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TO: Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
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RE: Proposed Ordinance Amendment For Human Trafficking Sign at Hotels

The Legislative Policy Division (LPD) has been requested to draft an ordinance amendment requiring hotel establishments to display a sign indicating the establishment will report incidents of human trafficking and contact information for individuals to obtain assistance. LPD has prepared the proposed ordinance amendment which can be referred to the Law Department for review and approval as to form.

If we can be of further assistance, please call upon us.

S U M M A R Y

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1 **BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY:**

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4 amending Article I, Public Accommodations, Section 36-1-3, Sign displayed; to provide for the health,
5 safety and general welfare of the public.

6 **IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT THAT:**

7 **Section 1.** Chapter 36 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Public Housing; by amending
8 Article I, Public Accommodations, Section 36-1-3, Sign displayed; be amended to read as follows:

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10 **CHAPTER 36, PUBLIC HOUSING**

11 **ARTICLE I. PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

12 **Sec. 36-1-3. - Sign displayed.**

13 **(a)** All licensees under this article shall display a sign that designates the type of dwelling in letters
14 not less than two inches high in a conspicuous place at the entrance thereof and on the outside
15 of the building.

16 **(b) All licensees under this article shall display a sign on a Detroit Police Department approved**
17 **placard and posted in a conspicuous place in the lobby and other high traffic areas of the**
18 **establishment that:**

19 **(1) Provides the phone number for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center**
20 **which is 1-888-373-7888 and/or the local human trafficking resource phone number**
21 **provided by the Detroit Police Department once it becomes available that**
22 **individuals can contact for help;**

23 **(2) The sign shall state the licensee is required to alert the Detroit Police Department**
24 **of any suspected human trafficking activity taking place on the premises.**

1 **(3) For purposes of this section, the term Human Trafficking means the recruitment,**
2 **transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of people through force, fraud or**
3 **deception, with the aim of exploiting them for profit and includes actions prohibited**
4 **under Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 750.459 Transporting person for**
5 **prostitution; sale of travel services for purposes of prostitution or human trafficking;**
6 **conduct against minor; felony; "travel services" defined.**

7 **(4) The Building Safety, Engineering and Environmental Department's Business**
8 **Licensing Division, shall provide each licensee under this Article, notice of the sign**
9 **requirement and determine the uniform format to which the human trafficking**
10 **sign shall conform.**

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12 **Section 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

13 **Section 3.** This ordinance is declared necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,
14 safety, and welfare of the people of the City of Detroit.

15 **Section 4.** If this ordinance is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of City Council members
16 serving, it shall be given immediate effect and shall become effective upon publication in accordance with
17 Section 4-118 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter; if passed by less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority of City
18 Council members serving, it shall become effective no later than thirty (30) days after publication in
19 accordance with Section 4-118 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter; if this ordinance specifies a certain date to
20 become effective, it shall become effective in accordance with the date

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22 Approved as to form:

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24 Conrad L. Mallett, Jr.
25 Corporation Counsel
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