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2 **BY AUTHORITY**

3 ORDINANCE NO.
4 SERIES OF 2020

COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-0537
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance & Governance

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7 **A BILL**

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9 **For an ordinance submitting to a vote of the registered electors of the City and**
10 **County of Denver at a special municipal election to be held in conjunction with the**
11 **coordinated election on November 3, 2020, a proposed amendment to the Charter**
12 **of the City and County of Denver removing outdated language to modernize the**
13 **conduct of public business.**

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

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17 **Section 1.** There is hereby submitted to the properly qualified and registered electors of the
18 City and County of Denver for their approval or rejection at a special municipal election to be
19 conducted at the same time and in conjunction with the coordinated election to be held in the City
20 and County of Denver on November 3, 2020, a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City and
21 County of Denver, as follows:

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23 **Effective upon certification to and publication by the designated election official, the**
24 **2002 Charter of the City and County of Denver is amended by deleting the language as**
25 **follows:**

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27 **§ 3.3.2 – Council meetings.**

28 All City Council meetings to conduct public business shall be held at a regularly scheduled
29 time, shall be open to the public, except that council may recess for executive sessions, and shall
30 be held in the manner prescribed by city laws. Special meetings ~~The Council shall meet in the~~
31 ~~Council chambers each Monday in regular session except as otherwise may be provided by~~
32 ~~ordinance, and at such other times as it may be called together by the Mayor or any three~~
33 ~~members upon twenty-four hours written notice; shall sit with open doors; make rules governing its~~
34 ~~procedure; keep a public record of all its proceedings, in which every vote shall be entered by roll~~
35 ~~call.~~

1 **Section 2.** The ballot shall contain the following title and submission clause:

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3 **REFERRED QUESTION _____**

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5 Shall Article III, Part 3, of the Charter of the City and County of Denver be updated to
6 remove outdated language and allow for modernization of the conduct of city business?

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9 **Section 3.** The proper officials of the City and County of Denver as are charged with duties
10 relating to the election shall, before the election, issue such calls, make such certifications and
11 publications, give such notices, make such appointments, and do all such other acts and things in
12 connection with the submission of this Charter amendment to the registered electors of the City and
13 County of Denver at the election as are required by the Constitution and laws of the State of
14 Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of Denver.

15 **Section 4.** The ballots cast at such election shall be canvassed and the results ascertained,
16 determined, and certified in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and laws of the
17 State of Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of Denver.

18 **Section 5.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or other portion of this ordinance is held to be
19 invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance shall
20 not be affected.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: June 23, 2020

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: June 30, 2020

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ July 20, 2020

4 *Steve Johnson* _____ - PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: *[Signature]* _____ - MAYOR Jul 21, 2020

6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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10 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ ; _____

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12 PREPARED BY: Jonathan Griffin _____ ; DATE: July 1, 2020

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14 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
15 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
16 ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
17 3.2.6 of the Charter.
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19 Kristin Bronson, City Attorney

20 BY: *[Signature]* _____, Assistant City Attorney

DATE: Jul 2, 2020 _____

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