



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Policy Division (LPD)
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: April 14, 2022
RE: Request for Report on History and Complaints of Tiny Home Programs in Detroit

During my previous tenure, my office requested information on tiny homes in Detroit. As stated during session, we would like to submit an additional memorandum requesting a report on the history of tiny homes, specifically highlighting the program, Tiny Homes Detroit. The specifics of our request can be found below.

- Who owns tiny homes?
- Are tiny homes for sale or for lease?
 - Are there opportunities for renters to own tiny homes?
 - How many people have leased tiny homes and became homeowners?
- How many people have been evicted from tiny homes since 2013?
- Has there been any violations or issues of crime with tiny home programs in Detroit?
 - Have there been any reports of invasion of privacy, housing violations, fiscal irresponsibility, and unfair treatment among tiny home residents against Cass Community Services and their program, Tiny Homes Detroit?
- In what ways do residents request assistance with tiny home programs?
- Overall, has there been any outstanding concerns against Cass Community Services?
- What City Council approval, incentives, and land transfers were needed to implement tiny home programs?

My office is asking the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to provide a report on the questions above regarding tiny home programs in Detroit and any possible violations and/or complaints of those programs. Please contact Caryn Shannon from my office at caryn.shannon@detroitmi.gov if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk