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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
Legislative Policy Division Staff 

DATE: April 17, 2025

RE: **Update on Landlord Compliance Rates in the City of Detroit**

Council Member Mary Waters requested the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) provide an update on the number and percentage of Detroit rental units that are now in compliance with the Rental Compliance Ordinance.

In response to our inquiry, the Building, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) has provided the following update which contains the number and percentage of Detroit rental units that are now in compliance with the Rental Compliance Ordinance and have completed the requisite inspections to receive a Certificate of Compliance.


Please contact our office if we can be of any further assistance.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary Waters, Councilmember, At-Large, Detroit City Council

THRU: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council

FROM: Arthur Rushin, Chief Enforcement Officer, BSEED 

DATE: April 1, 2025

RE: **Update on Landlord Compliance Rates in the City of Detroit**

This memorandum is in response to your request for the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) to provide an update on the number and percentage of Detroit rental units that are now in compliance with the Rental Compliance Ordinance and have completed the requisite inspections to receive a Certificate of Compliance. We submit the following.

We currently have 11,546 active C of Cs for rental compliance. That translates to 47% of our total Rental Registration number (24,398), and approximately 16% of the total estimated rental universe (~72,000).

At the end of 2021, we had just 5,929 active C of Cs (8%). We have increased each year: 8,450 in 2022 (12%); 8,731 in 2023 (12%); 11,063 in 2024 (15%).

TABLE

	CoCs	Rental Regs	% Rental Reg	Est Total %
2021	5,929	9,761	61%	8%
2022	8,450	12,327	69%	12%
2023	8,731	18,561	47%	12%
2024	11,063	22,231	50%	15%
2025 YTD	11,546	24,398	47%	16%

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CC: Honorable City Council
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