

LEAD PAINT

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

City of New Haven Lead Paint Ordinance sets forth the framework for the Health Department to conduct preventive inspections of housing units where young children reside for greater cohesion with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health lead statutes and regulations.

Whereas: The City of New Haven wishes to protect the interests of young children living in the city.

Whereas: The City will engage city landlords as partners in the prevention of child exposure to lead toxins and improving the safety of housing units for children.

Whereas: The Health Department will inspect the homes of children who have a blood lead level equal to or greater than five micrograms per deciliter, which is a lower threshold than required by State law.

Whereas: The City of New Haven will increase the number of lead inspectors in anticipation of an increase in the number of inspections of homes where children reside and will charge a fee for performing each inspection.

Whereas: The Health Department will actively engage landlords to educate them and assist them in improving and maintaining lead-safe properties.

Whereas: The City, upon approval, will explore development of a revolving loan fund to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners to afford the cost of lead abatement.

Now therefore the City of New Haven finds that, in the interest of protecting young children, it shall lower the threshold for inspection of homes of children with blood lead levels equal to or greater than five micrograms per deciliter.