



November 30, 2021

Re: Business and Rental Registration Update

The City of New Buffalo has recently enacted two (2) new ordinances for business registration and long-term rental registration. The Business Registration Ordinance was passed on July 19, 2021 and became effective August 8, 2021. The Rental Registration Ordinance was passed on October 18, 2021 and will become effective on November 7, 2021. The ordinances are available for review on the city's website www.cityofnewbuffalo.org.

The purpose of these ordinances is as follows:

- **Business Registration**
Allows the city to ensure the overall welfare of the community and the confirmation of proper safety protocols, American with Disabilities (ADA) compliance, and operational functionality (HVAC, electrical, etc.). The term of the Business Registration shall be January 1-December 1, annually.
- **Rental Registration**
Allows the city to correct and prevent the existence of any adverse conditions; and maintain levels of residential environmental quality that will protect and promote public health, safety, and general welfare. **This ordinance does not include short-term rentals.** The term of the Rental Registration shall be July 1-June 30, annually.

Understanding that these ordinances were enacted at different times during the current year, enforcement for each will not begin until January 1, 2022. Business owners and rental unit owners will have until **January 3, 2022** to register with the City of New Buffalo (the initial Rental Registration Certificate will be valid for an eighteen (18) month period).

If there are any questions regarding the specifics of each ordinance, feel free to contact me. I can be reached at (269) 469-1500 or via email at dwatson@cityofnewbuffalo.org.

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