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A bill for an ordinance amending Article II of Chapter 37, Public Nuisance Offenses, by updating certain ordinance and statute references, and amending Article III of Chapter 37, Civil Abatement of Public Nuisances, by revising certain provisions concerning the procedure to be followed in nuisance abatement proceedings.

Amends Chapter 37 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code to revise certain nuisance abatement proceedings and update certain related ordinance and statute references. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 4-3-19.

Affected Council District(s) or citywide?

Citywide

Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:

Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.

The City's nuisance abatement ordinance hasn't undergone any significant review and revision in more than a decade. Over the years, we have come to understand that some provisions of the ordinance can be inflexible and uncompromising, leaving little room for prosecutorial or judicial discretion and creating perceived inequities in the process. The proposed amendments will build some flexibility into the process, increase the burden of proof at trial, allow for a measure of judicial discretion upon a showing of good cause, dispense with the collection of fees in certain circumstances, and impose mandatory bi-annual reporting to city council.

Address/Location (if applicable):

Legal Description (if applicable):

Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):

Draft Bill Attached?