




City of Detroit
Detroit City Council - District 4

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2024

TO: David Whitaker, Legislative Policy Division

FROM: Latisha Johnson
District 4 Councilmember 

SUBJECT: Resolution for Moratorium on Liquor Licenses

Greetings,

Please draft a resolution for a moratorium on State liquor licenses in the City of Detroit.

In March 2024, the Office of the Auditor General for the State of Michigan published a Performance Audit Report of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission Selected Operational Processes and IT Systems.

In the report, the Auditor General found that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission lacks internal control over liquor license management and that the number of liquor licenses within the City of Detroit exceeds the number allowable under state law. Specifically, the percentage of on-premises licenses issued in excess of allowed is 21 percent. The percentage of specially designated distributor licenses issued in excess of allowed is 97 percent.

If you have any questions, please contact Yolanda Jackson, our Senior Policy Analyst, at yolanda.jackson@detroitmi.gov.