

LEGAL NOTICE – CITY OF METHUEN

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
and
Notice of Intent to Request the Release of Funds (NOIRROF)

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City of Methuen, 41 Pleasant Street, Methuen, MA 01844, (978) 983-8560

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural required for activities to be undertaken by the City of Methuen.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS: On or about **March 10, 2010** the City of Methuen (City) will submit a request to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of FY 2008 CDBG-R funds, under Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009, subject to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended to undertake a project know as the Appleyards Downtown Parking Project for the purpose of vacant downtown site remediation, parking lot construction, in the amount of \$283,063, located at 7 Lowell Street in the City of Methuen, Essex County, MA.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: The City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Department of Economic and Community Development, 41 Pleasant Street, Suite 217, Methuen, MA 01844; where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon. – Thurs., and from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Methuen Department of Economic and Community Development. All comments received by 4:30 P.M. on **March 9, 2010** will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION: The City certifies to DHCD that Joseph T. Giarrusso in his capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer and Conservation Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DHCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Methuen to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS: DHCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Methuen; (b) the City of Methuen has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DHCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Community Development Block Grant, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

-William M. Manzi, III, Mayor

-Joseph T. Giarrusso, Environmental Certifying Officer

Please publish by Saturday, **February 23, 2010**

Please Bill: Housing Rehab Program, 978-983-8976
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