



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

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Janice M. Winfrey, City Clerk

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

DATE: March 8, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 City Clerk Budget Questions

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The office of Council Member Angela Calloway respectfully submits the following questions to the City Clerk's Office as a part of the 2023-2024 budget hearing process.

- QUESTION:** There is a bottleneck or delay in the process for when ordinances are passed and when they are updated into the City Code and made publicly accessible—
  - How long does it take for an ordinance, once it has passed, for the City Code to be updated? What is the cause of the delay?
  - Is there a plan in place to possibly update our current platform to close the gap? It would be of great service to the residents if we could show online our law-making process in real time.
- QUESTION:** There is growing concern from the public that there is a lack of accessibility and transparency when it comes to public information.

The City of Kalamazoo is currently operating a easy to use online public records request portal.

Though we have our own request for records, I think we could look toward Kalamazoo for an easily accessible and user friendly portal for these types of request.

- What is the clerk's office doing to make public information more accessible and to make the information finding process more user friendly?
- Our assumption should be that everyone trying to access public information is doing so for the first time and so having to navigate too deeply may deter the public from searching and finding published material.