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Detroit City Council  
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**Re: Proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 28 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Article I, *City Business Licenses***

Honorable City Council:

Council President Mary Sheffield and Council Members Coleman A. Young, II and Fred Durhal III, have requested that the Law Department prepare an ordinance to amend Chapter 28 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Licenses*, Article I, *City Business Licenses*, by amending Section 28-1-1, *Definitions*, to include a definition for a provisional business license; Section 28-1-9, *Term*, to extend the term of a business license from one year to two years; Section 28-1-14, *Issuance of license; payment of assessments, fees, and taxes perquisite to issuance of license; de minimis fees and repayment plans*, to authorize the Director of the Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department the discretion to grant or deny an applicant a business license when an applicant enters into a repayment plan for de minimis fees; and by renaming Section 28-1-15, *Renewal of license, notification of deficiency or violation* to *Renewal of license, notification of deficiency or violation, provisional licenses* and amending Section 28-1-15, to authorize the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department to grant provisional business licenses for a period of time not to exceed twelve months.

A copy of the ordinance which has been approved as to form is attached for your review and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Vie Serifovski

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Enclosure

cc: Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison