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Detroit City Council
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
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Re: Ordinance to amend Chapter 31 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Offenses*, by amending Article III, *Offenses Against Persons*, by adding Section 31-3-5, *Signs at Business-Oriented Lodging required; contents and posting essentials; definitions*.

Honorable City Council:

The Law Department has prepared an ordinance sponsored by Councilwoman Calloway to amend Chapter 31 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Offenses*, Article III, *Offenses Against Persons*, by adding Section 31-3-5, *Signs at Business-Oriented Lodging required; contents and posting essentials; definitions*, to aid those affected by human trafficking. A copy of the ordinance, which has been approved as to form, is attached for your review and consideration.

We are available to answer any questions that you may have related to this proposed ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

cc: Malik Washington, City Council Liaison

SUMMARY

This ordinance amends Chapter 31 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Offenses*, Article III, *Offenses Against Persons*, by adding Section 31-3-5, *Signs at Business-Oriented Lodging required; contents and posting essentials; definitions*, to aid those affected by human trafficking.

1 BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ :

2 AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 31 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Offenses*, Article
3 III, *Offenses Against Persons*, by adding Section 31-3-5, *Signs at Business-Oriented Lodging*
4 *required; contents and posting essentials; definitions*, to aid those affected by human trafficking.

5 IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT
6 THAT:

7 Section 1. Chapter 31 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Offenses*, Article III, *Offenses*
8 *Against Persons*, be amended by adding Section 31-3-5, to read as follows:

9 CHAPTER 31. OFFENSES

10 ARTICLE III. OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS

11 **Sec. 31-3-5. Signs at Business-Oriented Lodging required; contents and posting essentials;**
12 **definitions.**

13 (a) All Business-Oriented Lodging shall display a sign on a Human Rights Department
14 approved placard and posted in a conspicuous place in the lobby and other high traffic areas of the
15 establishment that:

- 16 (1) Is visible to all persons entering into or onto the property premises;
- 17 (2) Is at least 7 inches by 9 inches in size and written in a font type and point size that
18 is noticeable to a passersby;
- 19 (3) Provides the toll-free telephone number for the National Human Trafficking
20 Resource Center which is 1-888-373-7888, or the contact information for pertinent
21 law enforcement agencies, and/or the designated local human trafficking resource
22 phone number that individuals can contact for help; and

1 (4) The sign shall state the Business-Oriented Lodging is required to alert the Detroit
2 Police Department of any suspected human trafficking activity taking place on the
3 premises.

4 (b) Definitions. For purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have
5 the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

6 (1) Business-Oriented Lodging means a building or shelter being owned, controlled,
7 or operated as an motel, inn, hostel, lodge, hotel, or similar business interest
8 tendering temporary accommodations to the general public for a price.

9 (2) Human Trafficking means recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or
10 receipt of people through force, fraud, or deception, with the aim of exploiting
11 them for profit and includes actions prohibited under Michigan Compiled Laws,
12 Section 750.459.

13 (3) Operator means a person who serves as an agent, owner, representative, manager,
14 or otherwise supervises a Business-Oriented Lodging.

15 **Secs. 31-3-6--31-3-20. Reserved.**


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

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

20 **Section 4.** In the event this ordinance is passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority of City
21 Council Members serving, it shall be given immediate effect and become effective upon
22 publication in accordance with Section 4-118 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter. Where this
23 ordinance is passed by less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority of City Council Members serving, it

- 1 shall become effective on the thirtieth (30) day after enactment in accordance with Section 4-118
- 2 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter.

Approved as to form:



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Corporation Counsel