



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Conrad Mallett, Corporation Counsel, Detroit Law Department
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: March 7, 2025
RE: Request for an Opinion on Tax Abatements for Urban Agriculture

I would like to explore the possibility of urban agricultural practitioners in the city being eligible for a property tax discount or credit. Please provide an opinion or response to the following:

1. Are there any existing policies or precedents that allow for tax incentives related to urban agriculture?
2. If not, what potential avenues could be explored to establish such a benefit?

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk