



# Hood Research

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Madam President and members of the Detroit City Council,

Hood Research strongly believes that effective and efficient policing in Detroit demands that city ordinances are enacted immediately to protect both the citizens and our police officers.

This is a proposal to enact into ordinance for the city of Detroit a ban of any practice of any type of physical restraint (including the use of Choke Holds) that restricts airflow or impedes, impairs, interrupts and/or prohibits breathing. This ban would extend to all city employees and appointees, including police officers, and any persons under contract or persons employed by companies under contract with the city. This would also include intergovernmental policing agreements. The ordinance should also state that any violation of this ban would include a possible termination of employment, a loss of a contract by a city contractor and the termination of any government agreement that includes public safety activity. The violation would also incur a ban of future employment, future contracting with the city and future intergovernmental agreements for a period of five years.

There is ample evidence to show that choke holds are life threatening to victims. These methods have been used when the victim is accused of non-violent acts. Further there exists other means of restraining those being placed under arrest and other means of protecting police officers that should not involve the use of a life-threatening procedure when the alleged crime is not life threatening.

Sincerely,

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