

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

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Promoting lead safe work practices among Minneapolis rental property and home owners.

WHEREAS, 85% of Minneapolis residential properties were built prior to 1978 and therefore may contain lead-based paint; and

WHEREAS, exposure to lead dust and chips from deteriorating paint and from the utilization of unsafe practices when rehabilitating surfaces containing lead-based paint can expose children and adults to lead poisoning; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning has profound and irreversible impacts on children, including lowering IQ and increasing impulsivity leading to problems learning and paying attention in school, as well as organ failure and death at very high exposure levels; and

WHEREAS, rental property owners and homeowners need information about how to maintain their properties in a way that does not cause lead poisoning; and

WHEREAS, rental property owners and homeowners are regularly notified by the Minneapolis Inspections Division of chipping and peeling paint and are issued orders to correct such conditions; and

WHEREAS, current City of Minneapolis regulations follow state requirements when a lead poisoning has already occurred; and

WHEREAS, since The City of Minneapolis' current lead safety initiative contemplates exercising only limited regulatory authority over property owners to help ensure that preventive measures are utilized when rehabilitating and repairing surfaces that contain lead paint as proposed Minneapolis Code of Ordinances § 240.100 would require lead safe work practices certification only for repairs made to interior paint surfaces in rental dwellings, more widespread voluntary adoption of lead safe work practices is needed in order to prevent lead poisonings in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, proposed Minneapolis Code of Ordinances § 240.100 requires rental property owners to provide certification that the person who completes or supervises the work to repair chipping and peeling paint in all pre-1978 rental property be certified in lead safe work practices;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

THAT, the City shall actively pursue grant funding and other resources to provide lead safe work practices trainings for free or at a nominal cost to contractors, homeowners and all interested parties in addition to rental property owners and their agents;

AND THAT, all rental property owners and home owners issued notices of violation for chipping and peeling paint may be provided the following information as part of the notice:

- (1) Information on available lead safe work practices training programs offered by providers recognized by the director of inspections;
- (2) A regularly-updated list of local workers and firms licensed or certified in lead safe work practices;
- (3) Information on obtaining HEPA (High-Efficiency Particulate Air)-filter vacuums at discounted rates from participating community sites; and
- (4) An explanation of any available rehabilitation and grant resources to address and mitigate lead in residential properties.