



LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND UPDATED ORDINANCE



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Lead Safe Ordinance Overview

The City of Toledo Lead-Safe Ordinance, Section 2, Municipal Code Chapter 1760 requires residential rental properties with four units or less and Family Child Care Home built before 1978 to obtain a Lead-Safe Certificate.



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Challenges

Majority of housing stock built prior to 1978

Low property values are indicators of lead in homes

Every zip code is considered “high risk”

“Canaries in the coal mine”

Strategic Priorities



Decrease Childhood Lead
Poisoning by Increasing Lead -
Safe Healthy Housing

Prevent Occupant
Displacement & Property
Abandonment

Community
Engagement and
Partnership Building

Increase Education
and Training on
Lead -Safety

Lead Stabilization Grant
Lead Based Paint Hazard Control
Grant
Priority based timeline

Tenant landlord Services Manager
Rental Registry and Lead Safe
Enforcement Specialist

Stakeholders and Community Partners

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Ohio Department of Health
- Toledo Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition
- Toledo Lucas County Health Department
- Toledo Public Schools
- Lucas Metropolitan Housing

Renovation, Repair and Painting
Lead Abatement Contractor
Lead Abatement Worker
Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor
Lead Clearance Technician
Train the Trainer Sessions
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Lead Safe Team



Clerk I

This role involves managing and processing records, applications, and reports related to the Lead Safe Ordinance, ensuring system updates, tracking progress, handling inquiries, scheduling appointments, and performing various administrative tasks as needed.

Rental Registry and Lead Safe Enforcement Specialist

This position involves supporting the development and implementation of programs related to the Health & Housing Code, Lead Safe, and Rental Registry Ordinances, overseeing special projects, managing case data, collaborating with tech teams for mapping and data quality, assisting with internal and external communication, tracking performance metrics, identifying operational risks, and providing guidance to staff.

