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October 4, 2018

Detroit City Council  
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**Re: Amendment To Chapter 24, *Health and Sanitation*, Article VI, *Rodents and Pest Control*, Division 3, *Bed Bugs* by adding Sections 24-6-32 through 24-6-38.**

Honorable City Council:

The Law Department has prepared an ordinance proposed by Council President Brenda Jones, which addresses bed bug infestations in rental units in the City of Detroit. This local law will be amending Chapter 24 of the 1984 Detroit City Code, *Health and Sanitation*, Article VI, *Rodents and Pest Control*, and amending Division 3, *Bed Bugs*, by adding Sections 24-6-32, through 24-6-38. The purpose of the ordinance is to implement a protocol for eradicating bed bug infestations, establish landlord and tenant duties, methods to control an infestation, how to properly dispose of infested property, provide access to informational materials for tenants to prevent a bed bug infestation and lastly, to set forth penalties for violations of this ordinance. A copy of the ordinance, which has been approved as to form, is attached for your consideration.

I look forward to discussing this important legislation with this Honorable Body.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Parisien  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
City of Detroit Law Department  
Municipal Section

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## S U M M A R Y

**AN ORDINANCE** to amend Chapter 24 of the 1984 Detroit City Code, *Health and Sanitation*; Article VI , *Rodent and Pest Control*, by amending Division 3, *Bed Bugs*, by adding Section 24-6-32, *Definitions*, to set forth definitions; Section 24-6-33, *Landlord Duties*, to establish the responsibilities of landlords; Section 24-6-34, *Occupant Duties*, to establish the responsibilities of occupants; Section 24-6-35, *Cost to control infestation*, to address the cost of controlling an infestation; Section 24-6-36, *Disposal of furnishings, bedding, clothing or other materials infested with bed bugs*, to establish protocols for the disposal of infested materials; Section 24-6-37, *Education*, to require informational materials be provided to occupants on the best practices to handle and prevent a bed bug infestation; and Section 24-6-38, *Violation*, to provide penalties for failure to comply with this ordinance.

1 **BY COUNCIL MEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ :

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9 Section 24-6-37, *Education*, to require informational materials be provided to occupants on the  
10 best practices to handle and prevent a bed bug infestation; and Section 24-6-38, *Violation*, to  
11 provide penalties for failure to comply with this ordinance.

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

13 **Section 1.** Chapter 24 of the 1984 Detroit City Code, *Health and Sanitation*; Article VI,  
14 *Rodent and Pest Control*, by amending Division 3, *Bed Bugs*, by adding Sections 24-6-32 through  
15 24-6-38, to read as follows:

16 **CHAPTER 24. HEALTH AND SANITATION**

17 **ARTICLE VI. RODENT AND PEST CONTROL**

18 **DIVISION 3. RESERVED**

19 **DIVISION 3. BED BUGS**

20 ~~Sec. 24-6-32—24-6-39. Reserved. Repealed.~~

21 **Sec. 24-6-32. Definitions.**

22 For the purpose of this division, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings  
23 respectively ascribed to them by this section:

24 Bed bug means any stage and species of the insect Cimex.

1 Bedding or bedding materials shall mean any mattress, mattress-type pad, box spring,  
2 upholstered spring bed, upholstered furniture, day bed, davenport, couch, reclining chair, sleeping  
3 bag, packaged filling material, pillow, quilt, mattress protector pad, comforter, cushion or quilted  
4 bedspread that contains filling material concealed by fabric or other flexible material, or any article  
5 used or intended for use for sleeping or reclining purposes.

6 Control or controlling means hiring a professional service to inspect, clean, conduct  
7 thermal remediation, eradicate, properly dispose of property, and conduct treatments.

8 Infestation or infested means the presence of live bed bugs or viable bed bug eggs.

9 Landlord means any of the following:

10 (1) The owner, lessor, or sub lessor of the rental property.

11 (2) A person authorized to exercise any aspect of the management of a rental property  
12 including a person who, directly or indirectly, acts as a rental agent or receives rent,  
13 other than as a bona fide purchaser, whether or not that person has an obligation to  
14 deliver the rent payments to another person.

