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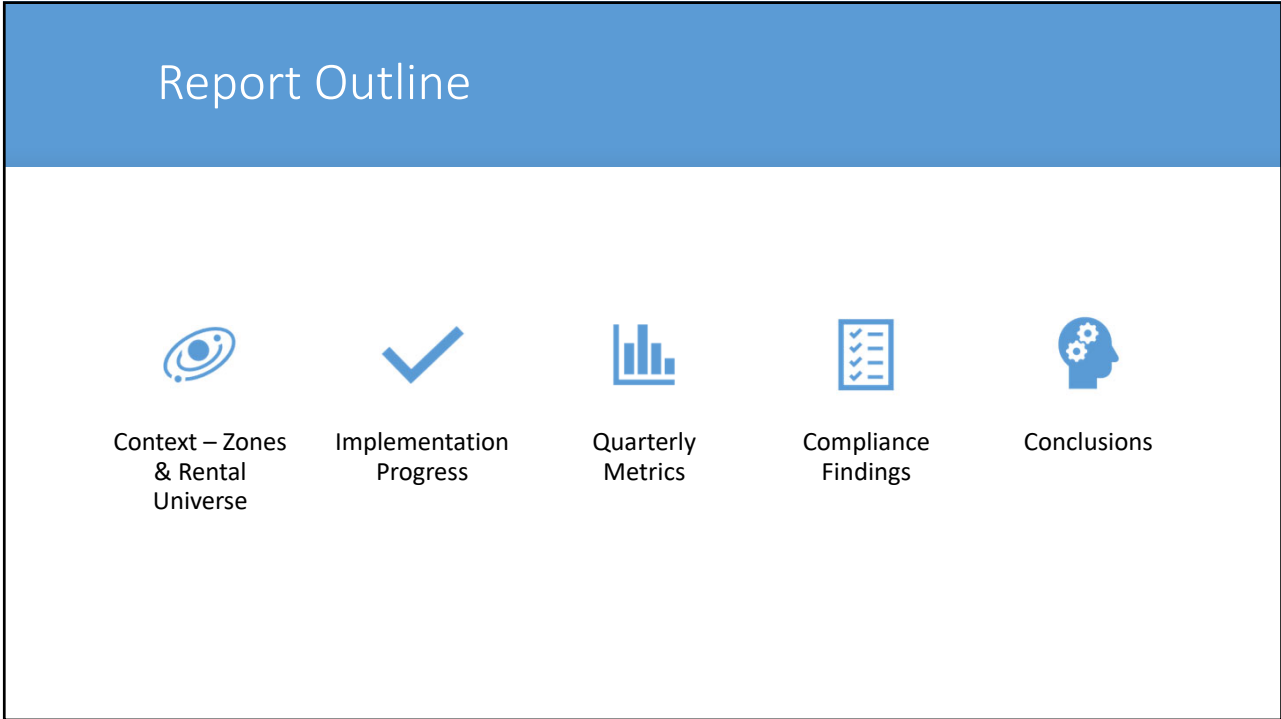
Report to the Lead Safe Advisory Board
City of Cleveland

Period: April-June 2023






September 2023

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Report Outline

-  Context – Zones & Rental Universe
-  Implementation Progress
-  Quarterly Metrics
-  Compliance Findings
-  Conclusions

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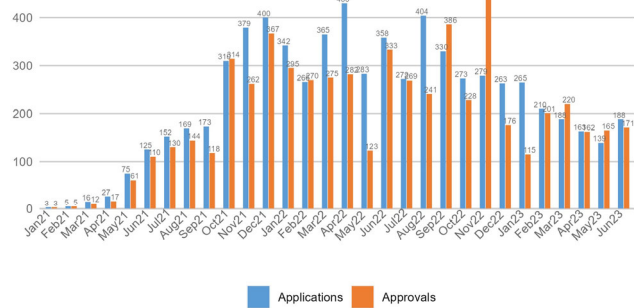
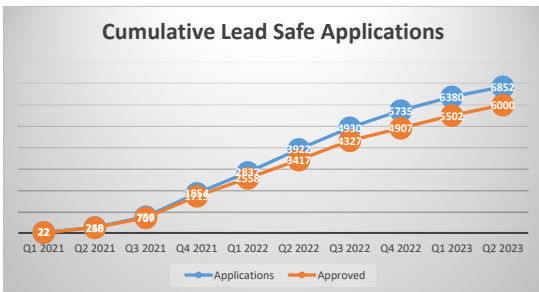
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Data through June 30, 2023

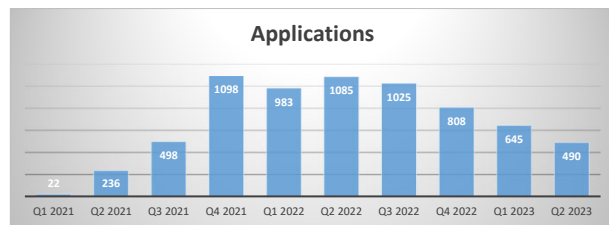
- Cumulative First-Time Applications
 - Submitted: 6,852 applications (27,919 units)
 - Approved: 6,000 applications (23,543 units)
 - Denied: 728 applications (3,496 units)
 - Exempt: 88 applications, Pending: 50 applications, Revoked: 5 certificates
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- Approx 13% of properties and 28% of rental units in City
- Renewal Applications
 - 302 applications (585 units) submitted in first 2 quarters of rollout (1/1/21-6/30/21) subject to renewal
 - As of 6/30/2023: 58 of these (19%) had at least made some effort to renew
 - 47 passed (53 units)
 - 11 failed (12 units)
 - 242 expired (512 units)