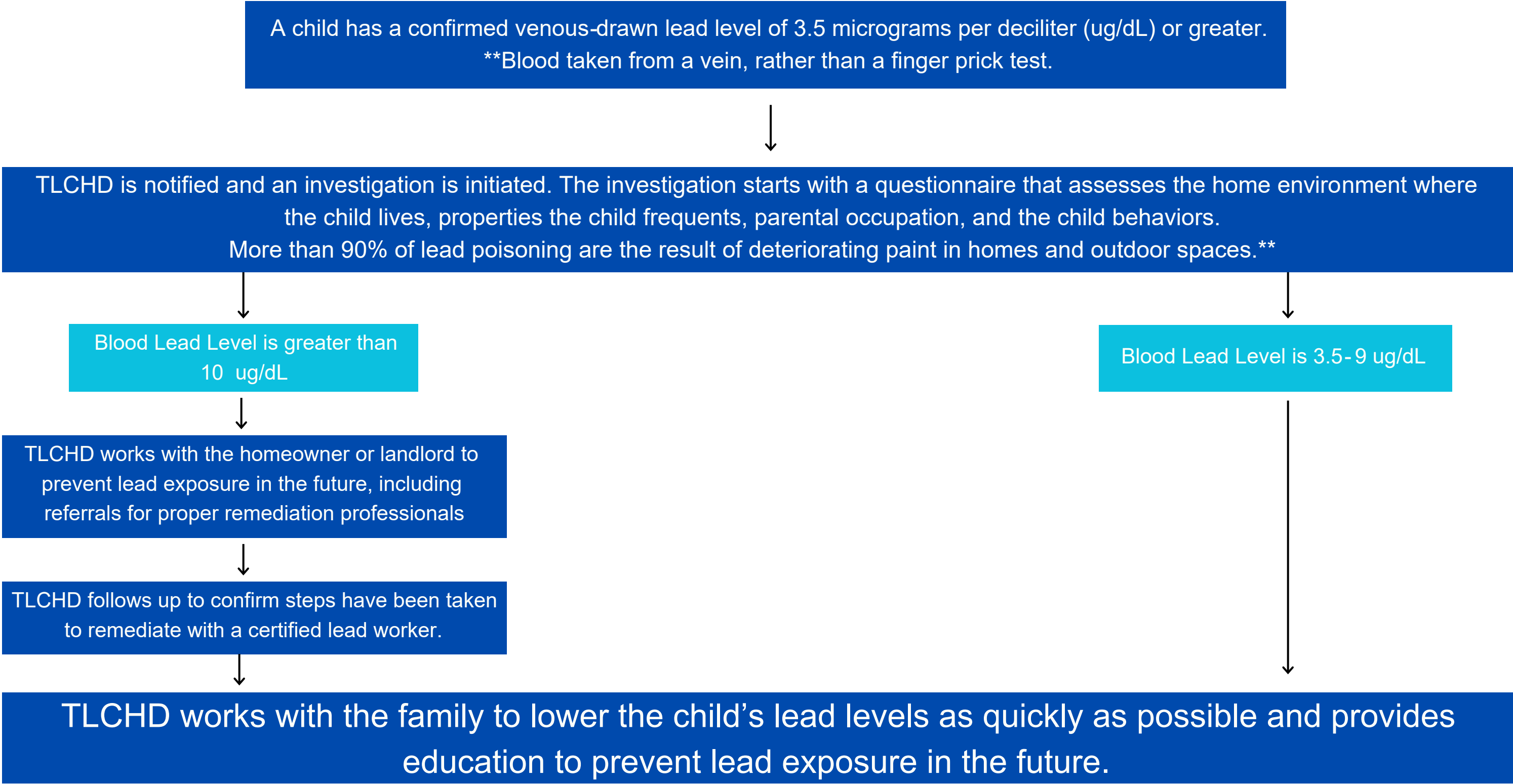
Rehabilitation Projects Officer

This position involves reviewing clearance reports, conducting lead safety inspections and quality assurance, collaborating with agencies, developing training programs, managing contractor participation and tracking systems, conducting lead-safe training, and responding to public inquiries while ensuring compliance with lead hazard control regulations.

Lead Safe Coordinator

This position involves planning, directing, and managing the technical and administrative activities, developing and implementing policies, procedures, and training programs, coordinating with other divisions and agencies, ensuring compliance with regulations.

Activating the Toledo Lucas County Health Department's Lead Program



The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department's Lead Program is a mandated authority of the Ohio Department of Health. We are required to investigate all properties where a lead-poisoned child has been identified

Ohio Department of Health Lead Licensing

Lead Clearance Technician

This a 12-hour Lead Clearance Technician training course required by the Ohio Department of Health to apply for a Lead Clearance Technician license.

The purpose of this course is to equip Clearance Technicians with the specialized skills necessary to conduct accurate and defensible residential lead clearance examinations for dust wipes only, in NON-abatement jobs. Course follows EPA curriculum and is customized to Ohio regulations.

Lead Inspector

This 24-hour Lead Inspector Initial training course is required by the Ohio Department of Health to apply for a Lead Abatement Inspector license and a pre-requisite for the Lead Risk Assessor license.

The purpose of this course is to equip inspectors with the specialized skills necessary to conduct accurate and defensible residential inspections for lead-based paint. Course follows EPA curriculum and HUD guidelines.

Risk Assessor

This 16-hour Lead Risk Assessor Initial training course is required by the Ohio Department of Health to apply for a Lead Risk Assessor license. You must take the 24-hour Inspector Initial to as a prerequisite to apply for the Lead Risk Assessor license.

Classroom lectures and hands-on activities are conducted to familiarize participants with the likely locations of lead hazards, the interpretation of results of paint, dust, soil and water testing; development of abatement and hazard reduction options; report generation, and disclosure requirements.



