



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Bell, Director, Buildings, Safety Engineering, and
Environmental Department (BSEED)

FROM: Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3

CC: Hon. Gabriela Santiago-Romero, Chair, Public Health & Safety
Standing Committee
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk
Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison

VIA: Hon. Council President Mary Sheffield

DATE: 19 May 2025

RE: REQUEST FOR DATA ON REHABILITATION OUTCOMES
FOR DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

As part of Detroit's commitment to neighborhood stabilization and housing preservation, I am requesting a report on the outcomes of properties designated as dangerous buildings where jurisdiction is returned to BSEED to provide owners with additional time to make necessary repairs.

Specifically, please provide:

- The number of property owners who were granted additional time through this process over the past two years;
- Of those, how many took meaningful steps toward rehabilitation that resulted in their properties being removed from the dangerous buildings list;
- How BSEED tracks compliance and follow-up progress for properties granted this extension;
- Any observed trends, challenges, or best practices related to owner-initiated rehabilitation under this pathway.

This data will help assess the success of the goal to save the City's viable housing stock and reduce the unnecessary loss of residential structures by allowing repair opportunities in lieu of demolition.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at 313-224-1198.

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