



CITY OF DETROIT

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COUNCIL MEMBER

MEMORANDUM

To: David Whitaker, Director, Legislative & Policy Division

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From: Council Member Latisha Johnson submitting memorandum relative to

Date: 8/29/2024

RE: Community Land Trust Policy & Agreement

SUMMARY:

Please draft a policy and/or agreement between the City of Detroit and the Detroit Land Bank Authority regarding community land trusts in Detroit. In the policy and agreement, please include the following provisions:

- Community organizations with a 501-c3 status that have created and established a legal community land trust will have the ability to acquire land from the Detroit Land Bank Authority at little or no cost for the purpose of urban farming, commercial development, and affordable housing.
- Any land transferred or sold to a community land trust from the Detroit Land Bank Authority must be approved by Detroit City Council.
- The City of Detroit will provide funding to a community land trust equivalent to the amount it would cost to maintain the vacant land for landscaping, illegal dumping, etc.

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