



City of Detroit  
Detroit City Council  
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway  
District 2

**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: David Whitaker, Director of LPD

THROUGH: Mary Sheffield, Council President

FROM: Angela Whitfield Calloway, Council Member *AWF*

DATE: April 22, 2025

RE: Request for a draft ordinance authorizing a blight patrol

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Please direct the Legislative Policy Division staff to prepare a draft ordinance authorizing a blight patrol.

Blight is still a major issue in our community. During the 2025-26 budget, Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway obtained funding for a blight patrol. This will be a city-wide program of volunteers that will patrol the neighborhoods looking for blight and filing the necessary reports with the proper city departments. The authorized funds will be used to reimburse the volunteers for mileage. This patrol is modeled on the successful community radio patrol program supervised by the Detroit Police Department.

The Administration stated that the ordinance authorizing community radio patrols will need to be amended to allow for community blight patrols before any blight patrols can be organized and funded.

Please prepare a draft ordinance to authorize the organization and funding of blight patrols.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact our office with any questions or concerns through Peter Rhoades at [peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov](mailto:peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov) or by telephone.

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