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NOTICE LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE DETERMINATION

Dear East Grand Rapids Resident/Property Owner:

We are committed to delivering high-quality water. We work hard every day to do just that, and we have a long history of success in protecting public health. We regularly sample drinking water to better understand the lead and copper levels in our system. The City of East Grand Rapids purchases water from the City of Grand Rapids which uses corrosion-control measures at the water filtration plant to ensure lead levels are controlled. However, lead still may enter the home through lead pipes. The good news is our lead and copper samples are well below the advisory level set by the State of Michigan and Federal government. The most recent results were 6 parts per billion (ppb), well below the current action level, which is 12ppb. For reference, 1ppb is the equivalent of a single drop of water in an Olympic size swimming pool. The Food and Drug Administration recommends that bottled water standard for lead in “for sale” bottled water not exceed 5 ppb.

State regulations require the city to complete an inventory count of all lead water service lines in our water system and provide notification if records show a lead service line may be present. In 2019/2020 the city notified all residents/property owners if records showed the property was served with a lead service line or if records were not complete and based on the age of the home/property and age of infrastructure that it was assumed the water service line was lead. **Through 2025, the City is hydro excavating all water service lines in the public right of way to ensure it exceeds EGLE’s inventory assessment requirements. This inventory will enable the city to accurately identify lead service line replacement areas beyond infrastructure projects, including water main rehab/replacement and street projects. As part of this proactive inventory/survey you are receiving this notice because the water service line to your home has been determined to be lead piping material.**

The city actively replaces water service lines if and when there is a leak or when a water main is replaced. However, property owners may elect to replace a private lead service line at any time with a permit from the city. If a private lead service line is replaced (from home to shut off in the public right-of-way), and the public side (from the shut off in the public right-of-way to the water main) is lead, the city replaces the public portion at the same time at no cost. Under the new lead and copper rule, the city replaces public and private lead service lines if the home is within limits of a water main replacement project. The city is required to replace lead service lines at a rate of 5% of the total inventory over a 20-year period to have all lead service lines replaced by 2041. After the survey is completed, the city intends to complete lead service line replacements well in advance of this schedule.

Information is very important to understand the lead water service line issue. The city has included an FAQ document with this notification. For more information including East Grand Rapids Water Quality Reports/Consumer Confidence Reports, testing results, etc. please visit the public works water/sewer utilities page on the city website, www.eastgr.org or call DPW Administration at 616-940-4817 or DPW Operations at 616-940-4870.

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