

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law provides that a municipality may adopt an ordinance that allows the municipality or municipal water system, or any agent thereof, to enter a property within the municipality to perform a lead service line replacement, provided that the municipality provides the owner and any residents of the property with notice at least 7 days before entering the property, unless in the case of an emergency as determined by the municipality or municipal water system.

New law provides that a municipality may not enter into a property that is not directly related to performing a lead service line replacement.

New law provides that notice to the owner and any residents of the property shall include an attempt to inform the owner and any residents in person of the date and time of the lead service line replacement, and if the owner or a resident is unable to be reached in person, the municipality shall send, by certified mail, a letter to the owner and any residents or post a written notice in a prominent location on the property which shall include:

- (1) The scheduled date and time of the lead service line replacement and who will be performing the replacement.
- (2) The likely extent of water service disruption.
- (3) Nearby locations where the municipality or a public water system is distributing supplementary drinking water, if any.
- (4) Any remedies that the municipality shall take if the municipality or municipal water system, or an agent thereof, is unable to access the property.

New law provides that in addition to the notice requirements of new law, a municipality shall send, by certified mail, the owner a letter after the completion of the replacement stating the approximate time that the replacement occurred, and providing a brief summary of the work performed.

New law provides the definition of "municipal water system" and "service line".

New law provides that the provision of new law shall become effective if and when the La. constitution is amended to allow the use of public funds by a political subdivision for the purpose of identifying, inventorying, removing or replacing drinking water service lines composed of or harmfully affected by hazardous materials including but not limited to lead, copper, galvanized steel or iron.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 33:4081.1)