



**BUILDINGS, SAFETY ENGINEERING
AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue, Fourth Floor
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Phone 313•224•2733 TTY:711
Fax 313•224•1467
www.detroitmi.gov/BSEED

To: CM Coleman A. Young II
From: David Bell, Director *DB*
Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department
Date: April 3, 2024
Re: Responses FY25 Budget Questions

Please find below responses to your questions sent on March 22, 2024, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department.

- 1. Can the BSEED department continue with the current staff (36 inspectors) to inspect all of the current mandatory annual inspections throughout the city; as well as adding in all of the new buildings being activated via new construction and project completions?**

Yes, BSEED has adequate Inspectors budgeted, and when the vacancies are filled, we should be able to handle all inspections timely.

- 2. Is there a standard location within businesses to display their business licenses? (Are they legible from a short distance for customers to readily read?)**

There is an ordinance that requires all businesses to display their business licenses where they are conspicuous at the licensed premises. The licenses are sealed and legible.

- 3. Have you considered enacting a citizen ambassador program to assist the Department with business licenses or violations? Example- Citizens being able to report via "See, click Fix" where there may be a business that does not display their current business licenses inside of their business.**

The Business License Investigators are charged with investigating all business license violations and compliance, including failure to display the required licenses specific to the business. As part of our consumer advocacy, citizens are encouraged to report any businesses that are in violation of the City's ordinance.