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Kristina Kinney Garnett Clerk/Finance Director 131 W 5th Ave Garnett, KS 66032-1321

Re: Roofing Contractor Registration

Dear City Clerk:

This letter seeks your help to ensure that certain permitting processes in Garnett, if any, comply with state law. If this is the responsibility of a different local official, please provide this letter to that person.

As part of an effort to protect Kansas consumers and help prevent fly-by-night roofing contractors, the Kansas Legislature in 2013 enacted the Kansas Roofing Registration Act (KRRA) (K.S.A. 50-6,121 et seq.). Since July 2013, the law has required "roofing contractors," as defined by the Act, to register with the Office of the Attorney General prior to soliciting or performing roofing services. Since then, our office has worked with many municipalities to protect Kansas consumers, ensure roofing contractors are properly registered, and answer questions in reference to the KRRA.

As some of you already have experienced, storm season has arrived and storms tend to draw those contractors who might take advantage of consumers to the area. To continue and strengthen enforcement of the KRRA, this letter provides you with information you may not be aware of about a KRRA requirement for local governments related to roofing registration. K.S.A. 50-6,135 states "When applying for any permit required by the state or any of its political subdivisions for roofing services or jobs, a roofing contractor shall supply the permit-issuing official the roofing contractor's registration certificate number issued pursuant to this act. That official shall enter a roofing contractor's registration certificate number on the permit." This means that if your municipality requires a permit for a roofing contractor to put on a roof you must request the contractor's KRRA certificate number and ensure that it is printed on the local permit. This statutorily required action is particularly helpful during field enforcement of the KRRA after a storm event.

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Representatives from our office frequently travel to affected communities after storms to assist local officials, attempt to locate unregistered roofing contractors, and provide information to consumers. Should you have questions in reference to the KRRA or need in-person assistance from our office, please do not hesitate to contact our Roofing Registration Unit in our Consumer Protection Division at (785) 296-3751, by email at roofing@ag.ks.gov or visiting www.ag.ks.gov/roofing.

Thank you for your assistance in enforcing this provision of state law. We look forward to working together to help protect Kansas consumers.

Sincerely,

Derek Schmidt

Kansas Attorney General

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