



Detroit City Council
Councilmember Renata Miller

MEMORANDUM

TO: James Ribbron, Director
Board of Zoning Appeals

THROUGH: James Tate, Council President
Detroit City Council

FROM: Renata Miller, Councilmember
Detroit City Council

DATE: March 13, 2026, 10:00 am

RE: 2026-2027 Budget Hearing, Board of Zoning Appeals

1. What impact will the loss of 1 position have on the Board's ability to review cases, complete investigations, and hold timely hearings?
2. FY2027 revenues from zoning appeals are projected to decline by more than 52%. What is driving that decrease?
3. With reductions in salaries, benefits, supplies, and other spending, how will the Board maintain service levels in FY2027?
4. Are current staff resources sufficient to support timely case review, legal analysis, investigations, and public hearings?
5. What steps is the Board taking to ensure applicants and residents understand the appeal process and hearing procedures?