

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2021

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

Safety, Housing, Education, and Homelessness

A BILL

For an ordinance amending the process for screening candidates to fill future vacancies in the director of the office of the independent monitor in connection with revisions to the charter structure of the monitor if approved by electors at a special municipal election to be held in conjunction with the coordinated election of November 2, 2022.

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

Section 1. That section 2-372, D.R.M.C. shall be amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

Sec. 2-3721. Appointment, qualification, and removal of monitor and staff
Screening committee for recommendations of appointment to monitor position.

(a) ~~The mayor shall direct the recruitment for the monitor's position with the assistance of the Office of Human Resources or other entity designated by the mayor.~~

(b) ~~Prior to the appointment of any person to the position of monitor, the mayor shall appoint a screening committee to interview and evaluate candidates for the position. The citizen's oversight board shall identify a screening committee within 60 days of any vacancy in the director of the office of the independent monitor. For vacancies arising after January 1, 2022, The screening committee shall consist of the following five (5) seven (7) persons:~~

(1) The chairperson of the board, who shall be the chairperson of the screening committee;

(2) A member of city council as selected by the city council president;

~~(3) A current or retired judge as selected by the mayor;~~

~~(4) The Office of Human Resources Executive Director; and~~

~~(5) A person with extensive knowledge of internal police investigations or the monitoring of internal police investigations but who has never been employed by the Denver police, sheriff, or fire departments as selected by the mayor.~~

(3) A representative appointed by the mayor;

1 (4) A current or retired judge as selected by the citizen’s oversight board;

2 (5) The Office of Human Resources Executive Director;

3 (6) A person with extensive knowledge of internal police investigations or the monitoring
4 of internal police investigations but who has never been employed by the Denver police, sheriff, or
5 fire departments as selected by the citizen’s oversight board; and

6 (7) A community representative who was personally, previously justice-involved, as
7 selected by the citizen’s oversight board.

8 ~~(eb)~~ The screening committee shall forward to the ~~mayer~~ citizen oversight board the
9 names of up to three (3) candidates, who will then participate in a community process. ~~Whose~~
10 ~~names shall be available to the public.~~

11 ~~(dc)~~ Within 30 days of the completion of the community process, ~~the mayer~~ citizen
12 oversight board shall nominate for appointment the monitor from the list of names submitted by the
13 screening committee, unless the ~~mayer~~ citizen oversight board decides not to ~~appoint~~ nominate any
14 of those candidates, in which case the ~~mayer~~ citizen oversight board shall request the screening
15 committee to provide additional names, who will then be vetted through a community process until
16 a proposed nominee is selected for appointment. The citizen’s oversight board by affirmative vote
17 of a majority of all the authorized membership shall nominate a candidate for appointment to the
18 director of the office of independent monitor. Such appointment shall be subject to the consent of
19 council acting by resolution.

20 ~~(d)~~—The appointment of the monitor by the ~~mayer~~ shall not be effective unless and until
21 confirmed by the city council acting by ordinance.

22 ~~(f)~~—The monitor shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~mayer~~. Prior to any removal of the
23 monitor by the ~~mayer~~, the ~~mayer~~ shall consult with the city council and the board regarding his or
24 her intention to remove the monitor.

25 ~~(g)~~—The staff of the monitor's office shall be hired by the monitor and shall serve at the
26 pleasure of the monitor.

27 ~~(hd)~~ Neither the monitor nor any employees of the monitor's office shall have formerly
28 been employees of the Denver police, sheriff, or fire departments.

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30 **Section 2.** That sections 2-371 and 2-377 are hereby repealed and that Article XIII be
31 renumbered accordingly.

32 **Section 3.** If any section, paragraph, clause or other portion of this ordinance is held to be
33 invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance shall
34 not be affected.

