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Detroit City Council  
1340 Coleman A. Young  
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Re: Ordinance to assist in mitigating violent crime and reduce teenage gun violence.

Honorable City Council:

Council Councilmember Young has requested that the Law Department prepare an ordinance to amend Chapter 29 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Minors*, Article III, *Regulation of Minors in Public Places and Adult Responsibility for Violations*, Division 6, *Adult Responsibility*, by renaming and amending Section 29-3-74, *Parent, responsible adult, or legal guardian responsible for compliance with this article*, and by amending Article VII, *Parental Responsibility*, by amending Section 29-7-2, *Parental violation and penalty*, to help mitigate violent crime and reduce teenage gun violence. A copy of the ordinance which has been approved as to form is attached for your review and consideration.

We are available to answer any questions that you may have regarding this proposed ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Anderson  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
City of Detroit Law Department

*Enclosure*

cc: Malik Washington

## SUMMARY

This Ordinance amends Chapter 29 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Minors*, Article III, *Regulation of Minors in Public Places and Adult Responsibility for Violations*, Division 6, *Adult Responsibility*, by renaming and amending Section 29-3-74 to, *Parent, responsible adult, or legal guardian responsible for compliance with this article*, and by amending Article VII, *Parental Responsibility*, Section 29-7-2, *Parental violation and penalty*, to help mitigate violent crime and reduce teenage gun violence.

1 BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_:

2 THIS ORDINANCE amends Chapter 29 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Minors*, Article  
3 III, *Regulation of Minors in Public Places and Adult Responsibility for Violations*, Division 6,  
4 *Adult Responsibility*, by renaming and amending Section 29-3-74 to, *Parent, responsible adult, or*  
5 *legal guardian responsible for compliance with this article*, and by amending Article VII, *Parental*  
6 *Responsibility*, Section 29-7-2, *Parental violation and penalty*, to help mitigate violent crime and  
7 reduce teenage gun violence.

8 IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT  
9 THAT:

10 Section 1. Chapter 29 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Minors*, is amended by amending  
11 Article III, Division 6, Section 29-3-74 and Article VII, Section 29-7-2, to read as follows:

12 CHAPTER 29. MINORS

13 ARTICLE III. REGULATION OF MINORS IN PUBLIC SPACES

14 AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY OF VIOLATIONS

15 DIVISION 6. ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

16 Sec. 29-3-74. Parent, responsible adult, or legal guardian responsible for compliance with  
17 this article.

18 (a) It shall be unlawful for the parent, responsible adult, or legal guardian to permit a  
19 minor to violate any provision of this article.

20 (b) Upon the first conviction of a violation of this article, the parent, responsible adult,  
21 or legal guardian shall be subject to a fine of \$250.00.

22 (c) Upon the second or subsequent convictions of a violation of this article, the parent,  
23 responsible adult, or legal guardian shall be subject to a fine of \$500.00

1                                   **ARTICLE VII. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

2   **Sec. 29-7-2. Parental violation and penalty.**

3           (a)     If a minor commits a delinquent act, the parent shall be guilty of a violation of this  
4   article if it is proven that any act, word, or nonperformance of parental duty by the parent  
5   encouraged, contributed toward, caused, or tended to cause the commission of the delinquent act  
6   by the minor.

7           (b)     Upon the first conviction of a violation of this article, the parent shall be subject to  
8   a fine of ~~not less than \$75.00 nor more than \$100.00~~ \$250.00.

9           (c)     Upon the second or subsequent convictions of a violation of this article, the parent  
10   shall be subject to a fine of ~~not less than \$100.00 nor more than~~ \$500.00 and, in addition, be  
11   sentenced to probation upon the condition that the parent participate in, through completion, a  
12   court-approved, community-based treatment program, such as parenting skills, family services,  
13   employment and training, ~~or, in the discretion of the court, be confined to the county jail for a~~  
14   ~~period of not less than 15 days nor more than 30 days.~~

15          ~~(d) — Upon the third or subsequent violations, the parent shall be subject to a fine of not~~  
16   ~~less than \$250.00 or more than \$500.00 and, in the discretion of the court, confinement in the~~  
17   ~~county jail for a term of not less than 15 or more than 90 days or, as alternative sentencing,~~  
18   ~~sentenced to probation upon the condition that the parent participate in a government-sponsored~~  
19   ~~mandatory work program for the duration of the sentence.~~

20          ~~(e) The formula for alternative sentencing shall be comprised of a number of days of a~~  
21   ~~required sentence, provided, that the sentence to the community self help or work program shall~~  
22   ~~be upon the condition that if the violator fails to comply with the rules of the designated program,~~

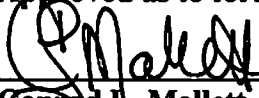
1 ~~the sentence to the program shall be revoked and the violator shall actually serve a required jail~~  
2 ~~sentence.~~

3       **Section 2.**     This ordinance is hereby declared necessary to preserve the public peace,  
4 health, safety and welfare of the People of the City of Detroit.

5       **Section 3.**     All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, that conflict with this ordinance are  
6 repealed.

7       **Section 4.**     In the event this ordinance is passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority of City  
8 Council Members serving, it shall be given immediate effect and become effective upon  
9 publication in accordance with Section 4-118 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter. Where this  
10 ordinance is passed by less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority of City Council Members serving, it  
11 shall become effective on the thirtieth (30) day after enactment in accordance with Section 4-118  
12 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter.

Approved as to form:

  
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Conrad L. Mallett  
Corporation Counsel