

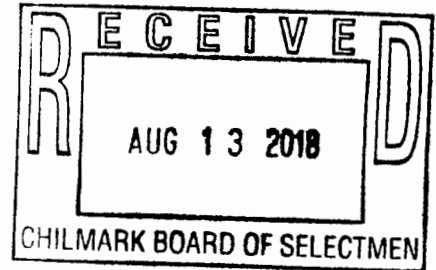


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Mr. Leonard Jason, Inspector of Buildings
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Re: Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule
Chilmark, Dukes County, MA

Dear Mr. Jason:

Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) is responsible for evaluating all jurisdictions that have a building code enforcement department. Working on behalf of insurance companies around the country, ISO uses the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS®) to recognize the building codes in effect in your community and how your community enforces its building codes. ISO provides the information to insurers, which may use the evaluations in underwriting for property insurance in the community.

The concept is simple: municipalities with well-enforced, up-to-date codes should demonstrate better loss experience, and insurance rates can reflect that. The prospect of reducing losses and ultimately lowering insurance costs provides an incentive for communities to enforce their building codes rigorously.

The anticipated upshot: safer buildings, less damage, and lower insured losses.

The BCEGS program assigns each municipality a BCEGS classification — a number from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents exemplary commitment to building-code enforcement.

ISO previously visited Chilmark to evaluate your building-code enforcement. Our survey resulted in a Class 99 for residential buildings and a Class 7 for commercial buildings constructed in or after that year.

ISO is now preparing to review your community once again to determine whether to revise your BCEGS gradings. We've prepared a questionnaire that will help us determine your community's appropriate classifications. We've already filled in the questionnaire with information from our last survey of your community.

We're including the questionnaire. We'd appreciate your review of the questionnaire, making changes or additions as necessary. We would like to meet with you on September 4, 2018 at 9:00 AM. ISO will contact you shortly to find out if that is a convenient time. During the meeting, we will review the questionnaire and responses, as well as supporting documentation.

Additional information about the BCEGS program is available on our web site www.isomitigation.com.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important project. If you have any questions, please contact ISO.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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