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

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Date of Request: 7/31/2026

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.)

   Approves a Uniform Easement Deed and Revocable Storm Drainage License Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County to grant a permanent, non-exclusive easement to access and use an area for constructing, operating, and maintaining facilities associated with DDPHE's Renewable Natural Gas infrastructure and grants a revocable license permitting the city to discharge approved drainage flows at the Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site, citywide (FINAN-202684998).

7. **Requesting Agency:** Department of Finance

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: Lisa Lumley	Name: Laura Swartz
Email: lisa.lumley@denvergov.org	Email: laura.swartz@denvergov.org

9. **General description or background. Attach executive summary if more space needed:** (who, what, why)
   Please see executive summary attached.

10. **City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):** John McGrath

11. **City Council District: N/A**

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

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

Resolution/Bill Number: _____ Date Entered: _____

Key Contract Terms

Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > $500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):
Uniform Easement Deed and Revocable Storm Drainage License Agreement

Vendor/Contractor Name (including dba): THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO

Contract control number (legacy and new): FINAN-202684998-00

Location: Approximately 3500 S Gun Club Road

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

Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):
Perpetual Agreement beginning approximately 8/1/2026

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

Current Contract Amount (A)	*Additional Funds (B)*	*Total Contract Amount (A+B)*
$0	N/A	N/A

Current Contract Term	*Added Time*	*New Ending Date*
8/1/2026-perpetual	N/A	N/A

Scope of work: Please see executive summary attached

Was this contractor selected by competitive process? No **If not, why not?** City land located in Arapahoe County

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

Source of funds: N/A

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? N/A

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Easement and Storm Drainage License Agreement with Arapahoe County

The Denver Department of Public Health & Environment and WM (Waste Management) are developing Colorado's largest Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) facility at the Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site (DADS) landfill. This innovative project marks a major milestone in Denver's commitment to sustainability, air quality and climate action.

The facility will be the first landfill gas-to-RNG plant in Colorado, joining a growing network of more than 536 RNG plants across North America. While other RNG facilities in the state process wastewater or agricultural waste, this will be the first to convert landfill gas into clean, usable energy.

The stormwater easement is specific to the RNG plant stormwater management requirements for Arapahoe County, where the plant is being constructed, and the stormwater maintenance obligations will be fulfilled by WM. Denver City Council voted on Monday, Dec. 1 2025, to approve an agreement for WM to finance, build, and operate the facility. In exchange, the city will receive a royalty payment on revenue generated.

Landfills naturally produce landfill gas as organic waste breaks down. Currently at Denver's municipal landfill (DADS), about a third of its landfill gas is captured and converted to electricity. The remaining landfill gas is "flared," or burned off, in accordance with air permitting guidelines.

The new RNG facility will instead capture and refine almost all of the landfill gas at Denver municipal landfill, removing carbon dioxide and other impurities to produce pipeline-quality gas that is nearly chemically identical to fossil natural gas but with a significantly lower carbon footprint.

By reducing the need for flaring, the project is expected to help cut emissions of ozone precursors and other pollutants, therefore helping improve regional air quality.

This project is a key component of Denver's broader climate strategy and a model for regional collaboration. By transforming waste into renewable energy, the RNG facility will help Denver and its neighboring communities move toward cleaner air, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and a more sustainable energy future.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2026 with the facility projected to be operational in 2027.

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