18,419 children under the age of 6 live in Toledo

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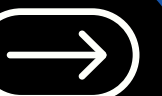
Overview of Housing in Toledo

- 134,051 Housing Units
- 114,082 Units Built Prior to 1978 (85%)
- 52,098 Rental Units Built Prior to 1978 (46%)

(2021 American Community Survey B01001, B25002, B25034)

Lead can be found in the air, soil, dust and paint inside or outside some homes and other buildings built before 1978.

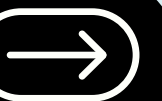
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On any given day,
approximately
3,500 children in
Lucas County have
elevated lead
levels.



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Lead Safe Certificate Progress



4,197 as of 4/14/2025



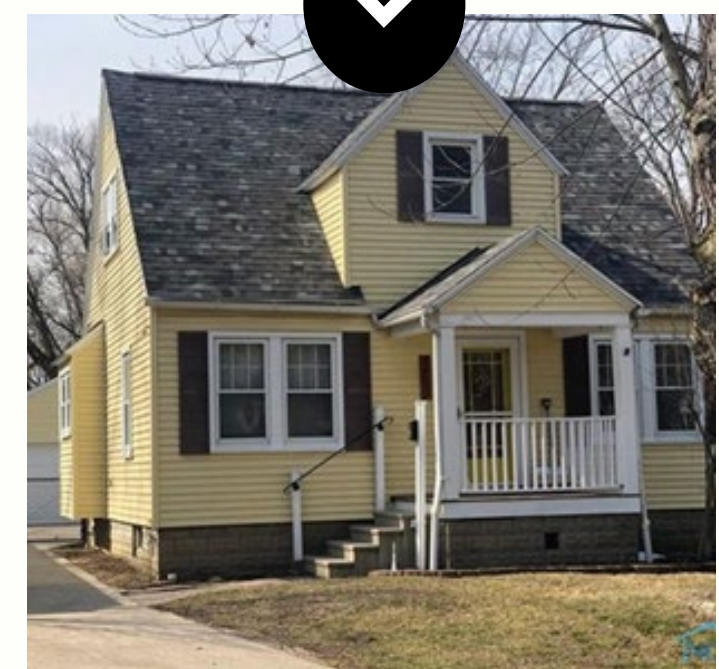
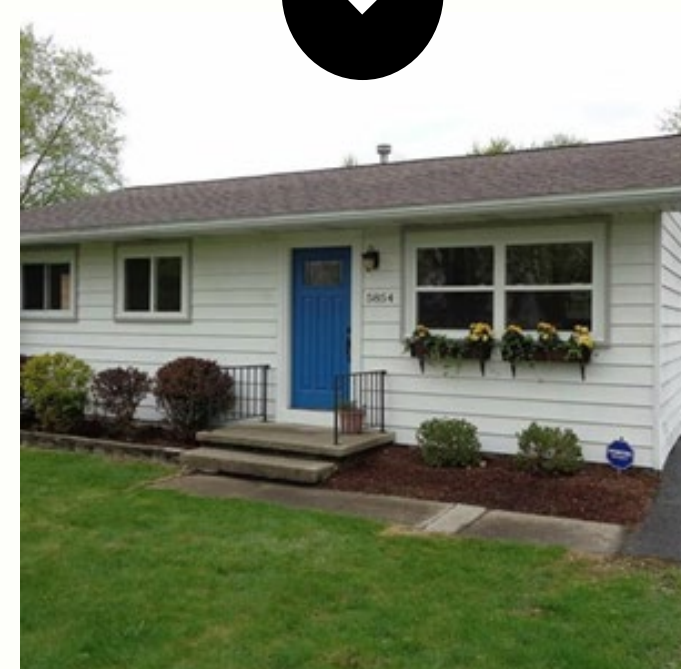
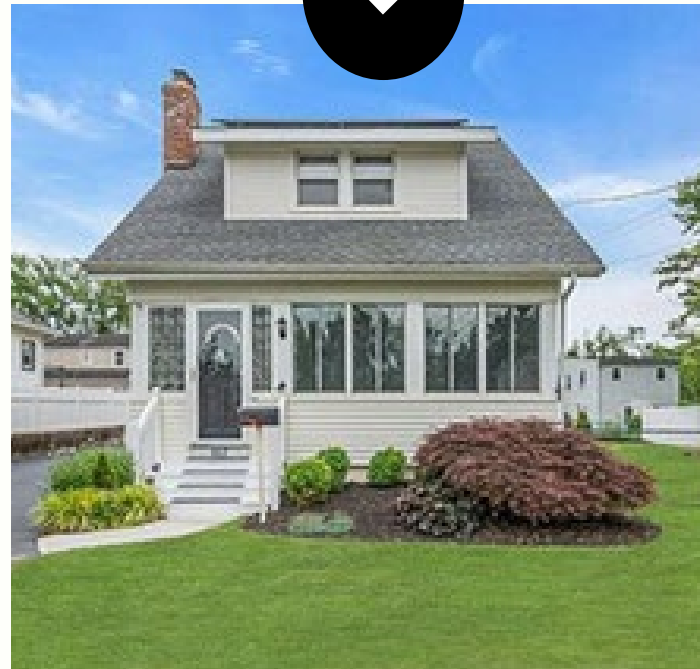
1,779 LSC in First Phase



