



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

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Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway Statement Concerning Dollar Stores

Detroit, MI-Dollar Tree, Family Dollar, Dollar General and other Small Box Discount Retailers create food deserts in urban areas including our city.

The first duty of government is to promote public health and safety. The good health of our residents begins with a healthy diet including fresh fruits and vegetables provided by retailers with safe, clean, and blight-free stores.

Council Member Calloway requests that the Legislative Policy Division, in cooperation with the Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department (BSEED); the Health Department; and the Law Department, draft an appropriate ordinance that will (1) impose a temporary moratorium on the establishment of new Small Box Discount Retailers; (2) impose zoning distance requirements on all new establishments; (3) impose business license requirements on all new and existing establishments; and, (4) as a condition of the business license, impose the requirement that the operators provide fresh fruits and vegetables for public sale at reasonable prices.

The health and safety of our residents is our primary responsibility. We cannot fail in fulfilling our responsibility.

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