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## **EAST LANSDOWNE COUNCIL PASSES NEW LEAD CERTIFICATION ORDINANCE**

***Lead Free Promise Project releases new document for municipalities to advance  
the fight to end lead paint poisoning***

**EAST LANSDOWNE, PA (December 13, 2022)** — The Lead-Free Promise Project, a statewide coalition of more than 60 organizations across the state, and the Borough of East Lansdowne hosted a press conference today announcing a new lead certification ordinance in a continued effort to end lead paint poisoning in Pennsylvania.

“While lead is often considered a thing of the past, in Delaware County, almost 250 children are still poisoned every year,” said East Lansdowne Mayor Majovie Bland. “But with this new ordinance now in place we are ensuring our kids are safe and protected from this 100% preventable problem.

“This is a big win for our whole borough and county — to make sure our youngest residents can reach their full potential, and I urge other boroughs to pass similar measures. Let’s end lead paint poisoning together.”

The ordinance requires rental property owners and childcare facilities located in older properties to test for lead paint hazards and certify that their properties are lead safe. In addition, when residents go to sell their older properties, they will also need to get their home tested for lead.

The Lead-Free Promise Project also released a new resource guide — “Using Municipal Codes and Other Strategies to Protect PA Children from Lead Paint Poisoning & Improve Property Values” — which defines six steps municipalities can take to get chipping, peeling and dusting paint out of homes to protect our children and improve property values.

“The 60+ member organizations of the Lead-Free Promise Project are working tirelessly every day to make lead paint poisoning a thing of the past — and one of the ways we are striving to do that is to urge homeowners to find and remove lead paint hazards before children are harmed. Our new three-page resource guide recommends steps municipalities can take to support homeowners to do this,” said Steve Fischer, Executive Director of the Chester Housing Authority and member of the Delaware County Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition and the PA Lead-Free Promise Project. “Municipalities have the power to protect our children by ending lead paint poisoning, and we urge all council leaders in boroughs, townships, and cities across Pennsylvania to take those additional steps to make homes safer, while improving property values.”

Joining Mayor Bland was: Pennsylvania State Representative Gina Curry; Dr. Palak Raval-Nelson, Deputy Health Commissioner, Philadelphia Department of Public Health; Nelly Jimenez-Arevalo, Executive Director and CEO, ACLAMO and member of the PA Lead Free Promise Project, and Steve Fischer, Executive Director of the Chester Housing Authority and member of the Delaware County Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition and the Lead-Free Promise Project.

To learn more and access the resource guide, visit: <https://paleadfree.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/LeadFreePromise-6Steps-for-Municipalities.pdf>.

LFPP launched its over 60-organization coalition in 2021 vowing to remove lead paint-based hazards from homes and ensuring all children are screened for lead poisoning as part of a comprehensive wellness exam. Learn more at <https://paleadfree.org/>.

LFPP is part of ThrivingPA.com, a non-partisan, statewide campaign that seeks to improve the quality of and increase equitable access to a coordinated system of health supports, including access to comprehensive perinatal health services, children’s health insurance, nutrition supports and lead screening and abatement.

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