



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Bell, Director
Buildings, Safety, Engineering & Environmental Department (BSEED)

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

DATE: March 15, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 BSEED Budget Questions

The office of Council Member Angela Calloway respectfully submits the following questions to BSEED as a part of the 2023-2024 budget hearing process.

1. **QUESTION:** The Business License Center (BLC) is responsible for various types of business licenses throughout the city. Do the license fees collected by BLC cover the costs of operations? Could BLC enforcement be improved through better cooperation with other city departments? Could the improved enforcement levels be paid through higher fees?
2. **QUESTION:** BLC collect fees from business license holders. What is the collection rate from businesses? Is there a difference in collection rates between different business classifications?
3. **QUESTION:** What is the current balance of the Fire Insurance Escrow Account? How is the interest revenue from the Fire Insurance Escrow Account used to cover the costs of the FIE program?