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## DAH BLIGHT CLEARANCE PROCESS

A “Blight Clearance” issued by the Department of Appeals & Hearings (DAH) - 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 clearances are also required to participate in real property auctions with Wayne County and Detroit Land Bank, as well as to be deemed eligible for City abatements and incentives.

**“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 Appeals & Hearings (DAH) before the application for the permit, certificate or variance will be accepted.

### How to obtain Blight Clearance from DAH

- 1) You may obtain an application for a DAH Blight Clearance by visiting DAH office (see address above), at BSEED in Suite 412 and online at: <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/departments-appeals-and-hearings>
- 2) Fully complete, sign and date an “Application for Blight Clearance” and return it to our office one of these options: mail, fax, email, or in person.
- 3) The DAH will research its records for any unpaid blight tickets against the **Applicant and property owner.**
- 4) If no unpaid blight tickets exist, the DAH will issue the Blight Clearance.
- 5) If unpaid blight tickets exist, you will receive a report of listing all unpaid tickets. The unpaid matters must be paid in full in order for the Blight Clearance to be issued.

\*\*\*\*\*Blight Tickets may be paid at the DAH Cashier, DivDat kiosks, 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> and pay online.