February 3, 2022

Re: Long-Term Rental Registration Update

The City of New Buffalo enacted a Long-Term Rental Ordinance (“the Ordinance”) on October 18, 2021 that became effective on November 7, 2021. The ordinances are available for review on the city’s website **www.cityofnewbuffalo.org**.

The purpose of the Ordinance was to correct and prevent the existence of any adverse rental conditions, and to achieve and maintain such levels of residential environmental quality that will protect and promote public health, safety, and general welfare. The term of registration for the Ordinance is July 1st of the current year to June 30th of the following year. In an effort to provide ample time for landlords to register their properties and schedule the requisite inspections, the city was requiring registration by **March 1, 2022**. At this time, those properties that are affected by the Ordinance will now be required to register those properties by **May 15, 2022**.

This change in the effective date of registration is the result of a number of property owners attempt to utilize the Ordinance for circumventing the City of New Buffalo’s Ordinance 248, specifically in the residential districts. Consequently, the city needs to make modifications in the Ordinance to address this situation. In accordance with the city’s legislative process, this will take approximately two (2) months. As such, updated rental registration information will be available on the city’s website beginning **March 22, 2022**.

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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