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Resolution directing the Milwaukee Water Works to obtain Common Council approval prior to implementing a plan for lead service line replacements.

This resolution directs the Milwaukee Water Works to obtain Common Council approval prior to implementing a plan for lead service line replacements.

Whereas, Lead is a toxic substance whose ill effects are cumulative and there is no safe exposure to lead; and

Whereas, Young children are particularly vulnerable to the ill effects of lead exposure; and

Whereas, Lead drinking water service lines pose a threat to the health of City residents and should be replaced; and

Whereas, Replacing all the lead service lines in the Milwaukee Water Works' drinking water distribution system is a complex undertaking with no evident funding source; and

Whereas, Limited funding requires the Milwaukee Water Works to establish priorities on which neighborhoods and areas of the city benefit from lead service line replacement; and

Whereas, Setting priorities for lead service line replacements requires the Milwaukee Water Works to equitably balance the health, safety and socioeconomic needs of the city's aldermanic districts; and

Whereas, The Milwaukee Water Works is currently working with community stakeholders to prioritize lead service line replacements by census block utilizing the following three factors:

1. Area Deprivation Index.
2. Incidences of Elevated Blood Lead Levels.
3. Density of lead service lines.

; and

Whereas, Prioritizing the replacement of drinking water lead service lines by the Milwaukee Water Works will significantly affect city residents; and

Whereas, Common Council members are responsible for representing the interests of residents in the aldermanic districts they were elected to serve, and safeguarding their health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Milwaukee Water Works is directed to obtain Common Council approval prior to implementing a plan for lead service line replacements.

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