



City of Greensboro

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Agenda Report

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Agenda Item# C.1.

Agenda Date: 10/19/2021. **Department:** Neighborhood Development
Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** Consent Agenda

Title: 2021 - 345 Resolution Recognizing October 24-30, 2021, As National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

- Create an Environment to Promote Economic Development Opportunities and Job Creation
- Maintain Infrastructure and Provide Sustainable Growth Opportunities
- Promote Public Safety & Reduce Crime
- Exceptional Customer Service and a Diverse City Government Workforce
- Ensure Fiscal Stewardship, Transparency, & Accountability

Council District: All

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

City Council is requested to consider recognizing October 24-30, 2021 as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Greensboro. Promotion of National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week can help educate, coordinate, and mobilize the government and the community to address the pressing dangers of lead in our community.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), and other partners work to heighten awareness of lead poisoning, provide resources, and encourage preventative actions during October 24-30, 2021, designated as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

According to the CDC, approximately half a million American children between the ages of 1 and 5 years old have blood lead levels greater or equal to the level at which the CDC recommends public health actions begin. Children are at a greater risk for lead exposure,

including those who are from low-income families, members of racial-ethnic minority groups, recent immigrants, and living in older, poorly maintained properties. Lead is a toxic mineral, especially in young children, that can cause damage to the brain and other vital organs and learning and behavior problems when absorbed into the body. The most common source of lead exposure is from lead-based paint, which was used in many homes built before 1978, and can also be found in soil and household dust.

The City actively works with partner organizations and private property owners to reduce the incidence of deteriorated lead based paint in housing through its Lead Safe Greensboro program which provides grants for the remediation of lead paint hazards for eligible households.

BUDGET IMPACT:

No budget impact.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

No budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council recognize the continuing importance of lead poisoning prevention and declare October 24 through October 30, 2021 as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in the City of Greensboro.