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LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

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RE: A-500, Implementation of Commercial Development Fee

Dear Mayor:

As you know, the State Legislature recently passed Assembly Bill A-500 which substantially amends the Fair Housing Act. Among other provisions, the bill establishes a statewide non-residential development fee, and requires the Treasurer and Commissioner of Community Affairs to implement the collection of that fee as soon as the law takes effect. Details of the full legislation will be provided shortly after enactment by the Governor.

We have been provided two notices from the Department of Community Affairs:

one a joint memorandum to municipal tax assessors from the Commissioner of Community Affairs and the Director of the Division of Taxation in Department of Treasury, and,

a letter to construction officials from the Director of the Division of Codes and Standards . The purpose of these notices is to make municipal tax assessors and construction officials aware of the imminent imposition of the non-residential fee and to assure municipalities that the Departments of Community Affairs and Treasury are jointly working on procedures on implementing this law. Both letters are available on our website.

It is our understanding that the notices are being mailed and will be received by assessors and construction officials early next week. We are providing you this electronic copy to assist in the dissemination of the information to elected and appointed officials in your organization.