



RESOLUTION R-16-19

COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT *LEAD SAFE MENASHA: A COMPREHENSIVE CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM* - UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Introduced by Mayor Merkes

WHEREAS, The City of Menasha is dedicated to assuring conditions in which people can be healthy.

WHEREAS, The large percentage of older housing units is a concern to Menasha as the potential for lead laterals and lead-based paint being used during that time is considerable.

WHEREAS, Experts at the Environmental Protection Agency and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention agree there is no known safe level of lead in a child's blood, and; ^{1,2}

WHEREAS, even low blood lead levels have been shown to affect IQ, ability to pay attention, and academic achievement, and;

WHEREAS, effects of lead exposure cannot be corrected, and;

WHEREAS, research shows that for every dollar spent on controlling lead hazards, \$17–\$221 is returned in health benefits, increased IQ, higher lifetime earnings, tax revenue, reduced spending on special education, and reduced criminal activity, and, ³

WHEREAS, the City has established sustainable, partnerships and community leadership dedicated to childhood lead poisoning prevention,

WHEREAS, Menasha Utilities was a recipient of Wisconsin Safe Drinking Water grants, and replaced 200 out of 644 customer-owned lead or galvanized water service laterals and;

WHEREAS, In 2018, after Wisconsin Safe Drinking Water grants were expended, the City and Menasha Utilities jointly passed *RESOLUTION R-25-18 A Resolution Regarding Lead and Galvanized Water Services Lateral Replacement Partnership*, now awaiting approval of the Public Service Commission to support replacement of lead and galvanized water service laterals;

¹ United States Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *What Do Parents Need to Know to Protect Their Children?* 2017. Retrieved on March 28, 2017 from: https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/acclpp/blood_lead_levels.htm

² United States Environmental Protection Agency *Learn About Lead*. 2017. Retrieved on March 28, 2017 from: <https://www.epa.gov/lead/learn-about-lead#effects>

³ Gould, Elise, *Childhood Lead Poisoning: Conservative Estimates of the Social and Economic Benefits of Lead Hazard Control* Environ Health Perspective. 2009 Jul; 117(7): 1162–1167. Published online 2009 Mar 31. Retrieved from Pub Med on March 28, 2017 from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2717145/>



WHEREAS, The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that only 20 percent of human exposure to lead may come from drinking water, with the majority from paint in homes built before 1978, contaminated soils and dust.

WHEREAS, the most important step all of us can take is to prevent lead exposure before it occurs, and;

WHEREAS, the Menasha Health Department has established an academic partnership with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Doctorate of Nursing Practice, placing two interns dedicated to the primary prevention of childhood lead poisoning (*2017-2018 Lead Poisoning Prevention through Outreach at the City of Menasha Health Department; 2018-2020 Lead Free by Delivery*).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council is committed to supporting *Lead Safe Menasha: A comprehensive Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program – University of Wisconsin Partnership Program Community Impact Grant*, focused on making Menasha a leader in preventing childhood lead poisoning.


Passed and approved this 20th day of May, 2019.

Recommended by:
Common Council

Motion/Second:
Ald. Sevenich/Ald. Langdon

Passed 8-0.

Requires: Majority Vote


Donald Merkes, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk