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BOSTON INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Greg Vasil, CEO
Greater Boston Real Estate Board
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Dear Mr. Vasil,

I am writing to follow up on our conversation today, in which we discussed the possibility of confusion on the part of your membership about the requirements of "An Ordinance Regulating Access to Roof Areas of Certain Residential Buildings" passed by the City Council on 12 December 2007 and signed by Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

The language in the "Legislative Alert" produced by the Greater Boston Real Estate Board [GBREB] is accurate; however, it implies that the "Roof Deck Permit" is a new document or requirement. In fact, as used in the ordinance, "Roof Deck Permit" is a descriptive term, referring to the building permit which must be obtained in order to construct a roof deck in the city of Boston, as spelled out in section (c).

In section (f) of the ordinance, the Commissioners of the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) and the Police Department are authorized to promulgate rules for the implementation and enforcement of this ordinance. It is our intention to do so as early as next week, but certainly well in advance of the ordinance becoming effective 90 days from the 12 December date of passage.

As we have discussed, ISD will make a copy of the regulations available to you for distribution to your membership as soon as they are published. In the interim, if you have any questions, please feel free to forward them to us. I want to thank you and the GBREB again for your work with us and Councillor Michael Ross on the language of this ordinance to help make it an effective safety measure while not imposing an undue burden on the property owners of the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

William J. Good, III
Commissioner

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