BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. 20161071
SERIES OF 2017

COUNCIL BILL NO. 16-1071
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
SAFEHOUSE Committee

A BILL

For an ordinance adopting a new Article XVII of Chapter 53, D.R.M.C. concerning property taxes dedicated for the purpose of purchasing services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

WHEREAS, § 25.5 10 206 (6), C.R.S., authorizes counties in Colorado to levy up to one mill in ad valorem property taxes for the purpose of purchasing services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, commencing in 1987 and acting pursuant to the applicable state statutes, the City and County of Denver has levied a special ad valorem property tax for services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities by including a dedicated mill levy rate in its annual certification of property taxes;

WHEREAS, via an initiated ordinance approved by the voters in 2003, the levy dedicated for purchasing services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities was increased to one full mill, the maximum rate allowed by the statute; and

WHEREAS, the text of the 2003 initiated ordinance read in its entirety:

"The current levy upon all taxable property, real, personal, and mixed, within the City and County of Denver, of taxes in mills per dollar of assessed valuation, for the Developmentally Disabled Fund is hereby increased by 0.860 mills to 1.000 mill, to be effective upon proclamation of the adoption of this ordinance following the 2003 Denver General Election, with the proceeds of such levy to be applied for the benefit of developmentally disabled individuals and their families through Denver Options, Inc., the current Community Centered Board for the City and County of Denver."

and
WHEREAS, the ballot question associated with the 2003 initiated ordinance authorized
the city to collect and spend all revenue derived from the one mill levy on a year-to-year basis
indefinitely into the future, without regard to any expenditure, revenue-raising, or other limitation
contained in Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (TABOR); and

WHEREAS, the City has not heretofore codified in the Denver Revised Municipal Code
any provision regarding the disbursement of revenue derived from the dedicated mill levy to
pay for services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and the purpose of
this ordinance is to clarify the permissible range of uses for such revenue consistent with state
law; and

WHFRFAS, pursuant to § 8.3.1 of the charter, ten years after the adoption of any
initiated ordinance, the City Council may amend the ordinance by a simple majority but must
conduct a public hearing prior to adopting any such amendment

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
DENVER:

Section 1. That Chapter 53, D.R.M.C. shall be amended by adding a new Article XVII, to read
as follows:

ARTICLE XV. - DEDICATED PROPERTY TAXES FOR PURCHASE OF SERVICES
ON BEHALF OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES

Sec. 53-550. - Developmental Disabilities Mill Levy

(a) Dedicated mill levy increase for purchase of services to persons with
intellectual and developmental disabilities. The city shall assess on an annual basis,
in addition to any and all other city and county ad valorem property tax levies, a levy
at the rate of 1.0 mill on all taxable property in the City and County of Denver. The
revenue derived from said levy shall be credited to the Human Services Special
Revenue Fund, fund number 13000 of the fund plan as set forth in section 20-18 and
used exclusively for the purposes set forth in this Article XVII.
(b) Permitted uses of mill levy revenue. Revenue derived from the dedicated levy shall be used exclusively for the following purposes:

(1) Contracts for purchasing services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities through the community centered board for Denver County as designated by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing pursuant to § 25.5-10-209, C.R.S., as amended.

(2) Contracts for purchasing services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities through any other entity or organization that provides such services.

(3) Transfer of revenue to the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing in order to receive matching federal funds to provide Medicaid-approved waiver services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

(4) Costs incurred by the Denver Department of Human Services in order to administer and enforce any city contracts for purchasing supports to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities as permitted by this section, in an amount not to exceed three-quarters of one percent of the revenue derived from the dedicated levy per annum.

(c) Residency requirement for beneficiaries of dedicated revenue. Any contract for purchase of supports or services as permitted by this section shall include provisions to require and ensure that revenue derived from the dedicated levy is expended for the benefit of children and adults who are residents of Denver in accordance with rules and regulations of the executive director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing promulgated pursuant to § 25.5-10-204, C.R.S., as amended.

(d) Cap on administrative expenses paid from dedicated funds. Any contract for supports or services as permitted by this section shall include a provision limiting the amount of the service provider's administrative and overhead expenses that may be paid by the city to the service provider to no more than fifteen percent of the total amount of dedicated mill levy funds disbursed to the service provider per annum.
(e) Reporting. The community centered board for Denver County shall provide an annual report to the Council of the City and County of Denver in accordance with the terms of the contract for purchasing services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: December 14, 2016.
MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: December 20, 2016.
PASSED BY THE COUNCIL January 9, 2017

[Signature] - PRESIDENT

APPROVED: [Signature] - MAYOR Jan 11, 2017

ATTEST: [Signature] - CLERK AND RECORDER,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL Jan 9, 2017 : Jan 13, 2017

PRFPARFD BY: David W. Broadwell; DATE: December 29, 2016

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

Kristin M. Bronson, City Attorney

BY: [Signature], Assistant City Attorney DATE: Dec 29, 2016

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