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## Housing Standards Board

Following the recommendations in the Ashland Master Plan to re-activate the Housing Standards Board, we are addressing the Master Plan Goal to "create a healthier and more vital community by improving housing options." We feel all landlords and residents are important partners in this process. We value your support and participation.

There are two sets of standard that we must use to ensure a safe and healthy environment for tenants of rental properties. The State of New Hampshire has mandated that all rental properties be inspected once a year for compliance with the conditions set forth in NH RSA 48-A:14 and the Life Safety 101 codes.

The Minimum Housing Standard (NH RSA 48-A:14) inspection is done by the Ashland Health Officer. Contact the Town of Ashland Health Officer for more information (603.968.4432).

The Life Safety 101 NFPA1 inspection is done by the Ashland Fire Chief or a trained member of the Ashland Fire Department. The Life Safety 101 NFPA1 information is available through the Ashland Fire Department. Contact the Town of Ashland Fire Chief (603.968.7772) for more information.

We encourage all landlords to review their properties for compliance with the standards before inspections are scheduled.

Given the quantity of rentals in Ashland, the inspection process will take time to complete. We began the process in 2014, and have and will continue to inspect rental units in 2015. We ask before you rent your available apartment or house that you contact the Fire Chief and Health Officer.

We wish to thank you for your cooperation.

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