15 Occupant means any individual, including a tenant, whom is living or sleeping in a building  
16 or structure, or having possession of a space within a building or structure.

17 Pest Management Professional means a commercial applicator as defined in Section 8302  
18 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, MCL 324.8301, who is licensed under  
19 Section 8313 of that act.

20 Rental Agreement means an agreement that establishes, extends or modifies the terms,  
21 conditions, or other provisions concerning the use and occupancy of a rental property.

22 Rental Property means space utilized for residential, commercial or industrial purposes.

23 Senior Living Community means a residential community or housing complex designed for  
24 adults age 55 and older.

1 Treatment means either of the following or both:

2 (1) A licensed pest management professional, as defined in this section, applying  
3 pesticides or other chemicals, thermal radiation, or other methods common to the pest  
4 management industry to eradicate bed bugs; or

5 (2) Self-help treatment, includes methods suggested by the state of Michigan.

6 **Sec. 24-6 – 33. Landlord Duties.**

7 (a) A landlord shall not enter into a rental agreement with the occupant if the landlord  
8 knows or has reason to know that the rental property is infested with bed bugs.

9 (b) A landlord shall be responsible for all of the following:

10 (1) Having a licensed pest management professional, as defined in Section 24-6-32 of  
11 this division, inspect a rental property for bed bugs prior to leasing, or renting it to  
12 others.

13 (2) Provide proof to the occupant, prior to or upon signing the lease agreement of the  
14 rental property, that the property was inspected by a licensed pest management  
15 professional and is bed bug free.

16 (3) Providing informational material to the occupant regarding bed bug prevention  
17 from the State of Michigan website, or the City of Detroit’s website, or any other  
18 informational forum.

19 (4) Within 7 days after receiving written or electronic notice from an occupant, or other  
20 reliable source of a suspected infestation in the occupant’s rental property, the  
21 landlord shall order an inspection of the rental property for bed bugs by a pest  
22 management professional. If an infestation of a rental property is confirmed, the  
23 landlord shall immediately order an inspection of any adjoining or adjacent rental  
24 units to the infested property;

1           (5) Within seven days after an infestation of a rental property is confirmed, the landlord  
2           and tenant shall begin treatment, by hiring a pest management professional chosen  
3           by the landlord to eradicate the bed bugs, or in accordance with Subsection (5)(a)  
4           only single family dwelling units may use self-help treatment methods.

5           a.     For the purposes of single family residential dwelling units only the  
6           use of suggested self-help treatment methods listed on the state of  
7           Michigan's website may be used to eradicate bed bugs.

8           b.     Following a self-help treatment method used for an infested rental  
9           unit the landlord shall have an inspection of the unit conducted by a  
10          pest management professional within 14 days to confirm the unit is  
11          free from bed bugs.

12          c.     If a self-help treatment method is used on a rental unit and upon  
13          inspection by a pest management professional bed bugs are still  
14          present in the unit, the landlord shall hire a pest management  
15          professional to treat the rental unit.

16          d.     Self-help treatment methods shall not be used in situations in which  
17          the rental unit is overwhelmingly infested with bed bugs.

18          (6) Maintaining a record of the pest control measures performed by the pest  
19          management professional on the rental property and shall comply with the  
20          following:

21          a.     The record shall include reports and receipts prepared by the pest  
22          management professional;

23          b.     A log of all infestation reports made by occupants;

24          c.     The record shall be maintained for 3 years; and

1                   d. The record shall be readily available for inspection by the City of Detroit  
2                   Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department and the City  
3                   of Detroit Health Department;

4                   (7) Providing notice to all occupants of the rental property if the property has multiple  
5                   occupants, of when an infestation has occurred or is taking place and shall provide  
6                   a reminder to occupants of the proper procedures to prevent the spreading of bed  
7                   bugs; that some rental units on the property may be inspected; and if they suspect  
8                   their rental unit may be infested to contact the landlord in writing; and

9                   (8) With exception to subsection (9) of this section, the landlord shall remove any items  
10                  or materials the occupant has placed in a sealed plastic bag and properly labeled for  
11                  disposal, immediately from the premises, in accordance with Section 24-6-36 of  
12                  this ordinance.

