

HRD - DETROIT LEAD SAFE HOUSING PROGRAM

Notice to Proceed (NTP) – 2254 Atkinson

The HRD team is seeking to receive immediate approval from the Historic District Commission (HDC) on the Work Specifications for 2254 Atkinson, Detroit, Michigan, due to the health and safety of the children residing in this property. This property is a high priority case due to both children being severely lead poisoned. The homeowner is recipient of this lead hazard reduction program because he owns his home, has property taxes that are up to date, and very low income. HRD's priority is not to set a precedent around jeopardizing the preservation of historic properties within the City of Detroit, but to eliminate all of the lead hazards within this specific property and reduce the blood lead levels for the two children in the home.

1. Blood Lead Test Levels –

- a. A child is considered lead poisoned, if he or she's results are higher than 5 micrograms/deciliter in the State of Michigan.**
- b. 3-year-old has an extremely high blood lead level. (Hospital case)**
- c. 1-year-old has a high blood lead level.**

- 2. November-December, 2019–** Homeowner was referred to our program by a representative of the Detroit Health Department (DHD). At this time, homeowner three (3) year old daughter was diagnosed as lead poisoned, due to her blood lead level results.

At the time of intake, homeowner expressed to me that he was nervous about the windows and their conditions. As we discussed his property and the windows, he then notified me that he took it upon his own hands to dry scrape his windows from the interior and painted them shut. I told him that we would conduct an EBLL Investigation, and determine our plan of action once we receive the report.

- 3. February-March 2020 –** HRD's Housing Compliance Inspector, Nasr Abdul-Mujeeb received the EBL Report from GS Group and began inspecting and drafting his work specifications. Due to the child's blood lead level increasing, Mr. Mujeeb wrote up for all impact/friction surfaces to receive permeant abatement (door stop/jamb, window, stairwell), as these are areas that create the most paint chips and lead dust, and wrote up none impact/friction (wall, trim, stanchion) surfaces with interim options. homeowner at this time expressed that he did not want his windows restored, but removed due to his children's behavior to eat paint chips and their behavior to lick the glass and window sill. Due to the blood lead levels at this time, our Environmental Compliance Team approved the work specifications to allow us to bid this property on the conditions that the contractor, TSS Consultants, use in-kind materials and match existing style, size, color as close as possible and received HDC approval.
- 4. COVID-19 caused a delay to all field activities from March through September 2020**

5. **October 2020** – HRD was notified by DHD, that the child’s blood lead level had increased to 44, and was hospitalized. HRD and DHD shared cost to have the family relocated until all of the materials were ordered and delivery, and a proceed was received. The child has been out of her months for nearly 6 weeks, and will be out until our work is complete and a lead clearance is received.
6. **November 2020** – HRD has been working with the HDC and BSEED to satisfy the needs of the HDC. Due to the nature and severity of this project, we cannot afford to delay this project any further.
7. **Additional Information** –
 - a. All windows are being replaced with new windows that will not be 100 percent the same, but will resemble.
 - b. All 10 windows being replaced on side A have muttoms on the bottom and top sashes, as they are now.
 - c. None of the exterior trim/framing around the windows are going to be removed. The exterior trim and frames around the windows will be stabilized using an interim control.
 - d. I have provided the Questionnaire that provides a statement from the homeowner regarding the children’s behavior to eat the wood and paint chips from the window and lick the window sill and glass as well. I have also provided the positive readings and lead dust results from the EBL report.
8. **Homeowner Statement November 11, 2020** –
 - a. Homeowner was extremely nervous when the contractor and I showed up to his home today to take additional photos and notes.
 - b. He was under the impression and understanding that we were going to replace the windows due to the health of his child.
 - c. He has made it very clear that if we do not replace the windows in our program, that he would take actions further into his own hands.
 - d. I provided his name and number, as he was willing to speak and provide information necessary to move this forward and get his child home.