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To: Jennifer Copeland, Assistant Town Planner

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Subject: 79 Mayflower Road

If a dwelling will be constructed on 79 Mayflower Road, then the fire department would need access to the structure in the event of an emergency. While Chapter 18 of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Code addresses fire department access, typically the chapter does not apply to one- or two-family dwellings. Bourne Fire/Rescue generally has no authority to require access to a typical one- or two-family dwelling.

However, Chapter 18 would apply to any one- or two-family dwelling that is not provided with adequate frontage and located behind an existing building. The Code defines adequate frontage as having at least 20 feet or more abutting a public way.

If the proposed dwelling is not provided with adequate frontage as described above, and is located behind an existing building that has frontage, a fire department access road shall extend to within 25 feet of at least one exterior door that can be opened from the outside and that provides access to the interior of the building.