13                  (9) Occupants of a single family residence shall be responsible for removing any  
14                  infested items or materials and disposing of them in accordance with section 24-6-  
15                  36 of this division.

16                  (c) Pursuant to MCL 600.5720, a landlord shall not retaliate against an occupant  
17 because the occupant has in good faith reported a suspected bed bug infestation.

18 **Sec. 24-6 –34. Occupant Duties.**

19                  (a) An occupant shall do all of the following:

20                  (1) Maintain the rental property free from bed bugs;

21                  (2) Not knowingly move items that are infested with bed bugs into a rental property;

22                  (3) Notify the landlord in writing, or by electronic means within two days if the  
23 occupant suspects the rental property is infested;



1           (4) Grant reasonable access of the rental property to the landlord and the landlord's  
2           pest management professional for inspection, control and treatment;

3           (5) Comply with the control protocol established by the state of Michigan for suggested  
4           self-help treatment methods if occupant of a single family residential dwelling  
5           chooses to use self-help treatment methods in accordance with Section 24-6-  
6           33(5)(a) and (d), or protocols established by the landlord's pest management  
7           professional; and;

8           (6) Remove any personal property from the premises that the pest management  
9           professional has determined cannot be treated or cleaned before the treatment of  
10           the occupant's rental property to prevent the spread of bed bugs.

11    **Sec. 24-6 –35. Cost to Control Infestation.**

12           (a) With exception to subsection (b) of this section, if an occupant or the occupant's  
13           guest causes an infestation, the occupant shall pay the cost of control and treatment by a licensed  
14           pest management professional hired by the landlord for the occupant's rental property.

15           (b) An owner or operator of a senior living community, as defined in section 24-6-32  
16           of this division, shall be responsible for the cost of any inspections and necessary treatments of  
17           bed bugs by a licensed pest management professional.

18    **Sec. 24-6 –36. Disposal of furnishings, bedding, clothing or other materials infested with bed**  
19    **bugs.**

20           (a) No person shall place, discard or dispose of any bedding, clothing or other materials  
21           infested with bed bugs on the public way right of way, except when such bedding, clothing or other  
22           material is placed in or near the person's trash or dumpster for pick-up and is totally enclosed in a  
23           plastic bag and labeled as being infested with bed bugs. If the infested material is too large to

1 enclose in a plastic bag, it must be wrapped in plastic and a label shall be affixed to the infested  
2 item indicating that it is infested.

3 (b) All items infested with bed bugs shall be bagged, sealed and labeled in the infested  
4 room prior to moving the items out of the premises for disposal.

5 (c) Except with respect to occupants of a single family residential dwelling, as noted  
6 in section 24-6-33 (8)(a) of this division; the landlord shall collect the infested items and materials,  
7 properly labeled and sealed by the occupant, and dispose of them immediately from the premises.

8 (d) No furnishing, bedding, clothing or other material infested with bed bugs shall be  
9 submitted for recycling or sold.

10 (e) Licensed junk removal services are not permitted to take any infested items that  
11 have been labeled and are awaiting disposal.

12 **Sec. 24-6 –37. Education.**

13 The City of Detroit’s Health Department website shall provide information containing, at  
14 a minimum, the following:

15 (1) How to detect the presence of bed bugs;

16 (2) How to prevent the spread of bed bugs within and between buildings;

17 (3) Where and how to dispose of infested items; and

18 (4) Other informational resources available.

19 **Sec. 24-6 –38. Violation.**

20 (a) Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this division shall be  
21 guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 dollars, or by  
22 imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both at the discretion of the court.

23 (b) Each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense and may  
24 be punished accordingly.

