fixes the annual salaries for the term beginning July 17,  
2 2023, as follows:

Officer (Elected)	Annual Salary
Mayor	\$205,990.58
Auditor	\$178,152.24
President of the Denver City Council	\$123,846.44
Members of the Denver City Council	\$110,595.76
Clerk and Recorder	\$178,152.24


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4 **Section 2.** This ordinance is effective July 17, 2023.

5 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: February 28, 2023

6 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: March 7, 2023

7 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ March 20, 2023

8  \_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT

9 APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_ Mar 21, 2023

10 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
11 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
12 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
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14 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

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16 PREPARED BY; Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: March 8, 2023

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18 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the  
19 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed  
20 ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §  
21 3.2.6 of the Charter.  
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23 Kerry Tipper, Denver City Attorney

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25 BY:  \_\_\_\_\_, Assistant City Attorney

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Mar 9, 2023