



City of Detroit

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: James Ribbron, Director, Board of Zoning Appeals
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: May 12, 2023
RE: BZA 2023 Budget Hearing Questions

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- On page B51-6, please explain the \$46,000 decrease in Operating Services Expenditures in FY2024 from the previous year.
 - On page B51-2, the proposed FY2024 budget calls for 1 FTE position for Zoning Appeals Investigations. Is one person enough to timely investigate BZA claims?
 - On page B51-7, Sales & Charges for Services Revenues was \$110,000 in the adopted FY2023 budget, as well as \$100,000 for the proposed FY2024 budget. What was the actual revenue for FY2023? How is the \$100,000 estimated revenue for FY2024 calculated?
 - What is the fee for requesting a zoning hearing? What if a resident is unable to afford the fee? Is there any sort of discount or hardship program for those unable to pay?
 - Does the BZA hear appeals for Marijuana Dispensaries? Does BZA have any role in mediating zoning issues related to Marijuana businesses?
 - Does BZA budget any funds for community engagement? Are residents notified of BZA hearings for properties within an impact area? If so, how are residents notified and what department is responsible?