- 1        (c) The requirements set forth in Sections 9-1-353 and 9-1-545 of Chapter 9 of this
- 2        Code shall not apply to this division.
- 3        **Secs. 24 -6-39- 24-6-49. Reserved.**

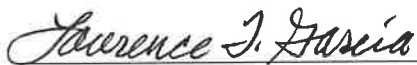
1        **Section 2.** This ordinance is hereby declared necessary to preserve the public peace, health,  
2 safety, and welfare of the People of the City of Detroit.

3        **Section 3.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, that conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

4        **Section 4.** The division added by this ordinance has been enacted as comprehensive local  
5 legislation. It is intended to be the sole and exclusive law regarding its subject matter, subject to  
6 provisions of state law.

7        **Section 5.** In the event this ordinance is passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority of City Council  
8 Members serving, it shall be given immediate effect and become effective upon publication in  
9 accordance with Section 4-118 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter. Where this ordinance is passed  
10 by less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority of City Council Members serving, it shall become effective  
11 on the thirtieth (30) day after enactment, or on the first business day thereafter, in accordance with  
12 Section 4-118 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter.

**Approved as to form:**



Lawrence T. García  
Corporation Counsel



October 4, 2018

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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

**RE: ADDRESS: 19920 Salem**  
**NAME: Terri Moore**  
**Date ordered removed: July 17, 2017**

In response to the request for a deferral of the demolition order on the property noted above, the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) submits the following information:

A special inspection on **October 3, 2018** revealed the building is secured and appears to be sound and repairable. The owner has paid all taxes and is current. The proposed use of the property is owner's use and occupancy. **This is the 1<sup>st</sup> deferral request for this property.**

**Therefore, it is recommended that the demolition order be deferred for a period of six months subject to the following conditions:**

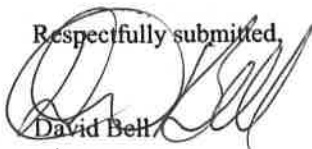
1. **A permit for rehabilitation work shall be applied for within ten (10) business days from the date that notice was provided to the applicant of the City Council decision.**
2. **The owner must contact BSEED to request a progress inspection within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of the rehabilitation permit and thereafter submit inspection reports every forty-five (45) calendar days to BSEED to demonstrate progress during the approved time frame for rehabilitation.**
3. **The building shall have all imminently hazardous conditions immediately corrected and be maintained securely barricaded until rehabilitation is complete. Rehabilitation is to be complete within six (6) months, at which time the owner will obtain one of the following from this department:**
  - **Certificate of Acceptance related to building permits**
  - **Certificate of Approval as a result of a Housing Inspection**
  - **Certificate of Inspection, required for all residential rental properties**
4. **The owner shall not occupy or allow occupancy of the structure without a certificate (as outlined above).**
5. **The yards shall be maintained clear of overgrown vegetation, weeds, junk and debris at all times.**

We recommend that utility disconnect actions cease to allow the progress of the rehabilitation.

At the end of the deferral period, the owner must contact this department to arrange an inspection to evidence that conditions of the deferral have been maintained and that there has been substantial progress toward rehabilitation. If the building becomes open to trespass or if conditions of the deferral are not followed, we may proceed with demolition without further hearings. And, pursuant to the Property Maintenance Code we will issue a Blight Violation Notice.

Any request exceeding three (3) deferrals must be made by petition to City Council through the office of the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,



David Bell  
Director

DB:bkd

cc: Terri Moore, 20301 Forrer, Detroit, MI 48235



October 3, 2018

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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

**RE: ADDRESS: 9911 Mark Twain  
NAME: Casey Edgar  
Date ordered removed: July 18, 2016**

In response to the request for a deferral of the demolition order on the property noted above, the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) submits the following information:

A special inspection on **September 25, 2018** revealed the building is secured and appears to be sound and repairable. The owner has paid all taxes and is current. The proposed use of the property is owner's use and occupancy. **This is the 1<sup>st</sup> deferral request for this property.**

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David Bell  
Director

DB:bkd

cc: Casey Edgar, 3822 Willowswitch LN, Columbus, OH 43207  
Casey Edgar, 17160 Shaftsbury, Detroit, MI 48219

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**MARY SHEFFIELD**  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
DISTRICT 5

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mr. David Whitaker, Director  
Legislative Policy Division

**THROUGH:** Council Member Scott Benson, Chair  
Public Health and Safety Standing Committee

**FROM:** President Pro Tempore Mary Sheffield *MS*

**DATE:** October 8, 2018

**RE:** Request for the Legislative Policy Division to Draft a Water Affordability Ordinance

I believe all people should have access to clean, safe, accessible and affordable water and sanitation and that water is a human right. The number of water shutoffs in the City of Detroit is an affront to the humanity of Detroiters, a public health crisis and a threat to the economic vitality of our City. Therefore, I am requesting that LPD draft a water affordability ordinance for the City of Detroit.

The ordinance should be based upon the research provided by Roger Colton entitled "A Water Affordability Program for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department" dated January, 2005. The draft ordinance should utilize assumptions and recommendations made in the report with respect to customers in arrearage and following EPA standards of affordability - amongst others.

Thank you.

cc: Honorable Colleagues  
Hon. Janice Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk  
Stephanie Grimes, Liaison to Council, Mayor's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Eric Jones  
Detroit Fire Department

**VIA:** Scott Benson, Chair  
Public Health and Safety Standing Committee

**FROM:** Janee' Ayers, Vice Chair  
Public Health and Safety Standing Committee

**DATE:** October 8, 2018

**RE:** Status Updates on Safety Vests

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Please provide a status update on the purchase of safety vests for Detroit EMS units.

Thank you for your time and effort,

Janee' Ayers  
Detroit City Council

cc: Colleagues  
City Clerk



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** David Whittaker, Director  
Legislative Policy Division

Lawrence Garcia, Corporation Counsel  
Law Department

**VIA:** Scott Benson, Chair  
Public Health and Safety Standing Committee

**FROM:** Janee' Ayers, Vice Chair  
Public Health and Safety Standing Committee

**DATE:** October 8, 2018

**RE:** PA84 2018 Opinion

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Please provide an opinion on the legislation recently signed into law by Gov. Snyder "Public Act 84 of 2018 – Local Government Labor Regulatory Limitation Act, Effective June 24, 2018 SB 0353 (Proos) Labor; benefits; mandatory job interview information requirements; prohibit local units of government from establishing for employers. Amends sec. 4 of 2015 PA 105 (MCL 123.1384)."


Thank you for your time and effort,

Janee' Ayers  
Detroit City Council

cc: Colleagues  
City Clerk

RAQUEL CASTAÑEDA-LÓPEZ  
COUNCIL MEMBER  
DISTRICT 6

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Thomas Stallworth, Mayor's Office  
**THRU:** Council President Brenda Jones  
**FROM:** Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López   
**DATE:** October 8, 2018  
**RE:** Legislative Priorities List

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Thank you for requesting a list of legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative period. My list is outlined below, I look forward to further working with you on these and other important legislative issues.

#### Water Affordability and Access

- Protect vulnerable populations (seniors, families with young children, pregnant women, and people with disabilities) from water shut-offs (*House Bill 4393*)
- Establish criteria for engagement of state departments regarding the Lead and Copper Rule (*House Bill 4125*)
- Establish water testing and interventions for schools and child day care centers, and repair and replacement of sources of lead contamination (*House Bill 4124*)
- Allow Detroit/DWSD authority to implement a water affordability program
- Require regular water testing at schools and hospitals (*House Bills 4120, 4372, 4378, 4379*)
- Allow Drinking Water Revolving Fund to give out low-interest loans to local governments for replacing lead service lines (*House Bill 4179*)
- Create Drinking Water Emergency Loan Fund, allowing for public water supply owner or operator to apply for emergency funding if there is a threat of contamination to drinking water (*House Bill 4175*)
- Restore citizen oversight commission on water quality (*House Bills 4201, 4214*)
- Establish Water Ombudsman to advocate for residents throughout the state on water related issues (*House Bill 4375*)
- Increase transparency by requiring water providers to submit an annual report to DHHS regarding how water rates were determined, along with info on water shut-offs in the previous year (*House Bill 4121*)
- Amend Social Welfare Act to create a residential water affordability program within DHHS (*House Bill 4394*)
- Decriminalizes the reconnection of water service (because of a shut-off due to inability to pay) from a felony to a civil infraction for a first or second offense and a misdemeanor for the third offense (*House Bills 4389, 4390*)

