



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: James White, Chief, Detroit Police Department
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: October 17, 2022
RE: Questions Regarding City Contractor Goch & Sons

It has come to my attention that the residents of Detroit Medical Center Apartments have experienced unfair treatment, price gouging, and harassment at the hands of Goch & Sons Towing Company. Goch & Sons currently has a pending contract with the city (Contract No. 6004597) for \$187,500.00. I am not willing to move forward with this contract until I receive answers to the following questions:

1. Please list all current contracts that the City has with Goch & Sons, including the expiration date of these contracts.
2. How does Goch & Sons set their towing fees? What is the fee schedule? Which forms of payment are accepted?
3. Where are their towing signs posted? Are they visible?
4. What is Goch & Sons' current process and procedure for DPD towing contracts? Who oversees this portion of their business?
5. Please provide records of any complaints that DPD has received regarding Goch & Sons.
6. What's the process of towing a vehicle on private property as it relates to the Detroit Police Department?

If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk