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## MOTION

### *Lead Poisoning Data and Action*

We hereby move that the Administration report to Council on available data regarding the issue of lead poisoning. This report should cover existing data gathered on both of the main sources of lead poisoning in our region (lead paint and lead pipes), as well as relevant research and data collection initiatives planned for the future. The report should further include recommendations and a feasibility analysis for projects to address lead poisoning, particularly concentrating on ways in which the Health Department and WaterWorks can work together.

## STATEMENT

Lead poisoning can cause severe issues for children, including developmental problems, behavioral problems, and physical ailments. In our region, lead poisoning is spread in two ways, primarily: lead paint and lead pipes. As the Cincinnati Health Department has made us all aware, every neighborhood in Cincinnati is at risk for lead poisoning due to the age of our housing stock; our city ranks fourth in the country for oldest housing stock,<sup>1</sup> with over 75% of homes within the City of Cincinnati at least 40 years old.<sup>2</sup> In addition, Ohio is the second-worst state in the nation for the number of lead pipes used in water systems (behind only Illinois), as of 2021.

There is a lot of important and meaningful work happening to address this issue — including robust lead paint remediation and abatements through our Health Department, lead pipe replacement programs at WaterWorks, and ‘on the ground’ work by grassroots community organizations. The key to getting closer to our goal of eliminating lead poisoning in Cincinnati and making every neighborhood is lead-safe for all residents will be keeping up on data collection, bolstering internal communication, and ensuring leaders and all parties involved are briefed on the latest updates and progress.

Bringing this report to Council lets us stay informed as we strategize around uplifting and supporting this work, and enables us to integrate key pieces of accurate, up-to-date information into related discussions on issues (like ‘problem properties’ + more).

  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2021/05/20/cincinnati-ranks-no-4-oldest-housing-inventory-new-study-shows/5162745001/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.lisc.org/medial/filer\\_public/6e/af/6eaf0bc11-fc3a-4a07-baac-52f73172c26e/strategy\\_guide\\_-\\_5-26-2020.pdf](https://www.lisc.org/medial/filer_public/6e/af/6eaf0bc11-fc3a-4a07-baac-52f73172c26e/strategy_guide_-_5-26-2020.pdf)