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- Allow customers who have not received a water bill by ten days after the end of the billing period to no longer be responsible for paying that bill if he or she contacted the department and received no response (*House Bill 4712*)
- Require access to safe drinking water in places where residents are not supplied municipal water hook-ups (*House Bill 4360*)
- Create “Accessible and Affordable Water Act”, requiring state agencies to employ all reasonable means to adopt certain policies to ensure that water is affordable and accessible as long as those policies do not jeopardize federal funding (*House Bill 4391*)

### Immigrant Rights/Civil Rights

- Allocate additional funding for bilingual education programs
- Allow driver’s licenses for all, regardless of immigration status (*House Bill 4794 and 4795*)
- Facilitate access to services by individuals with limited English proficiency (*House Bill 4619*)
- Reform the bail system: end cash bail and pretrial detention
- Accept Municipal ID for voting purposes (*House Bill 4599*)

### Air Quality/Environment

- Mandate a vegetation buffer between industrial facilities within 1500 feet of residential areas (*See House Bill 6251*)
- Require that air quality permits issued by the MDEQ include a report on cumulative pollution levels and its effects (*See House Bill 4258*)
- Reinstate citizen oversight commission for air quality (*House Bill 4200*)
- Require that companies applying for air quality permits account for the emissions impacts of thermal inversions (*House Bill 4619 & 4256*)
- Ensure safe storage of bulk solid materials (*House Bill 4257*)
- Require environmental assessment for proposed school construction sites, with results made available to the public (*House Bill 4977*)
- Create a fund for companies that have violated the Clean Air Act to pay into, which will be used to fund air quality improvement projects in the impacted community (*House bill 5116*)
- Create an ombudsman for air quality with ability to receive and investigate complaints and prescribe penalties

### Housing

- Repeal prohibition on rent control (*See House Bill 4456*)
- Allow local governments to adopt rent control programs for seniors and people with disabilities, which would limit rent to no more than 50% of a tenant’s income if they are disabled or over 70 (*House Bill 4686-87*)
- Authority for local government to use Area Median Income developed for the municipality rather than the broader region in housing ordinances. (*See House Bill 6180*)
- Protect seniors from gentrification by freezing taxable value (*House Bill 6250*)
- Incentivize landlords to pay property taxes by allowing tenants to escrow rent payments until delinquent property taxes are paid (*House Bill 5710*)
- Require MSHDA to develop and distribute best practice guidelines for assessing needs of older adults who are displaced due to rising housing costs resulting from residential revitalization projects. MSHDA would assist municipalities in implementing the needs assessment. (*House Bill 6181*)

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- Authority to levy an Entertainment Tax (*See House Bill 5174*)


Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council  
Stephanie Washington, City Council Legislative Liaison  
City Clerk

RAQUEL CASTAÑEDA-LÓPEZ  
COUNCIL MEMBER  
DISTRICT 6

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** David Bell, Director, Building Safety Engineering and Environmental Department

**THRU:** Council Member Scott Benson, Chair Public Health & Safety Committee

**FROM:** Council Member Raquel Castañeda-l 

**DATE:** October 8, 2018

**RE:** **5728 Lawndale Street**

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I am requesting a status update regarding the (vacant property located at 5728 Lawndale Street.) Over the last 8 years, the home has received 7 blight violations. Despite elevated violation rates over time, Department of Administrative Hearings records indicate nonpayment on six of these violations.

The property currently suffers from a number of blight concerns. High weeds and foliage have led to an infestation of both small rodents and snakes. Neighbors have reported observing snakes in and around their homes.

What escalated measures can be implemented to ensure these safety concerns are addressed?

Please contact my office (313) 224-2450 if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council  
City Clerk  
Stephanie Washington, Mayor's Liaison

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