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To: Madam President and Members of Council

From: Sarah Kinter, Director of the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspection

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Subject: Lead Safety Child Occupied Facilities 120-Day Report

Executive Summary

The Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections is required under City Code Section 620B.01 to “explore and report to Council the feasibility of developing and implementing of a mechanism for inventorying all child-occupied facilities built before 1978 that operate within the City and mak[e] this information publicly available for use by consumers.” This report is due to Council 120 days from enactment of the Lead Safety Ordinance, recorded on November 30, 2021.

PLI has identified 445 child-occupied facilities in structures built before 1978 in the City of Pittsburgh.

It is technically and operationally feasible to identify and inventory most child-occupied facilities, as defined in City Code, built before 1978, and administer and enforce the related Lead Safety registration program for child-occupied facilities. PLI will use the listing of identified child-occupied facilities to send mail correspondence regarding the requirements of the applicable Lead Safety registry.

PLI has identified with its permitting and licensing software vendor, Computronix, and its public data vendor, Buildingeye Inc., backend data sets and workflow to expose the list of registered child-occupied facilities built before 1978 on the CivicCentral platform, Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center (WPRDC), and City website. PLI welcomes guidance from City Council and the public to recommend additional platforms to provide this data to consumers.

Child-Occupied Facilities in structure built prior to 1978 will have until December 31, 2022 to register under the Lead Safety Ordinance.

Inventorying All Child-Occupied Facilities Built Before 1978

The Lead Safety Ordinance defines “Child Occupied Facilities” as “a building, or a portion of a building, constructed prior to 1978, that includes an active day care, pre-school, or kindergarten classroom.”

PLI has identified the following relevant data sets to collate and cross reference locations of child-occupied facilities in the jurisdiction of the City of Pittsburgh, including:

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1. PLI's Certificates of Occupancy records;
2. WPRDC's Allegheny County Private Schools locations;
3. WPRDC's Allegheny County Public Schools locations;
4. Pennsylvania Department of Education Child Care Providers Registry.
5. Women for a Healthy Environment ("WHE") Child Care Facilities listing

The data sets aforementioned were combined and then pared down to addresses located in the City of Pittsburgh only. PLI then added the Allegheny County Real Estate dataset for each parcel to identify the year the structure was built. From the data, PLI has found that there are 445 identified child-occupied facilities in structures built before 1978.

PLI met with the Operations Manager and Manager of Property Valuation at the Allegheny County Office of Property Assessment to discuss the fidelity of the "Year Built" data field. PLI learned that identification of pre-1978 data entry is typically accurate, and there are no immediate data concerns. PLI will adopt an appeals and year-built verification process in its *Child-Occupied Facilities Rules and Regulations* to address any discrepancies or challenges to the build date.

Facilities that have not been identified through the data study can self-identify and register. Facilities out of compliance following the December 31, 2022 registration deadline will be issued notices of violation after January 1, 2023. Unlisted facilities out of compliance will be addressed through the complaint-based code enforcement process.

Listing of Pre-Child-Occupied Facilities Publicly Available for Use by Consumers

PLI routinely publishes and provides access to public license, code enforcement and permit data through PLI's CivicCentral/buildingeye platform, PLI's website, the WPRDC, and OneStopPGH portal search tools.

PLI is working with Computronix to build out a Child Occupied Facilities registry in the OneStopPGH portal. This work has included identifying data sets for future publishing and connection to the system's Application Programming Interface (API) for connections to other software systems. PLI has met with buildingeye Inc. to review the data architecture in preparation for publicly displaying this data following configuration in the OneStopPGH system. Given the configuration scope of works for the two systems, PLI estimated that this data will be published to the public by Q1 of 2023.