



CITY OF DETROIT

MARY WATERS

COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE

MEMORANDUM

To: David Whitaker, Legislative Policy Division
Conrad Mallet, Corporation Counsel

Through: Mary Sheffield, City Council President

From: Council Member At-Large Mary Waters submitting memorandum
relative to

Date: 3/3/2025

RE: Request to Draft Ordinance RE Business Licensing and Safety Violations

SUMMARY:

Please work between the Law Department and LPD with our office to draft an ordinance that addresses business licenses that are suspended for safety violations. We would like to have the law amended to state that businesses which have operating licenses suspended for safety violations (ex. businesses shut down for customer abuse, locking-in customers, creating an environment that facilitates violent crime, etc) cannot sell their business to a closely-held legal entity (any company owned by a relative) and have their license reinstated.

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