

July 18, 2025

The Honorable Detroit City Council

**Re: PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATED VEHICLES TO
SUPPORT CRIME REDUCTION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Pursuant to Section 2-6-2 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, the above-referenced proposed Resolution and attached donated vehicle report are being submitted to your Honorable Body for consideration and approval. The proposed Resolution authorizes a discreet process to accept donated vehicles, with no purchase cost to the City of Detroit, to conduct undercover operations and support crime reduction by the Police Department and Fire Department. We request that the Resolution becomes effective upon approval by City Council.

We are available to answer any questions or concerns that Your Honorable Body may have regarding this proposed Resolution. Thank you for your time and review.

Sincerely,

TODD A. BETTISON
Chief of Police

CHARLES SIMMS
Executive Fire Commissioner

RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____:

WHEREAS, the Detroit Police Department and Detroit Fire Department utilize undercover vehicles to conduct undercover operations; and

WHEREAS, various donors, including auto companies, insurance companies, and governmental agencies, have vehicle donation programs that allow the use and transfer of undercover vehicles, with no purchase cost to the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2, Administration, Article 6, Acceptance of Real and Personal Property, Section 2-6-2, Authority to Accept Real or Personal Property to be Used for Public Purposes, of the 2019 Detroit City Code, states that “The Mayor is authorized on behalf of the City, with the approval of the City Council, to accept any gift, grant, devise or bequest of real or personal property to be used for any public purpose whether such property is accepted directly or in trust, or whether such property is located within or without the corporate limits of the City”; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Detroit City Code indicates that the Mayor is authorized on behalf of the City, with the approval of the City Council, to accept gifts of personal property to be used for any public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit is eager to accept donated vehicles to conduct undercover operations and support crime reduction by the Detroit Police Department and Detroit Fire Department in a discreet manner; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit Police Department and Detroit Fire Department have created a report, attached to this resolution, generally identifying the donation of the vehicles to conduct undercover operations; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body acknowledges the City’s objective to support crime reduction by the Detroit Police Department and Detroit Fire Department and promote the public safety and welfare for the residents and visitors of the city of Detroit; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council approves an expedited and discreet process and grants approval of donated undercover vehicles directly from various donors, including auto companies, insurance companies, and governmental agencies by the Detroit Police Department and Detroit Fire Department to conduct undercover operations; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council hereby authorizes the Chief of Police and the Executive Fire Commissioner, and their respective authorized department designees, to execute the agreements and other related documents to receive the donated undercover vehicles directly from various donors, including auto companies, insurance companies, and governmental agencies; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Detroit Police Department and the Detroit Fire Department shall provide an annual report of the donated vehicles to conduct undercover operations to the Detroit City Council; and, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

FINALLY RESOLVED, that the expedited and discreet process authorized by this resolution, and the grant of approval by this Honorable Body, shall only apply to donated undercover vehicles directly from various donors, including auto companies, insurance companies, and governmental agencies by the Detroit Police Department and Detroit Fire Department to conduct undercover operations.