



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of

**Date:** June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**To:** Health, Energy & Environment Committee, The Honorable Scott Benson, Chairperson

**Forward:** Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee, The Honorable Don Samuels, Chairperson

**Subject:** Amending Title 12 Chapter 240 to add a language for Section 240.100 Lead Safe Work Practices of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Maintenance Code, Enforcement.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance amendment of 240.100.

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Approved by:

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Henry Reimer, Director of Inspections

Presenters in Committee: JoAnn Velde, Deputy Director of Housing Inspection Services & Megan Ellingson, Health Department

### **Financial Impact**

- No financial impact

### **Community Impact**

- City Goals

## **Supporting Information:**

### **Ordinance Summary**

- Applies to pre-1978 rental properties cited by housing inspections (beginning January 1, 2008) for interior chipping and peeling paint (approximately 500 citations per year)
- Requires that the person who does or supervises the work to address the citation be certified in Lead Safe Work Practices (a one-time certification)
- That acceptable Lead Safe Work Practices training programs be proposed by the Minneapolis Rental Property Advisory Committee and approved by the director of inspections

### **Accompanying Resolution Summary**

- Recognizes that lead poisoning is a health problem with profound and irreversible impacts (for example: learning difficulties, lower IQ, organ failure, death), especially on children.
- Recognizes that the proposed ordinance only covers rental properties and interior paint, and that more widespread adoption of lead safe work practices is necessary to eliminate all lead poisonings.
- Proposes that the City will pursue grant funding and other resources to provide lead safe work practices for free or at nominal cost to contractors, homeowners and all interested parties, and that information about lead safe work practices training, certified workers, HEPA-filter vacuums and lead rehabilitation resources may be given out with all chipping and peeling paint citations issued by the City.