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Honorable Gabriela Santiago-Romero, Council Member
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Re: Fiscal Impact of Amendment to Chapter 31 of the 2019 Detroit City Code – Offenses by adding
Healthcare Facilities Buffer Zone

Dear Council Member Santiago-Romero:

Please see attached Fiscal Impact Statement prepared by the Office of Budget for the above
referenced item, pursuant to CFO Directive 2018-101-029: Fiscal Impact Statements. Upon review,
please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further.

Best regards,

Tanya Stoudemire
Chief Deputy CFO / Interim Budget Director

Att: CFO Fiscal Impact Statement No. 2024-110-016

cc: Honorable Detroit City Council
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CFO FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT NO. 2024-110-016

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Healthcare Facilities Buffer Zone Ordinance Amendment

PREPARED BY: Office of the CFO – Office of Budget

DATE ISSUED: October 21, 2024

1. AUTHORITY

- 1.1. State of Michigan Public Act 279 of 1909, Section 4s(2)(d), as amended by Public Act 182 of 2014, states the Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) shall submit in writing to the Mayor and the governing body of the City his or her opinion on the effect that policy or budgetary decisions made by the Mayor or the governing body of the City (“City Council”) will have on the City’s annual budget and its four-year financial plan.
- 1.2. CFO Directive No. 2018-101-029 Fiscal Impact Statements states that the CFO shall issue Fiscal Impact Statements (“FIS”) for pending or enacted decision items with a significant fiscal impact on the City, as determined by the CFO, to provide financial information to the Mayor and the City Council as they consider action on proposed local policy or budgetary decision items.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1. To provide financial information to the Mayor and the City Council as they consider the effect of the proposed healthcare facilities buffer zone ordinance amendment (the “buffer zone ordinance”).

3. OBJECTIVE

- 3.1. This FIS serves as the report on the fiscal impact of the proposed on the City’s annual budget for FY 2025 and four-year financial plan for FY 2025 – FY 2028 (the “City budget”).

4. SCOPE

- 4.1. This FIS is not intended to convey any statements nor opinions on the advisability of the proposal, except for those components that have or may have a fiscal impact on the City budget.
- 4.2. This fiscal impact analysis is based on the proposed as described below in Section 5 of this FIS. Should the proposal change prior to final approval, an updated FIS may be issued.

5. STATEMENT

Conclusion: The proposed buffer zone ordinance has **no material fiscal impact** on the City budget.

- 5.1. Background: The amendment would advance the City’s interests in both protecting the ability of individuals to exercise their rights to free speech and expression, and protecting the right of individuals to seek medical treatment and advice free from harassment. The ordinance proposes adding limited, viewpoint neutral, buffer and bubble zones outside

of healthcare facilities to ensure that patients have unimpeded access to medical services while ensuring that the First Amendment rights of demonstrators to communicate their message to their intended audience is not impaired. The amendment would add two sections, *Eight-foot Personal Bubble Zone* and the *Fifteen-foot Buffer Zone*. The first section states that no person, within a 100-foot radius of any entrance door to a healthcare facility, should knowingly approach within 8 feet of another person for the purpose of passing material or engaging in oral protest with the other person. The second states that no person shall knowingly congregate, patrol, picket, or demonstrate within a 15-foot radius of any entrance to a healthcare facility.

- 5.2. Fiscal Impact: The buffer zone ordinance would have **no material fiscal impact** on the City budget. Enforcement of this ordinance can be handled primarily by individual health care facilities' private security services. If more enforcement is needed, the Detroit Police Department indicated they can absorb the responsibility within their current budget resource.

APPROVED



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