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CHICAGO HEALTHY HOMES INSPECTION PROGRAM (CHHIP)

Systematic and thorough housing code enforcement would...

- **Improve the health of Chicago's residents**
 - Asthma attacks, lead poisoning, fires & home accidents could be prevented by eliminating home based hazards.
- **Cut down on medical costs**
 - A Sinai Urban Health Institute study demonstrated that when home health care workers worked with housing advocates to improve housing conditions ER visits were cut by 72%
- **Increase kids chances at school**
 - Lead poisoning causes permanent cognitive damage in children and possible damage to the central nervous system, kidneys and reproductive system
 - Asthma is the leading reason children miss school
- **Enhance housing values and help to preserve low-income housing**
 - Los Angeles property owners re-invested \$2.8 billion back into the housing stock
 - Major cities across the country are adopting similar programs with positive results

A Healthy Homes Inspection Program is part of a comprehensive approach to improving the quality of life for Chicago's residents.

- 1. Landlords register their properties & pay a yearly per unit fee.**
- 2. Tenants & landlords are notified in advance of inspection, including a copy of inspector's checklist.**
- 3. All units are inspected for health and safety hazards, on a periodic cycle - high risk areas are inspected more often.**
- 4. Follow up inspection occurs to ensure compliance of violations.**
- 5. If hazards go unfixed upon re-inspection, landlords pay full cost of inspections and building code violations.**

PROMOTING HEALTH & SAFETY BY PUTTING AN END TO HAZARDS IN OUR HOMES

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