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ALERT: Churches and Charitable Non-Profits: Protect Your Rights to a Real Property Tax Exemption

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Under Maryland law, certain qualified charitable, educational and religious organizations and other non-profits are entitled to exemption from the payment of real property taxes on real property they own and use for those exempt purposes. However, in order to be assured of receiving or keeping the exemption, formal application must be made to the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation ("SDAT").

A real property tax exemption is not automatic simply because of the non-profit or charitable status of the property owner. SDAT recently advised that it is reviewing its records to determine if those now receiving exemptions have gone through the required application and approval process. If not, then SDAT will be sending letters denying or revoking the exemptions.

If you are uncertain whether your exemption may be in jeopardy, or whether you may qualify for an exemption in the first place, please contact either Bob Park at rbpark@linowes-law.com or 301-961-5175, or Midgett Parker at mparker@linowes-law.com or 443-949-3792, for assistance.

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