



City of Detroit  
Detroit City Council - District 4

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2026

TO: David Whitaker, Legislative Policy Division

THROUGH: City Council President, James Tate Jr.

FROM: Latisha Johnson  
District 4 Councilmember 

**SUBJECT: Request for Policy Framework to Refine City's Nuisance Abatement Property Seizure and Condemnation Processes**

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Greetings,

Please prepare a comprehensive report that outlines a policy framework and actionable recommendations to refine and strengthen the City's nuisance abatement, property seizure, and condemnation processes.

The report should include, but not be limited to:

- A review of existing ordinances, administrative processes, and enforcement mechanisms related to nuisance abatement, blight enforcement, property seizure, and condemnation. Identify gaps, inefficiencies, and legal or procedural barriers that limit effectiveness.
- Any state laws that would impact the City's authority to abate nuisances, seize property, or pursue condemnation.
- A set of recommendations with clearly defined actions the Administration and City Council can take, including any required ordinance changes, budget considerations, or staffing needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Yolanda Jackson, our Senior Policy Analyst, at [yolanda.jackson@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yolanda.jackson@detroitmi.gov).