6,166 Units in Phase 1



28,796 Total Rentals



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Education and Outreach



Partnership with TPS



School Visits, Backpack Events, Informational Postcards



21,000 TPS Students

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Homeownership Fair

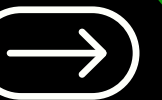


Lead Safe Cleaning Education and Supplies



HEPA Filter Vacuums

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**LEAD POISONS.
THE LAW PROTECTS.
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.**

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George Thomas
CEO and General Counsel
The Fair Housing Center

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**MY CHILD'S
LEAD POISONING WAS
100% PREVENTABLE.**


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Shannon Shumate
Mother

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**NO LEVEL OF LEAD IS
SAFE IN A CHILD'S BODY.
NO LEVEL.**

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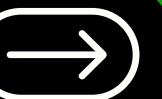
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Lead Trainings

FREE CLASS



Clearance Technician, Lead Inspector, Lead Risk Assessor

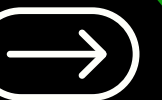


Lead Abatement Worker, Lead Abatement Contractor



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It only takes a tiny piece of
lead dust, the size of a grain
of salt, to **poison** a child.



The consequences of lead exposure can last a life time.



Learning Disabilities



Pregnancy Complications



Attention Deficit Disorder

Bone Issues



Kidney Problems

Law Department

Amendment Changes



- The proposed amendments would move the issuance of Lead -Safe Certificates from the Toledo Lucas County Health Department to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).
- DHCD would also assume regulatory responsibility (previously held by the TLCHD) over the Local Lead Inspectors
- The Director of DHCD would have the ability to reject improper Lead-Safe Reports and also issue orders for cause “disqualifying” Local Lead Inspectors from issuing reports for a period of time. These orders would be appealable to the Nuisance Abatement Housing Appeals Board.
- The proposed changes also move back compliance dates, which has been necessitated by enforcement delays associated with now -resolved litigation.
- The proposed first compliance date would be December 31, 2025, with all census tracts phased in over eight phases. The final proposed compliance date would be June 30, 2029.

