

We, the undersigned, registered electors of the City And County of Denver, Colorado, pursuant to C&R Election Rule 5.3 and Section 8.3.2 of the Charter of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, hereby file this Affidavit constituting ourselves as the Petitioners' Committee, with the intention to circulate a petition for an Initiated Ordinance, and being duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as follows:

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 19, 2027

Proposed Ballot Title:

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Proposed Ordinance:

Be it enacted by the City and County of Denver,

Chapter 24 of the D.R.M.C. is amended by the addition of Article XV as follows:

ARTICLE XV - SLAUGHTERHOUSES PROHIBITED

Sec. 24-703. - Legislative Intent

(a) The People of the City and County of Denver find that:

- (1) Slaughterhouses are nuisances upon the neighborhoods in which they operate, due to the foul odors which they produce, their unsightly industrial facades, and the disagreeable nature of their operations;
- (2) Employment in slaughterhouses is associated with exceptionally high rates of workplace injury, including dismemberment and exposure to toxicity, as well as mental illness and addiction due to the unique psychological harms experienced by slaughterhouse workers;
- (3) Emissions from industrial animal agricultural operations are a significant cause of climate change, with livestock contributing 14.5 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization;
- (4) Actions are required at every level of government in order to address the climate crisis, and policies that promote the transition to a more sustainable, plant-based food system, are recommended as a strategy to

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address climate change by the UN Environment Programme, a transition on which Denver can be a leader; and

- (5) Eliminating slaughterhouses in Denver will promote community awareness of animal welfare, bolster the City's stance against animal cruelty, and, in turn, foster a more humane environment in Denver.

Sec. 24-704. - Definitions

When used in this article:

- (a) *Slaughterhouse* means any building, facility, or establishment where livestock animals, as defined by C.R.S. §§ 18-9-201(2.9), are killed for the production of food and intended for sale to consumers, or livestock animals are killed for food for a fee or other compensation of an animal not owned by the person performing the killing and not intended for sale by the owner of the animal.

Sec. 24-705. - Unlawful to operate a slaughterhouse

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2026, it shall be unlawful for any person to construct, maintain or use, or cause or permit to be constructed, maintained or used, a slaughterhouse within the City and County of Denver.

Sec. 24-706. - Assistance for former slaughterhouse employees

- (a) The City shall prioritize any resident whose employment is affected by this article in any workforce training or employment assistance programs operated by the City, including those provisioned by the Climate Protection Fund.

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Instructions to Circulators

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1. How To Circulate a Petition

- A. An initiated ordinance petition may consist of multiple petition sections. There must only be one circulator for each petition section.
- B. Each petition section is bound in a blue manuscript cover and contains: A) an *Affidavit of Petitioners' Committee* containing ballot title and full text, B) an *Instructions to Circulators* page, C) several numbered *Signature Pages* that contain a Warning section at the top of each page, and D) an *Affidavit of Circulator* page.
- C. Read the Warning in this petition section to be aware of who may sign this petition and other legal restrictions on signers of this petition.
- D. A petition section may not be left unattended on a counter or desk for voters to sign.

2. Who May Sign a Petition

- A. Signers must be residents of the City and County of Denver and registered to vote in Denver.
- B. Circulators may not sign their own petition section. Notaries may not notarize a petition section they have signed.

3. How To Sign a Petition - Signers Must:

- A. Print clearly.
- B. Use blue or black ink. Do not use ditto marks ("") to provide information on a signature line.
- C. Fill out every required field completely, date it and sign it in the presence of the circulator.
- D. Sign their own signature and print their own legal name in the same manner as the person is registered: last name, first name, and middle initial. (For example: Mary Doe, not Mrs. John Doe)
- E. Use the residence address where they reside and are registered to vote, including street name and street number, city and county. Post office boxes may not be used as a place of residence.
- F. Place their initials on all minor corrections. If a major correction is required, the signer should cross out the entire pair of lines containing the error and use the next pair of blank lines.
- G. Not sign for another signer. However, any person **except the circulator** may assist a signer who has limited literacy or is physically unable to write the required information on the petition. The signer must make his or her mark in the signature space and the person giving assistance must provide their signature and a statement that assistance was given. This statement must be provided on the petition immediately following the name of the elector who received assistance.

4. What To Do After Petition Section is Completed

- A. Do not disassemble petition sections. If the original staples are removed, all names on the section are disqualified.
- B. A petition section does not have to be completely filled for the listed names to be valid.
- C. The *Affidavit of Circulator* must be properly signed and notarized. Do not sign or date your *Affidavit of Circulator* until in the presence of the notary.
- D. No additional signatures may be collected after the *Affidavit of Circulator* is notarized. Any subsequent signatures are invalid.
- E. All petition sections must be filed with the Elections Division at one time.

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**“WARNING:
IT IS AGAINST THE LAW:**

For anyone to sign any initiative petition with any name other than his or her own or to knowingly sign his or her name more than once for the same measure or to knowingly sign a petition when not a registered elector who is eligible to vote on the measure.

DO NOT SIGN THIS PETITION UNLESS YOU ARE A REGISTERED ELECTOR AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THIS MEASURE. TO BE A REGISTERED ELECTOR, YOU MUST BE A CITIZEN OF COLORADO AND REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Do not sign this petition unless you have read or had read to you the proposed initiative in its entirety and understand its meaning.”

Ballot Title: Shall the voters of the City and County of Denver adopt an ordinance prohibiting slaughterhouses, and, in connection, beginning January 1, 2026, prohibiting the construction, maintenance, or use of slaughterhouses within the City; and requiring the City to prioritize residents whose employment is affected by the ordinance in workforce training or employment assistance programs?

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Affidavit of Circulator Petition for Denver Initiated Ordinance

I, _____, being duly sworn
(Circulator's Printed Name)

on oath depose and say that I have read and understand the laws governing the circulation of petitions; that

1. I was a citizen of the United States, and at least 16 years of age at the time this petition section was circulated and signed by the listed electors;
2. I personally circulated this section of the petition;
3. All signatures on this petition section were affixed in my presence;
4. Each signature hereon is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be;
5. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the persons signing this petition section was, at the time of signing, a registered elector of the City and County of Denver;
6. I have not paid and will not in the future pay and that I believe that no other person has paid or will pay, directly or indirectly, any money or other thing of value to any signer for the purpose of inducing or causing the signer to affix the signer's signature to the petition; and
7. Each signer had an opportunity to read the full text and ballot title of this initiative.

(Signature of Circulator)

(Date)

(Circulator's Permanent Residential Address)

STATE OF COLORADO
CITY AND COUNTY _____

Subscribed and sworn to me on this

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_____ day of _____, _____

My commission expires: _____

(Signature of Notary Public)

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