



City of Detroit

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Conrad Mallett, Chief, Corporation Counsel  
David Bell, Director, Buildings, Safety Engineering and  
Environmental Department (BSEED)

**FROM:** Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3

**CC:** Hon. Gabriela Santiago Romero, Chair, Public Health, and Safety  
Standing Committee  
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk  
Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison

**VIA:** Hon. Council President Mary Sheffield

**DATE:** 22 April 2024

**RE:** TARGETED ENFORCEMENT AND LEGAL ACTION AT 15701  
EASTBURN

Persistent blight issues at 15701 Eastburn continue to challenge our community's well-being and safety. Despite prior interventions by BSEED, the recurrence of derelict vehicles and general property neglect remains unabated. This memo calls for heightened enforcement and strategic legal measures to address and prevent further non-compliance by the property owner.

### Action Required:

1. **Review and Intensify Enforcement:** Evaluate previous enforcement efforts for efficacy. Implement stronger and more frequent monitoring to ensure compliance.
2. **Legal Strategy Development:** The Law Department should explore and apply more stringent legal remedies that may include fines, liens, or property forfeiture to compel compliance.
3. **Continuous Monitoring Strategy:** Establish a regular inspection schedule post-enforcement to prevent reoccurrence.
4. **Engage and Update Community Residents:** Actively involve the community by providing updates on enforcement actions and encouraging them to report new violations.

Enclosed are photos from today alongside historical imagery from Google Maps, underscoring the chronic nature of this blight. The ongoing condition of this property not only devalues the neighborhood but also erodes the trust and security of its residents.

Your immediate attention and action are crucial. Our community looks to us for resolve in these matters, and we must respond with unwavering commitment to improve and protect their living environment.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at 313-224-1198.

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