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Lead Safe Applications Count by Month



- 490 applications in quarter, down 24% from Q1'23 (645)
- 3rd consecutive quarter of decline



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Lead Safe Applications Count by Zone

- Overall, 87% of applications approved, 11% denied
- Changes from March
 - Denials up 53% to 728 from 475
 - Pending/To be reviewed down 77% from 224 to 50
- Zones each comprise approx 6000-7,000 rental properties

Zone	Apps	Units	Approved	Denial	Exempt	Pending	To be Reviewed
1	1,390	4,152	1,249	110	21	9	1
2	1,245	4,099	1,112	112	12	2	7
3	1,058	3,841	888	157	3	8	0
4	749	4,741	656	78	11	4	0
5	821	2,094	743	62	11	3	0
6	321	4,145	249	53	15	2	0
7	768	3,881	679	80	7	2	0
8	500	960	404	76	8	12	0
Total	6,852	27,913	6,000	728	88	42	8

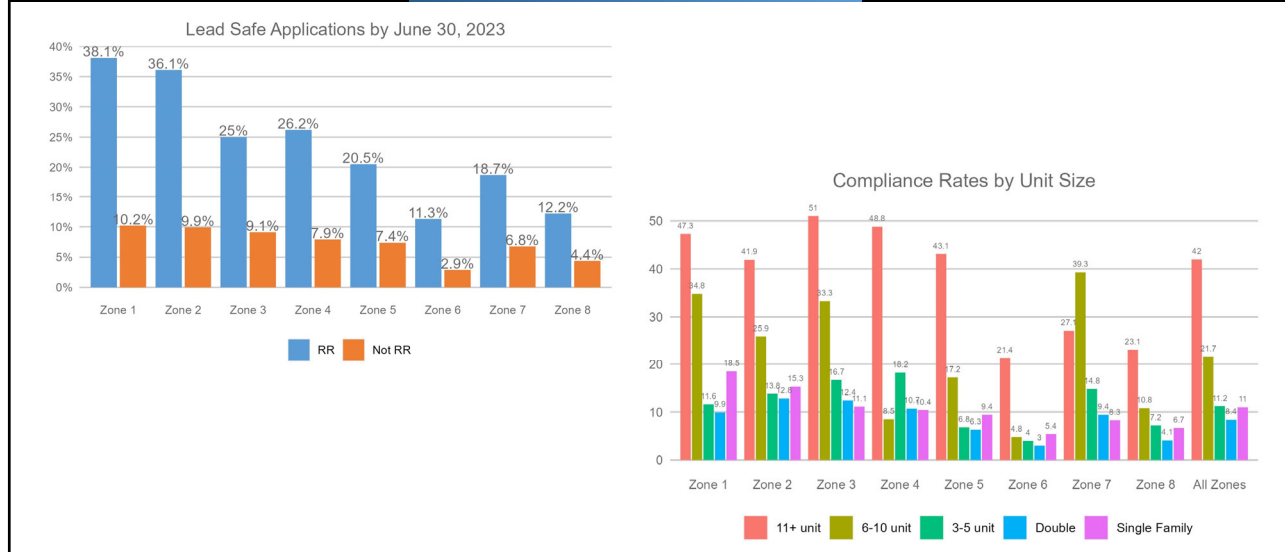
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Quarterly Metrics (through 6/30/23)

Lead Safe Certification	Property Count	Units Involved
Initial Certifications submitted	6,852	27,919
Initial Certifications approved	6,000	23,543
Initial Certifications pending	50	71
Initial Certifications denied	728	3,496
Renewal Certifications submitted	58	65
Renewal Certifications expiring	242	512

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Compliance by Rental Status and Property Size



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Primary Conclusions

Lead safe applications declined 24% in 2nd Quarter 2023 to 490, continuing a concerning four-quarter decline (down from 1,000/qtr in mid 2022)

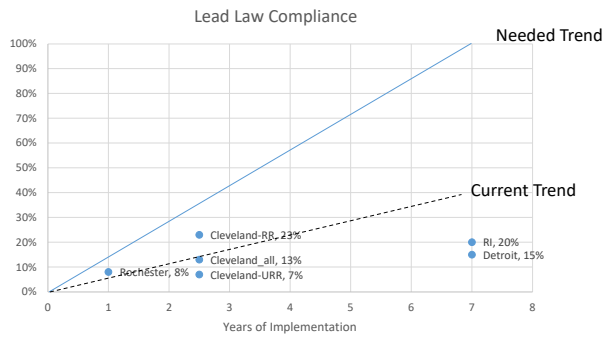
Approval rates remain high but denials are up 53% in most recent quarter; processing times and backlogs have been cut substantially with lower new application volume; nearly 3,500 units of housing are associated with applications in a denial status

Renewals are not being sought by the majority of previously certified properties (81%) suggesting owner ambivalence to continued compliance; continued nonrenewal jeopardizes overall objectives

Overall property compliance trend in line with peer cities but is declining and well below level required to reach full compliance by 2018 (650 applications/qtr vs needed 2,500/qtr)

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Compliance Trend



To reach a 7-year goal of compliance (by 2028), the volume of LSC applications would need to reach approximately 2,500 per quarter (vs average of 650 applications per quarter over most recent 3 quarters)

For each quarter that achieves less than 2,500, the quarterly number needed increases

Without high compliance on two-year renewals, overall success is at risk

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Lead Safe Comment Portal – Apr-June 2023

5/23/2023	Landlord	A landlord called trying to get ahold of the Lead Safe Resource Center, she says they never answer the phone and she can't get an update on her reimbursement.
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