

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 316

3 SERIES OF 2007

4 COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
PUBLIC WORKS

5  
6 **A BILL**

7 **For an ordinance relating to Chapter 54 (Traffic Regulations) of the Denver**  
8 **Revised Municipal Code, to allow taxis to stop in traffic lanes to pick up or**  
9 **drop off fares.**

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

12 **Section 1.** Section 54-160, of Chapter 54 (Impeding traffic), shall be amended by  
13 adding the language underlined to read and be read as follows:

14 **Sec. 54-160. Impeding traffic.**

15 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle or to stop a vehicle in a traffic  
16 lane or roadway so as to impede or block the flow of traffic or create an actual or potential  
17 hazard. No person shall operate a vehicle at a speed less than a posted minimum speed limit,  
18 except when such speed is necessary to be in compliance with this chapter. Where minimum  
19 speed limits are not posted, a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour or more under the unposted  
20 or posted speed limit shall be prima facie evidence of being an impediment to the flow of traffic  
21 or a potential hazard to others.

22 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 54-160(a) and 54-70(g), taxis may stop for up to 90  
23 seconds in a traffic lane to pick up or drop off a fare, provided the stop is made in the traffic lane  
24 nearest the curb from which the fare embarks or disembarks and further provided an amber  
25 flashing light is visibly displayed to the rear during the stop. Reasonable accommodations shall  
26 be made as to time for the embarkation and disembarkation of persons with disabilities.

27 **Section 2.** Section 54-458(11), of Chapter 54, shall be amended by deleting the  
28 language stricken and adding the language underlined to read and be read as follows:

29 **Sec. 54-458(11).**

30 11) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street,  
31 except that:

32 a. A a vehicle may be stopped at the roadway side of a vehicle while waiting for another  
33 vehicle to clear a parking space, while such other vehicle is actually doing so, or

1 b. A taxi may be stopped at the roadway side of a vehicle to load or unload passengers in  
2 compliance with section 54-160(b); however, the loading or unloading of taxi passengers shall  
3 not be construed to be an affirmative defense for a violation of any other subsection of this  
4 section.

5 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_.

6 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_.

7 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2007

8 \_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT

9 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_ 2007

10 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
11 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
12 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
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14 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_ 2007; \_\_\_\_\_ 2007

15 PREPARED BY: Kerry A. Buckey, Assistant City Attorney 4/19/2007

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

22 BY: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City Attorney Date: \_\_\_\_\_