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Substitute resolution directing the Department of City Development to prepare a plan for a comprehensive review of lead health hazards in occupied City-owned residential properties. This resolution directs the Department of City Development to prepare within 30 days of the passage of this resolution a plan under which a comprehensive review of lead health hazards will be conducted for all occupied City-owned residential properties.

Whereas, Even at small doses, lead poses a health threat, especially for pregnant women and young children, causing damage to growing brains, reduced IQs, attention disorders, and other behavioral problems; and

Whereas, Lead-based paint contamination has long been recognized as a source of lead poisoning; and

Whereas, Lead water-service lines and lead plumbing inside the home are a source of lead in water systems; and

Whereas, Lead in soil also poses a health risk; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee owns several properties, many of which are inhabited by the most vulnerable populations, including pregnant women and young children; and

Whereas, The City has regularly applied for and received grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for lead-based paint abatement; and

Whereas, Common Council Resolution File Number 161640, adopted March 28, 2017, directs the Department of Public Works, Department of Neighborhood Services, Department of City Development, and Milwaukee Water Works to jointly formulate a workforce development plan for work related to water-service line replacement and related to rehabilitation, demolition, and deconstruction of City-owned properties; and

Whereas, The Common Council seeks additional ways to ensure long-term health and safety from the dangers of lead; and

Whereas, It is of utmost importance to evaluate City-owned homes for the presence of hazardous lead in all its forms, including paint, water, and soil; and

Whereas, Given the volume of properties at issue and the increased risk to certain populations, it is

imperative to prioritize the evaluation of City-owned homes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of City Development is directed to present to the Common Council within 30 days of passage of this resolution a plan to conduct a comprehensive review, including paint, water, and soil, of lead hazards at all occupied City-owned residential properties, including occupied residential properties to be acquired through tax-foreclosure in the future.

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