

## COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



Dr. Dakibu Muléy Administrator

July 29, 2019

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President Board of Alders City of New Haven 165 Church Street New Haven, Connecticut 06510

Re: Proposed Revisions to the Lead Paint Ordinance of the City of New Haven (Art. III Sec. 16-61 et. seq.)

President Walker-Myers:

I submit for consideration and approval by the Board of Alders the attached proposed amendment to the City's Lead Paint Ordinance. The recommended amendment to our ordinance provides the framework for the City's policy for addressing the continuing public health concern with childhood exposure to lead toxins.

This ordinance amendment will implement the Mayor's commitment to conduct comprehensive in-home investigation of sources of lead exposure in the homes of children under the age of six years who have a confirmed blood lead level equal to or greater than five micrograms per deciliter of whole blood. State law requires this investigation at the level of twenty micrograms per deciliter of whole blood.

While many of the changes conform the City's ordinance to requirements under state law, it is clear that New Haven will be a leader in our state and in our region as we develop policies that will make New Haven Connecticut's lead-safe city. This proposed amendment modernizes certain aspects of the City ordinance, allowing for the use of lead-safe liquid encapsulation as an efficient, effective and affordable means of lead abatement, where appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours.

Dr. Dakibu Muley

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cc. Roslyn Hamilton, Interim Director of Public Health John Rose, Jr., Corporation Counsel

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