



City of Detroit
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District 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division
Dr. Lisa Sturges, Director, Office of Early Learning

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

DATE: January 18, 2024

RE: Request the Drafting of Childcare Impact Fund Ordinance

Councilwoman Calloway is proposing the adoption of a Childcare Impact Fund Ordinance in the City of Detroit, similar to San Francisco's Childcare in Lieu Ordinance ([Ord. 150793](#)). This ordinance aims to address the growing need for childcare facilities in our city by imposing Child Care Impact Fee Requirements on new office, residential, and hotel development projects.

Background: The City of Detroit has been experiencing a resurgence in development, particularly in the areas of office, residential, and hotel projects. While this growth is beneficial for the city's economy, it also brings about the need for increased childcare services to support the families of the individuals working and residing in these developments.

Proposal: The proposed Childcare Impact Fund Ordinance will require developers of new office, residential, and hotel projects to contribute to a fund dedicated to expanding access to quality childcare services in Detroit. The ordinance will include the following key provisions:

- Child Care Impact Fee Requirements:** Developers will be required to pay a fee based on the size and type of their projects. These fees will be used to support the development and maintenance of childcare facilities in the city.
- Exemptions and Waivers:** The ordinance will outline specific criteria for exemptions or waivers from the Child Care Impact Fee Requirements, taking into account the size and nature of the development projects.
- Fund Allocation:** The funds collected through the Child Care Impact Fees will be allocated to initiatives aimed at improving childcare accessibility and affordability in Detroit, including the construction of new childcare facilities, training and development programs for childcare providers, and subsidies for low-income families.



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Benefits:

- **Support for Working Families:** By ensuring access to quality childcare services, the ordinance will support working families in Detroit, allowing parents to remain in the workforce and contribute to the city's economic growth.
- **Community Development:** The funds generated through the ordinance will contribute to the development of a robust childcare infrastructure, benefiting the overall well-being of the community.
- **Alignment with City Goals:** The ordinance aligns with the city's goals of promoting economic development while addressing the needs of its residents.

The adoption of a Childcare Impact Fund Ordinance in the City of Detroit is crucial to ensuring that our city's growth is inclusive and sustainable. By requiring developers to contribute to the childcare infrastructure, we can support working families and promote the overall well-being of our community. I urge you to consider this proposal and take the necessary steps to enact this ordinance for the benefit of Detroit and its residents.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns – Ramses Dukes,
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