



City of Detroit  
Detroit City Council - District 4

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 2024

TO: David Whitaker, Legislative Policy Division

FROM: Latisha Johnson  
District 4 Councilmember 

**SUBJECT: Request to Draft Community Land Trust Ordinance**

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Greetings,

On January 6, 2025, HUD published a final rule on its HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME program or HOME) which provides formula grants to State and local governments to fund affordable rental and homeownership housing and provides tenant-based rental assistance for low-income and very low-income households. In the final rule, HUD revised its definition of a Community Land Trust (CLT) to be inclusive of the various models of CLTs who will now be eligible to participate in the HOME program. The final rule will be effective February 5, 2025.

As funding and programs to support CLTs become available, it is critical to ensure that the City of Detroit is equipped and prepared to support their mission of providing long-term affordable homeownership and development in our neighborhoods.

Please draft a Community Land Trust Ordinance for the City of Detroit that includes the following:

- A definition of what a legally established community land trust is and how it must operate to access funding, land, and property from the City of Detroit.

- The establishment of a Community Land Trust Development Fund to be administered by the Housing and Revitalization Department.

If you have any questions, please contact Yolanda Jackson, our Senior Policy Analyst, at [yolanda.jackson@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yolanda.jackson@detroitmi.gov).