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DENZEL ANTON MCCAMPBELL COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: James Ribbron, Director
Board of Zoning Appeals

THRU: Council President James Tate

FROM: Council Member Denzel Anton McCampbell *D.A. McCampbell*

DATE: March 13, 2026

RE: FY27 Budget Hearing Follow Up Questions- Board of Zoning

Thank you again for your time and for the presentation during the recent hearing. We appreciate the Board of Zoning Appeals' willingness to walk through current operations and respond to council questions. As a follow-up, I have a few additional questions so I can better understand some of the issues discussed on the record and areas that may come up in future policy discussions.

- 1.) Recordings are available at the front desk along with the desktop for public use, but transcripts cost \$6.75 - \$7.50 per page. Has the board considered posting recordings online to improve public access?
 - a. How often do members of the public request transcripts and does the cost create a barrier?
 - b. Please confirm the transcript cost for printing per page.
- 2.) The board participates in the Zone Detroit process with the City Planning Commission. Have zoning ordinance changes reduced the number of variance requests coming before the board?
- 3.) As the number of cases before the board has declined, are there specific zoning regulations that still consistently trigger variance requests and might indicate areas where the zoning ordinance should be updated?
- 4.) With Detroit continuing to see development pressure, do you expect the volume of zoning appeals to grow over the next few years?
 - a. Are there any technological upgrades or process improvements that could help the board handle cases more efficiently in the future?

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office
Malik Washington, Director of City Government Affairs