To the Citizens of Oskaloosa:

Recently the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved a regulation that is intended to prevent a repeat of the Flint, Michigan lead poisoning incident of 2014-2015. Properly treated water, like that used by the City of Oskaloosa, prevents leaching from lead pipelines by coating the inside of the pipe. However, EPA has taken the proactive and protective approach of mandating several new steps to be taken by water suppliers across the nation. Specifically, by October of 2024, all water suppliers are required to comply with the following measures:

1. Provide an inventory of all piping in the system, meaning that water suppliers must not only identify if its waterlines may contain lead, but also an inventory must be provided of residential lines, including the supply line from the meter to the home itself. As you may know, the homeowner normally installs the lines past the meter. Because of this, water suppliers will be unable to comply without having the cooperation of homeowners.
2. Pipelines that contain lead within the supplier’s distribution system must be replaced within an established time. Privately-owned pipes that contain lead, or are assumed to, must be inventoried, and reported to the state. The supplier will be required to create a plan to replace lead supply lines, or lines that could be lead or galvanized pipe, but are unknown for certain, including the service line past the meter. All in-house lead piping will be the responsibility of the homeowner, with federal programs that may assist in the cost of replacement.

Collecting information about private buried pipelines and household plumbing will pose a challenge. Many homeowners will not want the water supplier to enter their property or house. If this is the case, the water supplier cannot help the homeowner identify the material of their pipe. The homeowner, however, could hire a plumber of their own to evaluate their pipe.

This letter, and the enclosed form to be returned, is one of our first steps in developing an inventory of private water lines. We are asking that you complete and return the attached form. Based on your response on that form, you may or may not hear from the City again regarding this issue. If we do not receive a form back from you, we will likely have to contact you further to obtain this information.

**As an incentive for completing the entirety of these forms, every property owner(s) who returns the fully completed forms, prints their name(s) and signs where indicated, will receive a one-time credit to their water bill of $25.00 for the property at the corresponding address.** (Only one form per property please.) **A form prepared by a tenant(s) will not qualify for the credit.** In the interest of answering questions that you may have; we have several educational pamphlets prepared by the EPA and KDHE available at City Hall. We also may conduct public meetings if there is sufficient interest.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important inventory.

Patty A. Hamm, City Clerk

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**FORM TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO CITY OF OSKALOOSA**

1. What is your street address? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your water service line material? Your water service line is the line running from the water meter into your house (often found entering house through basement wall, slab floor, or crawlspace).

A. Copper pre-1982

B. Copper 1983-1989

C. Galvanized

D. Pex

E. PVC

F. Unknown

3. What size pipe is your service line?

A. 1/2”

B. 3/4”

C. 1”

D. Unknown

4. What year was your service line installed?

A. Previous property owner had replaced, approximate year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. Current property owner had replaced, approximate year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

C. Assumed to be original to house construction

5. What type of structure is this address linked to?

A. Single Family Residence

B. Multi Family Residence

C. Commercial Building

D. Other

6. Do you have a point of use filter on a faucet, reverse osmosis under the sink filter system, or whole house water filter or softener in use?

A. Yes. If so, list the type of filtration you have in use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. No

C. Unknown

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7. What is the “most common” plumbing material used for drinking water inside your house?

A. Copper pre-1982

B. Copper 1983-1989

C. Galvanized

D. PEX

E. PVC

F. CPVC

G. HDPE

H. Lead

I. Unknown

8. What is the 2nd most common plumbing material used for drinking water inside your house?

A. Copper pre-1982

B. Copper 1983-1989

C. Galvanized

D. PEX

E. PVC

F. CPVC

G. HDPE

H. Lead

I. Unknown

9. Have you had any major plumbing projects completed on your home? Circle YES or NO

A. If yes, what is the estimated date of completion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. If yes, what was the project scope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. What year range was your plumbing installed?

A. Before 1989

B. Between 1989-2014

C. After 2014

D. Unknown

11. What year was your house built?

A. Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. Date Estimate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Indicate all that apply by initialing the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ My house does not contain lead pipeline or service lines based upon an examination of the lines.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ My house/property contains lead service line and/or lead internal plumbing. The following are the details of it that I am aware of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am uncertain of whether or not my service line or my internal plumbing contains lead.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to let the City staff assist me in evaluating my pipe

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my yard only

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ both in my yard and in my house, using other methods

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am NOT willing to let the City staff assist me in evaluating my pipe

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will employ a plumber and will let the City know within 90 days.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am requesting that the City assumes my line contains lead and I consent to allowing periodic testing of water from within my house.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am requesting that the City assumes my line contains lead but I DO NOT consent to allowing periodic testing of water from within my house.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to learn more about this topic at a public meeting conducted by City of Oskaloosa.

Return form to: City of Oskaloosa Submitted by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

212 W. Washington Street Printed Name

PO Box 446 Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Oskaloosa, KS 66066

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_