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Penalties



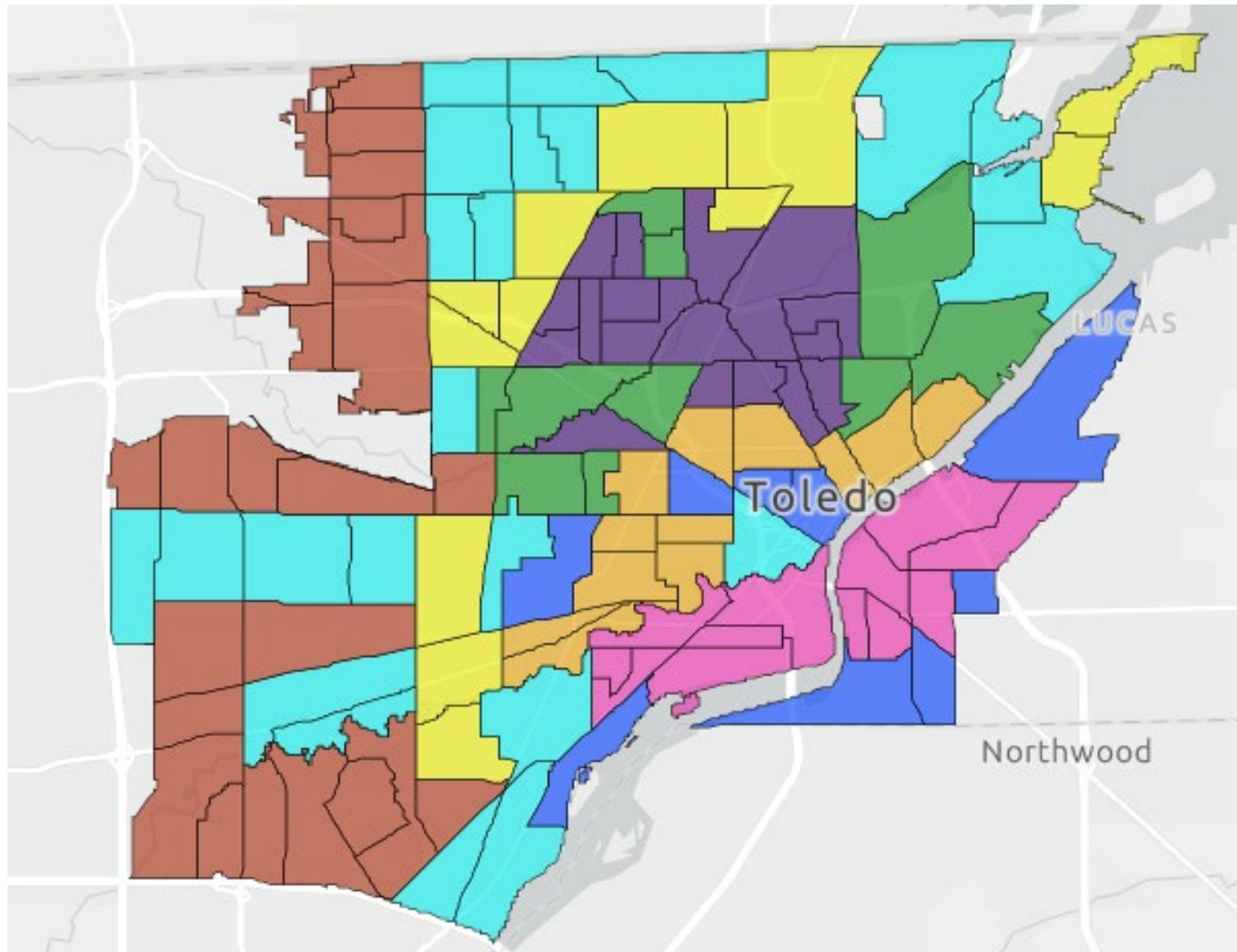
First Degree Misdemeanor

Whoever is convicted of or pleads guilty to a misdemeanor classified in the municipal Code shall be imprisoned for a definite term or fined, or both, which term of imprisonment and fine shall be fixed by the court.

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Revised Timeline



Priority Tracts

-  December 31, 2025
-  June 30, 2026
-  December 31, 2026
-  June 30, 2027
-  December 31, 2027
-  June 30, 2028
-  December 31, 2028
-  June 30, 2029

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