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To: All real estate transaction stakeholders

RE: Residential smoke and carbon monoxide detector inspections

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Due to the evolving situation regarding COVID-19, the Town of Longmeadow has suspended non-emergency inspection activities until further notice, effective immediately. This includes residential smoke and carbon monoxide detector inspections required upon sale or transfer (MGL Chapter 148, Section 26F and 26F ½). While we are aware that this will cause confusion during upcoming closings, this is an unprecedented situation, and the Town seeks to limit potential exposure to essential personnel.

Once this situation has passed, we anticipate that lenders and insurance carriers will still require certification of compliance. Based upon this, the Department will, at the request of any interested party, maintain a list of homes that are in need of inspection. Once the situation permits, additional inspection appointments beyond the normal time slots will be opened to alleviate any potential backlog. Since statutory responsibility for these inspections lies with the seller, the Department will waive the \$50 inspection fee for any home buyer or buyer's agent that becomes responsible for an inspection, for a period of 60 days after inspections resume.

If you wish to be placed on the list for an inspection, please call or email Inspector Carl Viera with the following information: property address, contact person name, contact person

telephone number, date of closing (past or future), and whether you are (or represent) the buyer or the seller.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause during this ongoing situation. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact me at any time. Please feel free to provide this letter to any individual or entity who may require it for their records.

Sincerely,

Carl Viera

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