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THE CITIZENS' VOICE



Updates from Council President Brenda Jones on jobs, opportunities, neighborhoods, education and safety!

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 Brenda Jones: The Citizen's Voice Speaks



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

On Monday, February 17, 2020, in the Public Health and Safety Committee, at 10:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m., City Council will hold Public Hearings on the 1. Emma's Clause and 2. Xavier Strickland Amendments to the Dangerous Animals Ordinance.

SPEED HUMPS


On February 4th, City Council approved a contract with JB Contractors for the installation of Asphalt Speed Humps that are 12 ft long and 6 inches in rise. There will be approximately 300-400 blocks completed at various locations in the City of Detroit and the contract will end January 21, 2022.

1. The Proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 6 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Animal Care, Control and Regulation; Article III, Dangerous Animals; by amending Section 6-3-1 to add a provision to be known as "Emma's Clause" in honor and memory of Emma Valentina Hernandez, the nine year old girl that was mauled to death on August 19, 2019, when multiple dogs escaped a neighbor's yard; to require mandatory actions as part of the Detroit Animal Care and Control Division investigation and evaluation of a verifiable complaint of a dangerous animal; to set forth such mandatory

actions such as visit(s) to the residential address, and a requirement that notes and photographs be taken; posting of notice to contact the Animal Care and Control Division within a set time-frame from the posting of notice; and to establish an accelerated procedure to address an individual's failure to contact the Animal Care and Control Division. *****THIS PORTION OF THE ORDINANCE WILL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AFTER CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL*****

AND

2. Proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 6 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Animal Care, Control and Regulation, by amending Article I, In General, to amend Section 6-1-2, Definitions; to amend Section 6-1-3, Violations and penalties; to amend Section 6-1-4, Animal Care and Control Division; authorization and enforcement; minimum employment standards for animal control officers; right of entry upon probable cause; interference with officer; damage to property; fees; rules; to amend Section 6-1-5, Owning, harboring; keeping,



maintaining; selling, or transferring of farm or wild animals prohibited; exception for circuses, zoos, and other approved activities; separate violations for each animal; disposition of animals in violation of this section. This amendment establishes two new classifications: Nuisance and Potentially Dangerous that provides the department with the ability to enact penalties such as mandatory spay/neuter, enclosures, public muzzling, liability insurance and other penalties in order to address dangerous dog behavior prior to biting. There is also the creation of a “Reckless Dog Owner”; Provision that allows the City of Detroit to prevent dog owners from having dog licenses within the City of Detroit:

1. Receives 3 or more determinations for violation of the nuisance animal provisions in a consecutive 24-month period that are upheld by the district court if appealed;
2. Receives 1 determination 2 for a dangerous animal in a consecutive 24-month period which is upheld by the district court if appealed;
3. Receives 2 or more determinations for a potentially dangerous animal in a consecutive 24-month period that are upheld by the district court if appealed;
4. Excluding violations set forth in number (2) and (3), receives 4 or more citations for violation of this chapter in a consecutive 5-year period. These may include licensing or animal limit violations or failure to update location of an animal that has been determined to be potentially dangerous or dangerous. *****AFTER CITY COUNCIL’S APPROVAL, THIS PORTION OF THE ORDINANCE WILL TAKE EFFECT SIX MONTHS AFTER IMPLEMENTATION*****

DETROIT INCLUSION ENHANCEMENTS AND COD CONTRACTING UPDATES

The Law Department has recently submitted an ordinance to Amend Chapter 17 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Finance, Article V, Purchases and Supplies, Division 1, Goods and Services, Subdivision A, Generally, Section 17-5-1, to amend and clarify the definition of Detroit Based Business. Oftentimes, businesses that receive Detroit Based Business (D-BB) certifications have few to no employees and equipment at Detroit locations allowing businesses to abuse the intent of the certification and prevent Detroit Based Businesses (D-BB) and Detroit Headquartered Business (D-HB) that bear the burden of high insurance costs and other operational costs from having the maximum opportunities to successfully bid on city contracts. In order to ensure that businesses that

receive Detroit-based certifications and equalization credits are providing maximum benefits to the City of Detroit, Council President Jones is requesting that the submitted ordinance is amended to include a definition for “adequate employees” to consist of at least 30% of employees employed by the business to be Detroit residents and “adequate physical resources” to consist of at least 30% of equipment utilized by the contractor to be stationed at a Detroit location. Go to <https://bit.ly/2S1WXtq> to see the entire Memorandum.

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