

FLOOD INSURANCE NOTICE

The mortgage lender for a buyer/owner may require that the buyer purchase and annually renew flood insurance in connection with the buyer's purchase and ownership of a property. Some buyers who purchase without mortgage financing may also wish to purchase flood insurance.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provides for the availability of flood insurance, but also sets flood insurance policy premiums based on the risk of flooding in the area where a property is located. Due to amendments to federal law governing the NFIP and changes in flood maps, the premium may have increased over the premium previously charged for flood insurance for a particular property. As a result, a buyer should not rely on the premium paid previously for flood insurance on a particular property as an indication of the premium that will apply when the buyer purchases.

When considering a purchase, the Buyer should consult with one or more carriers of flood insurance for information about flood insurance availability and terms, the premium that is likely to be charged for such insurance and information about how those premiums may increase in the future. Additional information may also be available from a real estate attorney.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

(Original for Real Estate Broker; Copy for Consumer)

Date: _____ , _____

Signature of Consumer *[Buyer or Seller]*

Date: _____ , _____

Signature of Consumer *[Buyer or Seller]*

The Notice is not required pursuant to any Massachusetts statute, regulation or standard. Real estate brokers/salespersons do not have the duty to investigate the availability or cost of flood insurance on behalf of a buyer or seller. The Buyer has the duty to exercise due diligence for the Buyer's protection, including investigation of any information of importance to the Buyer.