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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Subject: 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Monitoring Update

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### **Lead and Copper Rule**

- The Lead and Copper Rule is a United States federal regulation which limits the concentration of lead and copper allowed in public drinking water at the consumer's tap. The purpose of the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) is to protect public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency first issued the rule in 1991 pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act after studies concluded that copper and lead have an adverse effect on individuals.
- The rule establishes action levels for lead and copper based on a 90th percentile level of tap water samples. An action level exceedance is not a violation, but triggers other requirements to minimize exposure to lead and copper in drinking water, including water quality parameter monitoring, corrosion control treatment, source water monitoring/treatment, public education, and lead service line replacement.
- To the best of our knowledge, none of the homes in the City of Troy contain lead service lines. Any trace amounts of lead can be attributed to the particular fixtures from which the water samples were drawn or the solder used on the home's plumbing system.

### **Troy Lead and Copper Rule Monitoring**

- The City of Troy Water & Sewer Division recently completed the 2021 round of water quality testing for lead and copper.
- In 2018, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) expanded the number of sample sites based on population, which meant increasing residential samples in Troy from 15 to 30.
- The testing procedure requires that a sample must be taken after a minimum of six (6) hours of no water use within a home; this gives the water time to absorb any trace elements that may be in the service line or the plumbing fixture from which the sample is being taken.

### **2020 Testing**

- Of the 30 samples taken from Troy residential homes, all tested below the action levels for both lead and copper; action levels are 15ppb (parts per billion) for lead and 1,300ppb for copper.
  - Lead was not detected in any of the 30 samples.
  - Copper levels ranged from 4.48ppb to 223.90ppb.
- Once the results were received, the Troy Water and Sewer Division was required to inform all residents whose homes were used for sampling of their results and complete a detailed report for EGLE.