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TO: LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Jim Rowell, Building Official

RE: PROVIDING BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE

The Livingston County Building Department (LCBD) has been approached about providing building department services to The Village of Webberville. Like many communities, Webberville currently uses a contract inspection firm to provide building department services. In many cases, this results in poor service, inconsistent inspections, higher fees and part-time service. Additionally, these firms do not have qualified staff available on a regular basis to answer questions, provide guidance, or to meet with contractors and permit holders in a timely manner.

The LCBD operates efficiently, taking advantage of the economy of scale. We have completed our due diligence, and we believe the LCBD can provide services to the Village of Webberville for the same cost outlined in our current fee schedule.

There are costs involved in bringing a new community into the LCBD jurisdiction. We believe these costs are recoverable in the short term and providing these services in areas adjacent to the county will encourage growth and development not just in the county, but in the region.

We have included:

- A copy of proposed services submitted to the Village of Webberville, based on criteria identified by the Village of Webberville and the LCBD.
- Flow chart developed with input from the Village of Webberville.

We are requesting approval to ask Cohl Stoker and Toskey to develop a contract between the LCBD and the Village of Webberville to provide department services, and once approved by both parties, allow the building department to provide services to the Village of Webberville.

Respectfully,

Jim Rowell
Building Official