

## **FACT SHEET © Ordinance No. 747-2019**

- **Requires:** Beginning March 1, 2021, all residential rental units constructed before January 1, 1978 must have lead-safe certification from the Director of Building and Housing according to a schedule established by the Director. **All units** must be certified by **March 1, 2023**.
- **Requires:** Owners of the rental units to provide to the Director a copy of a clearance examination report or lead risk assessment evidencing that lead hazards were not identified in the unit; the rental unit lead examinations must be performed by a clearance technician, lead inspector, or lead risk assessor.
- **Increases: the rental registration fee to \$70** fee for each unit; the legislation caps the annual fee a single owner pays at \$30,000, if many units are owned.
- **Establishes:** disclosure requirements in sale or lease of target housing to include whether the property or unit is under a lead hazard control order.
- **Requires:** Sellers of a one, two, three or four unit dwelling to furnish to the purchaser a Certificate of Disclosure addressing the condition of the property, including its current lead status.
- **Creates:** A Lead-Safe Auditor position to monitor to the lead-safe certification process, maintain a list of certified inspectors and contractors as well as coordinating regular monitoring and reporting with the Lead-Safe Advisory Board and other entities.
- **Establishes:** A Lead-Safe Advisory Board to consist of seven members: six appointed by the Mayor with approval of Council and one member appointed by Council who is a member of Council. At least two members are to be representatives from the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition, the Lead-Safe Auditor, and one a current member of the Cleveland Area Board of Realtors.

The board will provide recommendations for improvements to the City's lead-safe policies and procedures; will report on progress and status of the City's Lead-Safe Certification requirement and other lead poisoning prevention related efforts. It will also work with partners to produce impact analyses of the Lead Safe Certification program and disseminate those results.

- **Requires:** An examination of the Lead-Safe certification program within one year after implementation and ever year after to review the impacts of the lead-safe certification requirement to determine if tenants have been unduly displaced and to identify any other negative unintended consequences that may have occurred due to implementation. If negative impacts are occurring or have occurred, the City will re-evaluate the program and work toward eliminating any negative impacts.
- **Calls for:** The creation of a Lead Screening and Testing Commission made up of health care institutions and health care providers, as well as school systems, and early childhood education providers. The responsibilities of the Lead Screening and Testing Commission shall include: establishing best practices for efficient and effective coordination of screening and testing services for families that are at-risk or that have been exposed to lead hazards; partnering with organizations to implement screening and testing recommendations; and coordinating and sharing lead screening and testing data among appropriate entities.
- **Calls for:** The establishment of a Lead Safe Housing Action Board for the purpose of supporting families who must relocate as a result of a lead hazard control order, lead-safe maintenance or lead poisoning. The action board will be made up of representatives from non-profit entities funded by the City that provide housing in the City. The Lead Safe Housing Action Board shall include: maintaining a list of housing units available for families forced to relocate and providing help with problems that arise as a result of forced relocation.