



City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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Memorandum

TO: David Whitaker, Legislative Policy Division
THROUGH: Mary Sheffield, City Council President
FROM: Mary Waters, Councilmember At-Large
RE: Analysis of Proposed Ordinance to Update Detroit Misdemeanors

Please provide an analysis of the proposed ordinance by Councilmember Scott Benson to update the City of Detroit's code to add in additional misdemeanors, including but not limited to, adding municipal infractions to cover giving a false statement to a police officer and failure to submit to a legally-authorized fingerprinting. Please identify:

- 1) how many current cases for each misdemeanor are before the relevant courts that could potentially be impacted by these changes
- 2) what the fiscal impact would be to the City to prosecute these and what potential fines could be collected
- 3) for the proposed Section 31-4-26 ordinance on 'theft by false token', how many potential cases could be impacted by adding this to the City's code and what impact it would have on Detroiters seeking to address real estate fraud
- 4) how many other municipalities in the State of Michigan and nationally have similar municipal ordinances that add local penalties for crimes already covered by state or federal laws

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your response.