



DAH BLIGHT CLEARANCE PROCESS

A DAH-issued "Blight Clearance" is now required by City Law in order to apply for a City permit, certificate or variance issued by Department of Buildings, Safety, Engineering and Environmental (BSEED).

"Blight Clearance" is now City Law: In June 2016, The Detroit City Council passed a new ordinance mandating that persons and entities applying for a BSEED permit, certificate or variance are ineligible to receive the permit, certificate or variance IF they have unpaid blight tickets. (See Section 9-2-5 of Detroit City Code).

"Blight Clearance" is a Certification: The Blight Clearance is a certification that no outstanding blight tickets exist for the **applicant and property owner** and *must be submitted to BSEED when submitting the application for permit, certificate or variance.*

DAH Issues Blight Clearance: Applicants for BSEED permits, certificates or variances must obtain a "Blight Clearance" from the Department of Appeals & Hearings (DAH) before the application for the permit, certificate or variance will be accepted by BSEED.

How to obtain Blight Clearance from DAH

- 1) Fully complete and sign an "Application for Blight Clearance"
- 2) The DAH will research its records for any unpaid blight tickets against the applicant and owner
- 3) If no unpaid blight tickets exist, the DAH will issue the Blight Clearance
- 4) If unpaid blight tickets exist, an "Unpaid Blight Tickets Report" will be given to the Applicant and tickets must be paid in full to obtain the Blight Clearance

*****Blight Tickets may be paid at the DAH Cashier's window, online, via mail or over the phone. Go to the DAH web page to find out if unpaid blight tickets exist:
<http://app.detroitmi.gov/dahonline/>