



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Conrad Mallett, Chief, Corporation Counsel**  
**FROM: Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3**

**CC:** Hon. Gabriela Santiago Romero, Chair, Public Health, and Safety  
Standing Committee  
David Bell, Director, Buildings, Safety Engineering and  
Environmental Department (BSEED)  
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk  
Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison

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

**DATE:** 29 April 2024

**RE: SIGN ORDINANCE UPDATE**

Please send all sign ordinance requests through my office for approval prior to inserting them into any proposed sign ordinance update. I am looking forward the conversation with City Council about proposed updates to the ordinance.

In addition to the proposed updates, please prepare an opinion on the ability of the City of Detroit to demand payment by scofflaw landlords into the "Art Fund" that have illegally erected super-sized signs in the downtown footprint. If anyone erects a super-sized sign and does not go through the established process, they are taking money out of the "Art Fund" and removing art from our neighborhoods.

Your immediate attention and actions are crucial. Our community looks for us to resolve in these matters, and we must respond with an unwavering commitment to improve their quality of life 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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