



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Bell, Director, BSEED
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: March 17, 2023
RE: BSEED 2023 Budget Hearing

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- As of March 1, 2023, how many vacancies exist within the department? The proposed FY2024 Budget calls for 352 FTE positions, will the department be able to fill all the available positions? What positions are currently vacant?
 - In late 2021, President Biden signed the approximately \$1 trillion Federal Infrastructure Bill that will inject millions of dollars into local municipalities. Does the department anticipate an increased strain on BSEED resources and staff due to more federal investment coming to the City? Does BSEED have the appropriate number of staff to keep up with increased demand?
 - On page B13-13, Business License Center revenue decreases by nearly \$200,000 from FY2023 to FY2024. What is the reason for the anticipated decrease? Does the department expect less business licenses issued or have fees changed?
 - On page B13-11, Property Maintenance Enforcement expenditure increases by more than \$1.3 million from FY2023 to FY2024. What is the cause for the increase, and why do expenditures then decrease by \$1.5 million the following fiscal year and beyond?
 - On page B13-11, what is the \$100,000 Public Health Fund, and why is it zeroed out for FY2024 and the following years?
 - What is the status of the updated Lead Inspection requirements? Has revenue from violations and fines changed since the easing of the inspection schedule?

What has been the cost savings of changing to inspections every three years as opposed to every year?

- Has BSEED begun enforcement of the Water Barrier Ordinance? What division oversees the Detroit River Seawall, and does the department have the necessary staffing to complete inspections?
- How much has BSEED collected in Medical Marijuana Licensing Fees over the previous fiscal year? How much in Recreational Marijuana Licensing Fees were received by the department since Recreational sales were allowed?
- What educational guides or programs does BSEED have to notify residents and businesses of BSEED compliance rules and possible fines?
- What is the process for the enforcement of blight violations and penalties? What is the average length of time from complaint to inspection? Does BSEED have the staffing capacity to keep up with the level of blight complaints? Has COVID effected the enforcement of blight tickets and hearings?