

**TOWN OF Rome**  
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Dear Realtor

As you're probably aware, the Maine Legislature recently enacted L.D. 216 "An Act To Protect Water Quality by Standardizing the Law Concerning Septic Inspection in the Shoreland Zone". This bill, which modified MRSA 30-A §4216, mandates that all properties being sold or transferred within the shoreland zone have a septic inspection completed prior to their sale. Furthermore, it requires that any systems found to be malfunctioning be repaired or replaced within one year of the date of the sale.

While this new regulation will certainly help curb the continued use of malfunctioning systems in the shoreland zone, the law does not include any details regarding who is responsible for enforcing the regulation, or what follow up is needed to make sure systems are actually corrected.

With this in mind, the Town of Rome has recently updated its Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to include similar language to MRSA 30-A §4216, with a few additional requirements.

Specifically, the Town of Rome is now requiring that a copy of all septic inspections be submitted to the Town within 30 days of their completion. Furthermore, if a property contains a holding tank, the Town is requiring that all pumping records for the previous 12 months be submitted as well.

By requiring copies of septic inspections and holding tank pumping records, the Town hopes to better address any malfunctioning septic systems, while simultaneously compiling a much more extensive database of the existing systems located around the lakes.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the new Shoreland Zoning regulations (section 15(K)) which was adopted by the Town of Rome at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Town meeting. Obviously, these regulations apply only to those properties which are located within the Town of Rome, and only to those properties which are being sold or transferred.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding these new regulations, and can be reached at 207-397-3293. Alternatively, please feel free to send me an email at [TownOfRomeCEO@gmail.com](mailto:TownOfRomeCEO@gmail.com)

Thank you for your time

Sincerely

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