

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 SERIES OF 2018

COUNCIL BILL NO. 18-0899  
COMMITTEE OF  
REFERENCE:  
FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

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8 A BILL

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10 For an ordinance to amend the charter to give the legislative branch certain specified  
11 powers currently reserved to the executive branch by giving the Denver city council the  
12 authority to contract for professional services without executive branch approval, subject  
13 to the approval of the voters at a special municipal election to be conducted in  
14 coordination with the state general election on November 6, 2018.

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

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18 **Section 1.** There is hereby submitted to the properly qualified and registered electors of the  
19 City and County of Denver for their approval or rejection at a special municipal election to be  
20 conducted at the same time and in conjunction with the general election to be held in the City and  
21 County of Denver on November 6, 2018, a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City and  
22 County of Denver, as follows:

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24 **Effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to the**  
25 **Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, the following sections of 2002**  
26 **Charter of the City and County of Denver shall be and are hereby amended by**  
27 **deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as**  
28 **follows:**

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30 **§ 3.2.10 – Independent professional services.**

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32 (A) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the City Council as a whole may, from time to  
33 time and without executive branch approval, contract for professional services that the City Council

1 determines necessary to aid the City Council in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this  
2 Charter and the Denver Revised Municipal Code. An individual contract entered into in accordance  
3 with this section may not exceed an amount in excess of \$100,000.

4 (B) City Council shall develop and provide by ordinance the process by which this section may  
5 be implemented for individual contracts.

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7 **Section 2.** The officials of the City and County of Denver charged with duties relating to the  
8 election must, before the election, issue such calls, make such certifications and publications, give  
9 such notices, make such appointments, and do all such other acts and things in connection with the  
10 submission of this code amendment to the registered electors of the City and County of Denver at the  
11 election required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado and the Charter and  
12 ordinances of the City and County of Denver.

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14 **Section 3.** The ballots cast at such election must be canvassed and the results  
15 ascertained, determined, and certified in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution  
16 and laws of the State of Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of  
17 Denver.

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19 **Section 4.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or other portion of this ordinance is held to  
20 be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity of the remaining portions of this  
21 ordinance shall not be affected.

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23 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.  
24 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.  
25 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
26 2018

27 \_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT  
28 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_  
29 2018

30 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
31 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
32 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
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34 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_ 2018;  
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PREPARED BY: Troy Bratton, Assistant City Attorney; DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Kristin M. Bronson  
City Attorney

BY: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City Attorney  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_