



DAH BLIGHT CLEARANCE PROCESS

A DAH-issued “Blight Clearance” is now required by City Law in order to apply for a City permit, certificate or variance issued by Department of Buildings, Safety, Engineering and Environmental (BSEED).

“Blight Clearance” is now City Law: In June 2016, The Detroit City Council passed a new ordinance mandating that persons and entities applying for a BSEED permit, certificate or variance are ineligible to receive the permit, certificate or variance IF they have unpaid blight tickets. (See Section 9-2-5 of Detroit City Code).

“Blight Clearance” is a Certification: The Blight Clearance is a certification that no outstanding blight tickets exist for the **applicant and property owner** and *must be submitted to BSEED when submitting the application for permit, certificate or variance.*

DAH Issues Blight Clearance: Applicants for BSEED permits, certificates or variances must obtain a “Blight Clearance” from the Department of Administrative Hearings (DAH) before the application for the permit, certificate or variance will be accepted by BSEED.

How to obtain Blight Clearance from DAH

- 1) Fully complete and sign an “Application for Blight Clearance”
- 2) The DAH will research its records for any unpaid blight tickets against the applicant and owner
- 3) If no unpaid blight tickets exist, the DAH will issue the Blight Clearance
- 4) If unpaid blight tickets exist, an “Unpaid Blight Tickets Report” will be given to the Applicant and tickets must be paid in full to obtain the Blight Clearance

Blight Clearance Denied: Applicants will have an opportunity to attend a “Blight Clearance Conference” with DAH management to discuss any questions about the unpaid blight tickets on the Unpaid Blight Tickets Report:

Where: Department of Administrative Hearings
2 Woodward Ave., 10th Floor, Suite 1004
Detroit, MI 48226

When: Monday – Friday

From: 1st Session: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 2nd Session: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*****Blight Tickets may be paid at the DAH Cashier, online, via mail or over the phone.
Go to the DAH web page to find out if unpaid blight tickets exist:
<http://app.detroitmi.gov/dahonline/>