



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Conrad Mallett, Corporation Counsel  
David Bell, Director, BSEED  
James White, Chief of Police, DPD  
Marcell Todd, Director, CPC

**FROM:** Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3

**CC:** Hon. Gabriela Santiago-Romero, Chair, Public Health and Safety Standing Committee  
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk  
David Whitaker, Director, LPD  
Gail Fulton, City Council Liaison

**VIA:** Hon. Mary Sheffield, City Council President

**DATE:** 3 May 2022

**RE:** **OPINION & ENFORCEMENT OF RECKLESS DRIVING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

As per our conversation regarding the legality of what appears to be reckless driving on private property, my office has received numerous complaints about the “drifting” exhibitions at Tee’s Garage at 20000 John R. The community is complaining that the displays are a mini version of a racetrack and the noises are at disturbing the peace levels. While the drifting is not being done within the City’s rights of way, it is a nuisance and eliminates the ability for peaceful enjoyment of private property within the area. It also reduces the quality of life in the immediate area and is the cause of a resident moving away to a more peaceful location. I have included a link to a YouTube video taken on 2 May 22 by residents in the area of the drifting exhibition.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/Lt9-gf-4evY?feature=share>

- 1. Please provide an opinion on the legality of this activity.**
- 2. Please enforce on any laws being broken.**
- 3. Please enforce any code violations resulting from this behavior.**
- 4. Please identify if zoning allows a racetrack as a by right or conditional use at this location.**

**Please provide the responses to the requested reports/opinion by 15 May 2022.** If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact my office at, 313-224-1198.  
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