



CITY OF DETROIT
MARY WATERS
COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE

MEMORANDUM

To: David Whitaker, Legislative Policy Division

Through: James Tate, City Council President

From: **Council Member At-Large Mary Waters submitting memorandum relative to**

Date: 2/9/2026

RE: Request for Information on Blight Violations

SUMMARY:

Please prepare a memo for our office covering the following items related to outstanding blight tickets on rental properties in Detroit

1. A list of all currently outstanding blight tickets owed on rental properties citywide.
2. Identification of owners who hold **20 or more rental properties**, including the total number of properties owned.
3. For each owner, please note:
 - Current status of the blight tickets
 - Whether they are enrolled in a payment plan
 - If not on a payment plan, how long the tickets have been outstanding
4. A focused breakdown for **Warrendale (District 7)** that highlights:
 - Landlords with outstanding blight tickets in Warrendale

- Whether those same landlords also have outstanding blight tickets elsewhere in the city
5. For all rental properties included above, please include:
 - How many have a valid **Certificate of Compliance**
 - How many are out of compliance or missing certification
 6. What is the total dollar amount owed in unpaid blight tickets by rental property owners?
 7. Which landlords have the highest number of unpaid blight tickets?
 8. Are there repeat offenders with multiple violations across different properties?
 9. How many of these properties are currently occupied versus vacant?
 10. Are there enforcement actions pending or scheduled for any of these properties or owners?
 11. Are there patterns by neighborhood or council district that should be noted?

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