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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 3, 2022

To: County, Municipality & other political subdivisions

From: Eddie Wiggins
Chief Inspector

Subject: Licensed Elevator Inspectors
Business License Requirements

It has come to our attention that some municipalities across the state are requiring Alabama licensed elevator inspectors to pay for and secure an annual business license before allowing them to perform elevator inspections within their jurisdiction. Elevator inspections are required to be performed prior to the issuance of a certificate of operation of newly installed elevators/conveyances. Inspections thereafter must be completed annually. See Ala. Code §25-13-18 and §25-13-24.

There are currently over 11,000 elevators in the State of Alabama. It is essential that the Alabama Department of Labor use licensed third-party inspectors to assist in the performance of required annual inspections as we only have 3 ADOL employed inspectors. These third-party licensed inspectors work in multiple cities and counties. Mandating a business license for each one of the jurisdictions in which they operate would place an undue financial burden on the inspectors. Should inspectors choose not to work in these municipalities, it would cause substantial delays in inspections being completed and likely cause existing safety hazards to go undetected. Further, there is a possibility of uninspected elevators being shut down until such time that an inspection can be completed.

Please accept this memorandum as justification for any request that may be made on behalf of state-licensed elevator inspectors to waive the business license requirements in your jurisdiction.