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To Whom It May Concern:

Beginning with the 2020 Amusement Safety Season, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) will be making changes to various aspects of the amusement safety program. Please review the information below to see how the changes may affect your operations.

### **ZIP LINES**

All zip line owners and operators will now be required to submit for review inspections completed by a certified third-party inspector. BCC inspectors will no longer conduct these inspections. The third-party inspector shall meet the requirements as set forth in the attached zip line guidance document and shall inspect to the standards as set in the guidance document. Renewal forms will reflect this change and will only account for the permit fee(s) and the special inspector commission fee. When submitting renewals, you must still include a copy of the required liability insurance (naming the State of Michigan as a certificate holder), names of the individual(s) designated as the special inspector commission, and a copy of the third-party inspection report completed within the previous 12 months. All records must be available onsite for review, when requested by BCC inspectors and, in the case of a licensed camp operation, Bureau of Community Health Systems (BCHS) camp licensing consultants.

### **CAMPS WITH AMUSEMENT DEVICES**

All camps with amusement devices as defined by the Carnival-Amusement Safety Act must be permitted and inspected by the Ski/Amusement Division Inspectors (or third-party inspection if a zip line) and comply with the requirements of these devices as adopted by the Act, rules, and codes. These devices can include waterslides, go karts, zip lines, or other carnival/amusement rides as defined by the Carnival-Amusement Safety Act of 1966. Camp devices are not exempt from the Carnival-Amusement Safety Act, and the licensing requirements as a camp do not waive the responsibility to comply with all applicable permitting requirements. If your camp has any of these devices and has not been previously permitted and inspected, please reach out to the Ski/Amusement Division for assistance in achieving compliance through application, review, inspection, and permitting. Copies of all inspection records must be maintained on site, inspection decals must be placed in a conspicuous location, and all must be available for inspection by the BCC inspectors or BCHS camp licensing consultants.

For further questions or clarification, please contact the office at 517-241-9273 or via email at [LARA-BCC-SKI-AMUSEMENTS@Michigan.gov](mailto:LARA-BCC-SKI-AMUSEMENTS@Michigan.gov).

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