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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

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..Title

Substitute resolution relating to the replacement or repair of lead drinking water service lines.

..Analysis

This resolution directs the Department of City Development to develop and implement a program to replace lead drinking water service lines in all City-owned, one to 4-unit residential properties, except properties scheduled for demolition.

In addition, the resolution requires the Department of City Development to:

1. Include in the scope of work for all City-owned residential properties, including properties designated as historic, the cost of remediation all lead hazards in the properties including replacement of lead drinking water service lines, lead-pipe plumbing and abatement of lead paint hazards.
2. Demolish a City-owned residential property when the scope of work costs, including lead remediation exceed the property's value.
3. Require remediation of all lead hazards, including replacement of lead drinking water service lines, lead-pipe plumbing and abatement of lead paint hazards, within 6 months of sale, and prior to occupancy, as a condition for purchase of a City-owned residential property, including properties designated as historic.
4. Remediate all lead hazards, including replacement of lead drinking water service lines, lead-pipe plumbing and abatement of lead paint hazards, in each City-owned property repaired under the City's Housing Preservation program.

..Body

Whereas, Lead drinking water service lines connecting properties to water utility mains, lead-pipe plumbing and lead paint inside properties in the City of Milwaukee represent significant risks of lead poisoning for property occupants, especially pregnant women, formula-fed infants, nursing mothers and children under the age of 6; and

Whereas, The only way to completely eliminate these lead-poisoning risks is to the replace the lead drinking water service lines and the lead-pipe plumbing, and abating lead paint hazards; and

Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control maintains the effects of lead exposure cannot be corrected, and even low levels of lead in blood have been shown to affect IQ, the ability to pay attention and poor academic achievement; and

Whereas, Drinking water available in properties connected to water mains by lead water service lines represents a significant risk of lead poisoning for property occupants, especially pregnant women, formula-fed infants, nursing mothers and children under the age of 6; and

Whereas, Many City-owned residential properties are connected to drinking water mains, have lead-pipe plumbing and lead paint hazards, posing a risk to the health and safety of anyone living in these City-owned properties; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of City Development is directed to develop and implement a program to replace lead drinking water service lines in all City-owned, one to 4-unit residential properties, except properties scheduled for demolition; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Department of City Development shall:

1. Include in the scope of work for all City-owned residential properties, including properties designated as historic, the cost of remediation all lead hazards in the properties including replacement of lead drinking water service lines, lead-pipe plumbing and abatement of lead paint hazards.
2. Demolish a City-owned residential property when the scope of work costs, including lead remediation exceed the property's value.
3. Require remediation of all lead hazards, including replacement of lead drinking water service lines, lead-pipe plumbing and abatement of lead paint hazards, within 6 months of sale, and prior to occupancy, as a condition for purchase of a City-owned residential property, including properties designated as historic.
4. Remediate all lead hazards, including replacement of lead drinking water service lines, lead-pipe plumbing and abatement of lead paint hazards, in each City-owned property repaired under the City's Housing Preservation program.

Further Resolved, That the Commissioner of the Department of City Development shall report details and progress of this program to the Common Council by March 31, 2018.

..Drafter
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