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Friends:

Earlier this afternoon, the Knox County Health Department issued a “Safer at Home” Order (“the Order”). The Order directs that “[a]ll businesses not performing essential services shall close their business facilities, subject to exceptions stated in this Order.” The Order does not apply to residential housing providers and commercial leasing businesses. Specifically, the Order states that “[r]eal property marketing, leasing, purchase, and sale services” may continue to operate and remain open as these businesses and their employees provide “essential services that protect the health and well-being of all individuals residing or working in Knox County.” Maintenance performed by landlords is likewise considered an essential service. Vendors who provides services to housing providers or at commercial real estate locations (e.g. construction, repair or similar services) are likewise exempted from the order as they are also considered an essential service.

Leasing and property management offices “shall continue to adhere to CDC guidance on social distancing and hand hygiene in the workplace...” All property managers and employees should continue to check with upper-level management on how best to implement the precautions and recommendations from the CDC.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

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Attachment (Knox County Safer at Home Order)

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