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STATEMENT

SYRACUSE MAYOR BEN WALSH ON COMMON COUNCIL PASSAGE OF LANDMARK LEAD ORDINANCE

"I commend the Syracuse Common Council on its passage today of the Lead Abatement and Control ordinance. This is a historic step forward for the health and safety of our children and families, especially those in low income areas who deserve greater protection against the threat of lead poisoning to their health. In particular, I want to acknowledge the tireless work of 5th District Councilor Joe Driscoll who made it a personal mission to get this legislation introduced and passed. I am also thankful to the Central New York Community Foundation for its private sector leadership in addressing lead hazards. Our Administration will continue to work with the Council and our community partners in implementing the new legislation. We have the resources ready to bring on a lead paint program coordinator; continue to get our inspectors certified; and identify a laboratory to be our testing partner. Our goal is to be ready to start testing this fall, but without direct aid from the federal government as soon as possible, the fiscal impact of COVID-19 on city government will affect the timing of full implementation of the program."

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