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Sub: Continuation of Fire & Life Safety Auditor for Low Rise Residential Buildings.

Respected Sir,

CFO Department has issued a circular – Brigade Routine Circular No 56 dated 02.09.2022 according to Municipal Commissioner sanction No. MGC/F/4775 dated 05/07/2021 to process Low Rise Residential Building files through fire & life safety auditors. Based on approved qualification, and as per BMC sanction, Mumbai Fire Brigade has issued License to more than 70 fire consultants in October 2022. Issuing Licenses was inaugurated by A.M.C. (W.S.) at Fire Brigade Headquarters during a function. The licenses were issued for a year and current licenses are due for renewal (Valid till 31st March 2024). Fees are also charged by BMC for issuance and renewal of License.

Issuing of fire safety remarks through consultants has significantly helped Architects and Developers to process the Low rise residential building files quickly and smoothly.

However, now it is learnt from the consultants that, their renewal of license which is due, is not processed by CFO Dept. for no reason. It is learnt that issue of recovering fire service fee is entangled with the license renewal. But, while implementing this system, CFO department has already taken Honorable Municipal Commissioner sir's sanction to recover fire service fees through Building Dept.

If for any reason, payment of fire service fee is concerned, it can be resolved alternatively. Architect can mail a single letter to CFO office giving details about the proposal and get challan on mail from CFO office for which payment of fire service fees will be made and consultant will mention the amount of fire service fees paid with its receipt number / date in his remarks.

We request to continue the existing system of Fire & Life Safety Auditors and in case of any further discussions or representations required, it is requested to call CREDAI-MCHI for discussion on this issue for any changes. **Discontinuation of it will be a step back towards "Ease of Doing Business"** implemented through central /state Govt /B.M.C. In fact, we request to expand the scope of it from Low rise residential building up to 32 mtrs. to buildings up to 60 mtrs.

Thanking you,

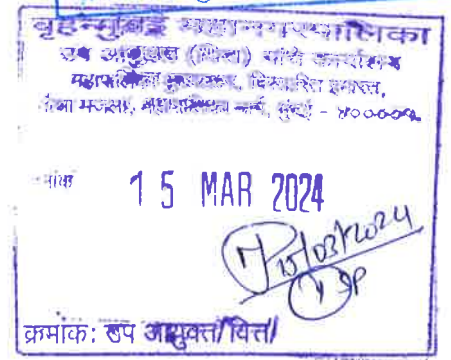
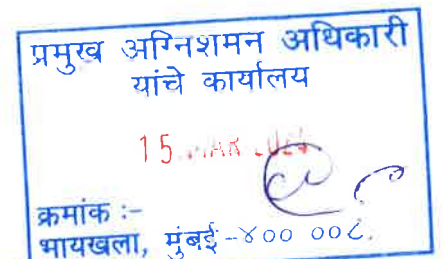
Yours sincerely,
For CREDAI-MCHI


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President


Dhaval Ajmera
Hon. Secretary

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