



CITY OF DETROIT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Denise Fair-Razo, Director, DHD
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David Bell, Director,
Marcell Todd, Director, CPC
Conrad Mallett, Corporation

Through: Hon. Mary Sheffield, City Council President

From: Council Member Scott Benson submitting memorandum relative to

Date: 5/6/2022

RE: establishment of home-based cooking lessons

SUMMARY:

Many residents around the world take advantage of the cultural and financial benefits of offering cooking lessons in their homes to tourist. These lessons offer a second income to the homeowners, as instructors, and spread the culinary culture of that community around the world.

Detroit is unique in its cultural, historical and culinary position within the country. I would like to explore the opportunity for our local chefs/cooks to teach class within their homes to tourist. There are legal, zoning, health and code considerations that need to be addressed as part of any programming where residents could open their kitchens to students from around the world.

Please provide feedback from your offices on the following issues that could apply to authorizing formal cooking classes in residential homes.

1. Legal
2. Health
3. Code Enforcement
4. Zoning

Please provide the responses to the requested reports/opinion by 20 May 2022. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact my office at, 313-224-1198.
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