



Legislation Text

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**Item Title & Description:**

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**A bill for an ordinance establishing a temporary voluntary disclosure and compliance plan process for existing buildings that have undergone unpermitted work, and temporarily amending Section 142.2 of the administrative section of the Denver Building and Fire Code to allow occupancy of certain existing buildings prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy through a conditional certificate of occupancy.**

Amends Chapter 10 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC) to allow occupancy of certain existing buildings through a conditional certificate of occupancy. The Committee approved filing this bill at its meeting on 6-28-17.

**Affected Council District(s) or citywide?** Citywide

**Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:**

In an effort to improve safety for all people citywide, Community Planning and Development and the Denver Fire Department are proposing a Safe Occupancy Program that allows for owners and occupants of unpermitted spaces to come forward within a two-year window. Those that come forward voluntarily may submit a compliance plan and receive a conditional certificate of occupancy to allow occupants to legally remain in place if there are no immediate life-safety hazards. If work is required to bring a space up to code, this program offers extended timelines to find creative, potentially more affordable solutions. The

types of spaces that can make use of this program include such things as performance spaces with an occupancy of 300 people or less (but no restaurants or bars), residential living space two stories or less and containing 16 or fewer units, offices, galleries and showrooms, retail, and more.

**Address/Location (if applicable):**

**Legal Description (if applicable):**

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

**Draft Bill Attached?**