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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: October 5, 2026

RE: **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF FUNDS FOR CERTIFICATION AND/OR
CONTINUING EDUCATION COSTS FOR THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT BOARD OF
REVIEW**

Council Member Scott Benson requested the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to produce a resolution approving the Property Assessment Board of Review's use of funds to cover the cost of certifications and continuing education.

Please reach out to our office if you require any further assistance.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT BENSON

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF FUNDS FOR CERTIFICATION AND/OR
CONTINUING EDUCATION COSTS FOR THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT BOARD OF
REVIEW**

- WHEREAS** the Property Assessment Board of Review is a nine (9) member body appointed by City Council to hear and determine matters concerning real property, personal property and classification changes in accordance with authority provided under PA 206 of 1893, the General Property Tax Act, the foundational state law that governs property assessment, tax levy and collection, and delinquent property tax procedures across Michigan; and
- WHEREAS** in accordance with Sec. 44-4-5(d) of the Detroit City Code it is required that Property Assessment Board of Review members complete and pass the State Tax Commission's Michigan Certified Assessing Technician certification in order to serve; and
- WHEREAS** the City of Detroit Office of the Assessor maintains an assessment roll of significant size, complexity and uniqueness, which may require additional understanding for Board Members who are tasked with making decisions regarding value, exemptions, corrections or adjustments associated with the assessment roll; and,
- WHEREAS** in order for the Property Assessment Board of Review to function as intended, it may be necessary for Board Members to engage in higher level certifications and/or continuing education required by or offered through approved State Tax Commission courses or training in order to stay current with property tax policy; and,
- WHEREAS** Board requests for additional training or education beyond what is required by the Detroit City Code and Michigan law will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must articulate the purpose of the training and the expected benefit that it will provide in terms of aiding Board Members in the performance of their specific duties; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED** that the Detroit City Council hereby approves the Property Assessment Board of Review's use of funds to cover the cost of certifications required by Sec. 44-4-5(d) of the Detroit City Code and any other requirements under Michigan law; **NOW BE IT FINALLY**
- RESOLVED** that all uses of funds by the Board of Review for staff certification and continuing education must receive prior approval from the Detroit City Council President.