



PROCEDURES FOR FILING BLIGHT APPEAL

In order to properly appeal an order issued by the DAH to the Wayne County Circuit Court, you must file the proper documentation and pay the applicable filing and other fees. If you are not certain as to the proper filing and appellate procedures, it may be to your advantage to **consult an attorney** for assistance. The Appeal forms listed below are available online: www.detroitmi.gov/DAH, under forms and documents. Forms are also available in our office.

THE DEPARTMENT OF APPEALS & HEARINGS DOES NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

To initiate an Appeal, **within 28 days** of the date of issuance of the Decision and Order, you must do all of the following:

1. **At the DAH**, pay the DAH **Appeal Processing Fee** of \$25 for each ticket; and
2. **At the DAH**, file and pay **Bond on Appeal** equal to the amount of the judgment for each ticket (form available online at: www.detroitmi.gov/dah, click documents or forms); and
3. **At the DAH**, request a copy of the **hearing transcript** and pay a \$50 deposit toward the cost of the transcript (written instructions and form available online at: www.detroitmi.gov/dah, click documents or forms); **AND**
4. **Online with the Wayne County Clerk's Office**, file **Claim of Appeal** (form available online at: www.detroitmi.gov/dah, click documents or forms). The Claim of Appeal must indicate "**Blight Appeal**."

E-FILING: for e-filing of documents, please use Odyssey File and Serve website at: <https://mifile.courts.michigan.gov/login>.

FILING FEE IS \$175.00. Personal Checks are not accepted.

5. **Serve the Appellee's** (City of Detroit) copies upon:

**Office of Detroit Corporation Counsel
City of Detroit Law Department
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 500
Detroit, MI 48226**
6. Proceed accordingly pursuant to the rules of the Wayne County Clerk's office, the Michigan Court Rules and statutes that apply.
7. **At the DAH**, serve a copy of the Claim of Appeal "Blight Appeal" with Circuit Court case label attached.