

1 [Lead Poisoning Prevention - Department of Building Inspection]  
2 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION TO CARRY OUT THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN ITS ANNUAL  
4 REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE EFFECTIVE  
5 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION  
6 PROGRAM, AND TO IMPLEMENT FULLY CHAPTER 36 OF THE BUILDING CODE, THE  
7 EXTERIOR PAINT WORK PRACTICES LAW.

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9 WHEREAS, Childhood lead poisoning caused by exposure to lead is  
10 the number one environmental health hazard facing young children  
11 today; and,

12 WHEREAS, Exposure to even small amounts of lead can increase  
13 children's risks of developing permanent learning disabilities and a  
14 variety of physical and behavioral problems; and,

15 WHEREAS, Lead poisoning is an entirely preventable disease for  
16 which there is no medical cure; and,

17 WHEREAS, There are significant numbers of young children who  
18 have been and who are being exposed to lead hazards in San Francisco;  
19 and,

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors enacted the Comprehensive  
21 Environmental Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Program) in 1992 to  
22 prevent needless suffering from this disease; and,

23 WHEREAS, The goals of the Program are to educate all parents and  
24 other child care givers about how to protect children from lead  
25 hazards, to provide universal screening and testing of children up to

1 six years of age, to develop a case management system for those found  
2 to be suffering from lead poisoning, and to make all public and  
3 private facilities in this City lead-safe for children; and,

4 WHEREAS, The Program set specific tasks and goals for City  
5 departments providing family and children services and operating  
6 public facilities in a coordinated effort to protect the public  
7 health and welfare; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Building Inspection (DBI) is  
9 responsible for administering and enforcing San Francisco's Building  
10 and Housing Codes, which include inspecting buildings for code  
11 violations, issuing building repair, rehabilitation and demolition  
12 permits, and implementing the exterior paint work practices law in  
13 Chapter 36 of the Building Code; and,

14 WHEREAS, Approximately 80% of San Francisco's housing units  
15 contain lead paint, which may be in a hazardous condition or which  
16 may become a hazard when disturbed during permitted work; and,

17 WHEREAS, DBI has numerous opportunities to educate owners and  
18 contractors about protecting workers and residents from lead hazards;  
19 and,

20 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health is required by the 1992  
21 legislation to describe annually to the Board of Supervisors the  
22 efforts of all City agencies to comply with the Program and the  
23 additional actions needed to implement the Program effectively; and,

24 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has made its annual  
25 report to the Board of Supervisors, and that report contains a number

1 of recommendations for DBI to implement in order to more effectively  
2 carry out the Program; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of  
4 Building Inspection to implement the recommendations of the  
5 Department of Public Health, set forth in its Annual Report to the  
6 Board dated November 12, 1998; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the  
8 Department of Building Inspection to implement fully the exterior  
9 paint work practices ordinance; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director provide the Board with a  
11 written report regarding the Department of Building Inspection's  
12 progress in implementing the Department of Public Health's  
13 recommendations and the exterior paint work practices ordinance  
14 within 180 days from the effective date of this resolution.



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### Resolution

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**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the Department of Building Inspection to carry out the Department of Public Health's recommendations contained in its annual report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the effective implementation of the Comprehensive Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and to implement fully Chapter 36 of the Building Code, the exterior paint work practices law.

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February 22, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

