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## VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Kevin F. Greeley, Chair Board of Selectmen Town of Arlington 730 Mass Ave Arlington, MA 02476

Re: Thorndike Place, Arlington MH # 778, 779

Dear Mr. Greeley:

I write in response to your letter dated June 9, 2015 requesting a 60-day extension beyond the initial 30-day comment period for the Town's review of the application under consideration for project eligibility for Thorndike Place that will expire July 10, 2015.

After careful consideration of your request, MassHousing will provide the Town of Arlington with a 30-day extension to comment on the proposed Thorndike Place application. I feel it is very important to note that this extension represents a significant departure from our typical review process. However, the Agency has agreed to this extension given the unique complexity of the issues the Town is reviewing in connection with the proposed development. Our decision to grant a 30-day extension represents our efforts to balance the Town's need for time with the statutory goal that the Comprehensive Permit process should be an expedited one.

The 30-day extension will be measured from the aforementioned expiration date and comments should be received by MassHousing no later than August 10, 2015.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 854-1880.

Sincerely,

Gregory P. Watson, AICP

Manager of Comprehensive Permit Programs

P. Watson

cc: Jay Ash, Secretary, EOHED

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