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A bill for an ordinance amending Article V of Chapter 6 and Article II of Chapter 32 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code to amend provisions relating to marijuana transporter and delivery provisions, marijuana business fees, and providing for clarifying changes.

Amends Chapter 6 and Chapter 32 the Denver Revised Municipal Code to change the provisions for retail marijuana transporters licenses for the purpose of supporting social equity, adjusting marijuana business fees, and providing for clarifying changes. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-31-2022.

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.

Last year, Council Bill 21-0216 established a licensed marijuana delivery program with a focus on opportunities for social equity applicants. The program included an initial three-year period during which social equity marijuana transporter businesses would have the exclusive ability to conduct marijuana deliveries on behalf of licensed marijuana stores. Under the program, stores would be required to contract

with social equity licensees to conduct delivery until July 1, 2024.

During the first year of exclusivity for social equity applicants, the Department has seen very few stores engage with social equity transporter businesses to conduct deliveries, making it difficult for social equity transporter businesses to succeed. The Department has also received feedback that the fees for delivery permits and transporter licenses appear to be a significant barrier to new and existing businesses.

This ordinance is narrowly crafted to address these challenges by replacing the three-year exclusivity period with permanent exclusivity for social equity marijuana transporter businesses to conduct deliveries on behalf of licensed stores. This ordinance also reduces the licensing fees for marijuana delivery permits and transporter licenses.

Address/Location (if applicable):

Legal Description (if applicable):

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

Article V of Chapter 6 and Article II of Chapter 32

Draft Bill Attached? Yes