

**Department Requesting Code Change:**

Department of Public Utilities

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**Columbus City Code Title Being **Amended**/Created/Repealed:**

Code Section 1119.05

**What is the overall purpose of this code change?** *Summarize the general themes of the code change(s) and the need for these changes. Please utilize language and descriptors that would be easily understandable by the general public.*

The overall purpose of the code change is to create a mechanism for drinking water customers to verify that they do not have a lead service line in compliance with CCC 1119.05, at no cost. As the code was originally written, if a drinking water customer receives a 30 day notice for Lead Service Line Replacement under CCC 1119.05, they have three options to comply. They can 1) sign up for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program; 2) contract to replace their line themselves; or 3) provide written proof from a licensed contractor that they do not have a lead service line. The code change will allow a customer to provide proof of a non-lead service line through a verified service line material survey, at no cost.

**Why is this code change needed?** *Examples: Correcting a drafting error; bringing code into alignment with changes to state law. For other policy changes, it may be necessary to provide a much more in-depth rationale in the section.*

The code change is needed to add a no-cost option for compliance with CCC 1119.05 for water customers that do not have Lead Service Lines.



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**What would be the impact of not adopting this code change?**

Not adopting this code change would adversely impact our customers because they will have to hire a licensed contractor to confirm their service line material when we could confirm it ourselves through an established system for no cost to the customer.

**Are there any operating or capital budget cost/savings implications for this code change?**

*These may be direct or in-direct, and please also consider long-term impact.*

There are no operating or capital budget costs or savings implications for this code change.

**Describe the community engagement process regarding this code change. What residents, impacted parties, and constituents may be affected? Have they been engaged, and how so? How was their feedback incorporated (or not incorporated) into this code change?**

There has been no formal community outreach. The Lead Service Line Replacement Program was created in 2024. As we ramp up to start the lead service line replacements on a larger scale, we recognized that we could provide additional flexibility to our customers through a related Department of Water initiative: lead service line survey program.

**Will this code change take effect with the ordinance, or is there a delayed effective date?**

Regular effective date.



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