



CITY OF DETROIT

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COUNCIL MEMBER

MEMORANDUM

To: Conrad Mallett, Corporation Counsel

Through: Hon. Mary Sheffield, City Council President

From: Council Member Scott Benson submitting memorandum relative to

Date: 7/11/2022

RE: OPINION ON update OF SGT Elaine Williams ordinance to comply with changes in federal law

SUMMARY:

In 2021 the Detroit City Council approved and implemented the Sgt Elaine Williams Ordinance, which mirrors federal law by prohibiting those convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence crimes from owning or possessing guns. President Joe Biden recently signed into law the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act and closed the "Boyfriend Loophole." Please review the new federal law to see if the Detroit City ordinance should be/needs to be strengthened to comply with the federal law changes.

Please provide the responses to the requested opinion by 1 August 2022. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact my office at, 313-224-1198.

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