Review and Comment Guidelines in Response to COVID-19 Virus

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, there is a public health emergency in the State of Colorado. In response to this crisis, there have been a number of governmental orders declaring a disaster emergency, prohibiting public gatherings, encouraging or requiring various forms of social distancing, and establishing other measures to reduce the spread of the virus. In order to comply with these orders to the greatest extent possible and also preserve the proponents' fundamental right in the power of initiative, the directors of Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services issue these guidelines for Review and Comment Meetings that will be held beginning on August 19, 2020, and until such time that they are modified or rescinded:

1. Review and Comment meetings will take place as scheduled and noticed on Legislative Council Staff's website.

2. Staff from Legislative Council and the Office of Legislative Legal Services will attend the meeting in person in the designated room.

3. Remote participation at a Review and Comment meeting by electronic technology is not permitted; except that, if there is an applicable executive order that prohibits individuals at risk of severe illness from COVID-19 from being compelled to perform in-person work for any government function, then a designated representative of the proponents or his or her attorney who is an individual at risk of severe illness from COVID-19 may participate in the Review and Comment meeting by telephone, and staff will coordinate this participation. (See the addendum for the updated list of applicable executive orders.)

4. Whether the designated representatives appear in person or remotely by telephone, the requirement that both designated representatives of the proponents attend the Review and Comment meeting still applies.

5. Review and Comment meetings will be conducted consistent with recommended social distancing guidelines, and all participants appearing in person must wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth if so required by order of the State of Colorado or the City and County of Denver. (See the addendum for the updated list of applicable orders.)

6. The Review and Comment meeting will be recorded and broadcast over the internet at https://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00327/Harmony/en/View/UpcomingEvents/20201230/72.

7. The public is prohibited from attending the Review and Comment meeting in person, and instead the meeting will be open to the public through the internet broadcast.

Addendum to Review and Comment Guidelines (Updated March 17, 2021)

I. Applicable Safer at Home Executive Order and Public Health Order

A. Executive Order D 2021 047, Extending Executive Orders D 2020 235, D 2020 265, D 2020 289, and D 2021 023 Establishing Directives for the COVID-19 Dial Framework. (Expires on February 24, 2021.)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JxGHMMp60iI-Ld3K2cyIjfZ1Z9AbWFz8/view

B. Public Health Order 20-36 COVID-19 Dial

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KPNMKVzWx2KbAqAjja-lGfO6v4CqFOZ7/view

C. As defined in Public Health Order 20-36 (IV)(H), "individual at risk of severe illness from COVID-19" means:

1. Individuals who are sixty-five (65) years and older;
2. Individuals who have cancer;
3. Individuals who have chronic kidney disease;
4. Individuals who have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;
5. Individuals who have Down Syndrome;
6. Individuals who are immunocompromised (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant;
7. Individuals who have a body mass index of 30 or higher;
8. Individuals who have serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies;
9. Individuals who have Sickle cell disease;
10. Individuals who have type 2 diabetes mellitus;
11. Individuals who are pregnant;
12. Individuals who smoke; and
13. Individuals determined to be high risk by a licensed healthcare provider.

II. Applicable Face Covering Orders

A. Executive Order D 2021 056, Amending Executive Orders D 2020 039, D 2020 067, D 2020 092, D 2020 110, D 2020 138, D 2020 164, D 2020 190, D 2020 219, D 2020 237, D 2020 245, D 2020 276, D 2020 281, D 2021 D 007,

and D 2021 035 Ordering Individuals in Colorado to Wear Non-Medical Face Coverings. (Expires April 4, 2021.)

https://www.colorado.gov/governor/sites/default/files/inline-files/D%202021%20056%20Mask%20Extension.pdf

B. Denver Face Covering Order Amended October 16, 2020. (Continues until further notice unless rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing.)

https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/covid19/documents/public-orders/DDPHE_FaceCoveringOrder_Amended_10.16.20.pdf