Affidavit of Petitioners' Committee
Petition for Denver Initiated Ordinance

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:

1. The following five (5) registered electors of the City and County of Denver shall constitute the Petitioners' Committee:

Name	Address	Phone Number
Evan Oliver	3623 W 33rd Ave. Denver, CO 80209	(303) 960-7410
Angela Gizzi	2626 S Franklin St. Denver, CO, 80210	(607) 591-1549
Anna Libey	1914 E 17th Ave. Denver, CO 80206	(720) 435-1821
Max Thomas	623 East 11th Ave. Denver, CO 80203	(305) 707-4114
Lily Lu-Lerner	1301 Speer Blvd Denver CO 80204	(973) 818-0636

2. The Petitioners' Committee shall be responsible for circulating and filing the petition.

3. Primary contact for the Petitioners' Committee is:

Evan Oliver (Name) | (303) 960-7410 (Daytime Phone) | evan.thomas.oliver@gmail.com (Email)

Address to which notices will be sent: 3623 W 33rd Ave. Denver, CO 80209

4. The Ballot Title for the Initiated Ordinance shall be as follows: (Clerk will place the finalized title on the affidavit after the public input period under Charter § 8.3.2(E)(2) has passed)

"Shall the voters of the City and County of Denver adopt an ordinance prohibiting the force-feeding of birds and, in connection therewith, prohibiting the sale of products derived from force-feeding birds, including foie gras?"

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5. Is the full text of the Initiated Ordinance attached to this petition? Yes.

(Legible Signature of Committee Member)

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STATE OF COLORADO
CITY AND COUNTY of Denver, CO

Subscribed and sworn to me on this

8th day of June, 2025

[SEAL]

My commission expires:

(Signature of Notary Public)

KRISTINA TKAC
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20234036967
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 28, 2027

DCR rev. 03/20/2025

Chapter 8 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Article VIII, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII. Prohibit Force-Feeding Birds Act

Sec. 8-160. Legislative Intent

The People of the City and County of Denver hereby find and declare:

(a) That the practice of force-feeding birds for any purpose involves the intentional overfeeding of ducks, geese, or similar birds, typically by inserting a tube down the bird's esophagus and delivering excessive quantities of feed directly into the stomach;

(b) That this method is primarily used to produce foie gras—a luxury food item made from the pathologically enlarged liver of a duck or goose—which is not nutritionally necessary and is consumed almost exclusively as a high-end delicacy;

(c) That force-feeding is widely regarded as inhumane by veterinary professionals due to the significant pain, stress, and disease it causes, including severe enlargement of the liver, impaired mobility, and a high incidence of bacterial and fungal infections;

(d) That the confinement systems typically associated with force-feeding prevent birds from engaging in normal behaviors, increase stress, and contribute to environmental degradation through concentrated waste and emissions;

(e) That facilities engaged in the production of foie gras force-feeding discharge runoff with high levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, and other pollutants, contributing to air and water pollution;

(f) That workers in such facilities are exposed to elevated occupational risks, including respiratory hazards, physical injury, and zoonotic disease transmission, which pose threats to both worker safety and public health;

(g) That consumption of products derived from force-fed birds, including foie gras, has been linked to public health risks such as elevated cholesterol, liver dysfunction, and exposure to potentially amyloidogenic proteins implicated in neurodegenerative diseases including Alzhiemer's disease;

(h) That eliminating the production and sale of force-fed products from the marketplace is in our city's interest and authority to reduce animal cruelty, unsustainable environmental practices, and spread of zoonotic disease, and to uphold our city's values of humane animal treatment, public health, and environmental stewardship.

Sec. 8-161. Definitions.

For purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

(1) *Bird* means any species of poultry including, but not limited to, a duck or a goose.

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(2) *Force feeding a bird* means a process that causes the bird to consume more food than a typical bird of the same species would consume voluntarily. Force feeding methods include, but are not limited to, delivering feed through a tube or other device inserted into the bird's esophagus.
(3) *Retail food establishment* has the same meaning given in § 23-2(30).
(4) *Sell or sale* means any act of selling, trading, distributing, or bartering for monetary or nonmonetary consideration, and includes any transfer of ownership that occurs in the course of a commercial transaction. All above actions shall be deemed to occur at the location where the recipient takes or would take physical possession of the item.

Sec. 8-162. Prohibition on force-feeding.

(a) A person may not force feed a bird for the purpose of enlarging the bird's liver beyond normal size, or hire another person to do so. This section shall not apply to someone force-feeding a bird as directed by a licensed veterinarian for the purpose of improving the bird's health.
(b) A product may not be sold in Denver if it is the result of force feeding a bird for the purpose of enlarging the bird's liver beyond normal size. Accordingly, no person, retail food establishment, or any agent thereof, shall sell or offer for sale, distribution, or offer to provide by sale or any other manner any such product, or import, transport, or receive such a product into Denver, CO for sale, distribution, or any other commercial purpose within the city.

Sec. 8-163. Enforcement and penalties.

(a) The Denver Department of Public Health and Environment shall have the power and duty to enforce all provisions of this Article. Thereby, the Department of Public Health and Environment:
    (1) is authorized to adopt procedures and forms to implement the provisions of this Article;
    (2) shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Article during routine inspections of retail food establishments;
    (3) shall have the authority to issue subpoenas for records related to the purchase, storage, and sale of poultry products;
    (4) shall ensure members of the public are able to submit complaints notifying the Department of possible violations; and
    (5) shall maintain a publicly available online database of violations and penalties issued under this Article, updated quarterly.
(b) Any person or retail food establishment who violates any provision of this Article shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than one thousand dollars ($1,000) and not more than five thousand dollars ($5,000) for each violation. Each violation shall be treated as a separate and distinct offense, and in the case of a continuing violation, each day's continuance shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. Repeated violations within

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a 12-month period shall result in mandatory suspension of the business license for up to six months, subject to review by a hearing officer as provided in § 32-15(a).

(c) In addition to other remedies provided by this article or by other law, any violation of this article may be enforced by a civil action brought by the City or any agent thereof, including but not limited to an action for injunctive relief.

(d) Nothing in this section shall restrict any right which any person may have under statute or common law to seek enforcement of this article or other relief.

(e) If a corporate entity or its agent violates any provision of this Article, the owner(s), operators, or individuals legally responsible for the operation of the corporate entity shall be subject to the penalties provided herein.

Sec. 8-164. Severability

If any Section, Subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Article is declared invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Article.

Sec. 8-165. Effective Date

This article becomes effective beginning July 1, 2027.

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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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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 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)

_____
(Circulator's Temporary Colorado Residential Address, if applicable)

STATE OF COLORADO
CITY AND COUNTY _____

Subscribed and sworn to me on this [SEAL]

_____ day of _____, _____

My commission expires: _____

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(Signature of Notary Public)

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