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Detroit City Council
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RE: Proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 28 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Licenses*, Article I, *City Business Licenses*

Honorable City Council:

Council Member Pro Tem Tate has requested that the Law Department prepare an ordinance to amend Chapter 28 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Licenses*, Article 1, *City Business Licenses*, by amending Sections 28-1-1, 28-1-2, 28-1-5, 28-1-7, 28-1-8, 28-1-13, to make necessary technical corrections; by amending Section 28-1-16, to establish that a licensed business that is owned or operated by a person who has engaged in specified criminal activity on the business premises provides grounds for denial, suspension, revocation of license; by repealing Section 28-1-17, *Procedures for denial, revocation of license*, and replacing it with Sections 28-1-17, *Procedures for denial or non-renewal of license*, 28-1-18, *Suspension or revocation of license*, and 28-1-19, *Emergency suspension of a license*, to establish an appellate procedure for the denial, revocation and suspensions of a city issued license; by adding Section 28-1-20, *Action pending appeal of the denial, non-renewal, revocation, or suspension of a license*, to provide that compliance with an order, decision, license suspension or revocation which is the subject of an appeal is not required except where conditions exist warranting the emergency suspension of a license; by adding Section 28-1-21, *Closure orders on the suspension or revocation of business licenses* and Section 28-1-22, *Emergency business closure orders*, to provide that it shall be unlawful for any person to continue operation of a business, if the business operating license has been suspended or revoked subject to a final judgment of suspension or revocation of a license and/or deface or remove any closing notice from a business without authorization of the Director of Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department Business License Center.

A copy of the ordinance which has been approved as to form is attached for your review and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Vie Serifovski

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Enclosure

cc: Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison