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Apartment Owners and Managers:

This letter is being presented to you today to highlight recent changes made to the Moreno Valley Fire Department's Multi-Family Residential Housing Inspection Program. Our program was formed in 2010 to comply with the California Health & Safety Code's mandate to conduct fire inspections at all apartment buildings annually. Since our program was first proposed 3 years ago, we have seen the benefits of our comprehensive inspection program and feel that the level of safety for our apartment residents has greatly increased due to the program.

A well-kept apartment complex creates an environment that attracts potential tenants and we feel that apartment safety is an important element. When people feel safe, they usually will become a long term tenant. As important owners and property managers, you play an important role in creating a safe apartment community in Moreno Valley.

During the program's inception, fees were charged in accordance with the city's adopted fee schedule as allowed by the Health and Safety Code. Fees were initially charged on a per building basis according to the number of buildings you had on the property. This created an inequity whereas four-plex owners were being charged more on a per-unit rate than those complexes that are much larger. The City Council requested that a per unit fee be created that would be applied across the board to all complexes so that large complexes did not have unfair advantage over smaller complexes based on the per building billing formula. After much study of neighboring jurisdictional fees and evaluations of total time spent during the inspection and administration process, a per-unit fee of \$36.00 annually was approved by Council for the 2013-2014 fee schedule. This fee will be charged for the total number of units in the entire complex. Additional buildings such as pool houses and clubhouses will be charged the building inspection fee of \$160. These fees will include both the initial inspection and the first reinspection. Subsequent reinspections will be charged the per building rate.

We appreciate your participation in this program that focuses on the community safety of your residents that live in your multi family buildings, while at the same time ensuring code compliance with state standards. It is refreshing to see that such a program is supported by our owners and property managers so that you can ensure a safe community for all of your tenants.

Thanks you for making Moreno Valley a safe place to live, work, and play. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at (951) 413-3370.

Sincerely,

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Fire Marshal