

Detroiters' Bill of Rights

Right to Water and Sanitation: Every Detroit resident has the right to clean and affordable water and sanitation for personal and domestic use. Prohibit water shut-offs. Establish a water affordability program.

Right to Environmental Health: Every Detroit resident, regardless of their zip code is entitled to live in an environment with clean air, soil and water. Establish an Environmental Justice Commission, Office of Environmental Justice & Sustainability & Public Health Fund

Right to Safety: Every Detroit resident is entitled to live in safe communities and has the right to live free of threat or harm from one another and city agencies. Demilitarize the police, restrict surveillance and immigration enforcement/partnerships.

Right to Live Free from Discrimination: Immigrant Communities: Every Detroit resident, regardless of their immigration status, is guaranteed the same fundamental rights and protection of the law from discriminatory practices. Establish an Immigrants Affairs Commission, Office of Immigrant Affairs and adopt a language access policy. Disabled Communities: Every person with disabilities in Detroit, regardless of their ability status, is entitled to the same rights and freedoms as able-bodied peoples in the City. Establish an Disability Rights Commission, Office of Disability Affairs and adopt a language access policy.

Right to Recreation: Every Detroit resident is entitled to access to parks, recreational opportunities and urban green spaces to protect and enhance their health and well-being. Adopt the WHO standards for creation of urban green space and a plan.

Right to Access and Mobility: Every Detroit resident, regardless of their zip code, has the right to safe, accessible and affordable public transit options whether walking, biking, driving, rideshare, or using public transit. Create a low-income fare, motorized/non-motorized transit plans & strengthen the transit advisory commission.

Right to Housing: Every Detroit resident is entitled to affordable, habitable, safe and accessible housing. Define affordability based on the City's AMI, establish the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and require annual reporting.

Right to Fulfillment of Basic Needs: Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of themselves and of their family, including food, utilities and water and sanitation, clothing, affordable housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to care in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond their control. Create budgeting principles to invest in health, housing, transit, recreation and certain departments.