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Boston Facade Ordinance

Certification Expiration During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Dear Clients and Friends:

We understand that you may be in a situation where the Boston Facade Ordinance Certificate for your property may have expired or has an upcoming expiration date in the midst of Governor Baker's emergency order and stay at home advisory, which became effective March 24, 2020. The advisory was initially intended to end on April 7, 2020 but was extended on this week to continue until May 4, 2020.

WJE contacted the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) when it became apparent that the upcoming adjustment to business practices was going to affect our ability to service clients who will be impacted by the unfortunate predicament with their Certificate expiration.

As such, we are aware that the ISD has not yet formulated a plan for those whose Certificates have expired during this period or whose Certificate expiration is upcoming. In addition, the ISD has not yet made a determination as to whether the inspection process is classified as essential in Governor Baker's advisory or Mayor Walsh's suspension of construction activities (currently scheduled from March 17, 2020 until further notice).

We await further guidance and clarification from the ISD while they are working under limited hours during this current public health emergency. However, if you believe that your facade is in an unsafe condition, please contact [Emma Cardini](#) at WJE or [Michelle McDonough](#) at the ISD. Ms. McDonough is currently available for questions and our team at WJE Boston is ready to assist you as needed.

WJE remains committed in our contribution to public safety and the wellbeing of our community through the important work associated with the Boston Facade Ordinance. We will continue to provide updates as they become available. In the interim, we wish you and your loved ones continued good health.

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