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To: Cumberland Residents
From: Chief Charles Rumsey
Date: March 16, 2020
Subject: Discretionary Decision Regarding Enforcement of Expired 14-day
Temporary Registration Plates

As a temporary measure to slow the community spread of COVID-19, Cumberland Town Hall is closed. The Town realizes that these serious but necessary measures may create certain hardships, including your inability to register a new vehicle within 14 days.

Maine law (found here: <http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/29-A/title29-Asec351.html>) requires that new vehicles be registered within 14 days and describes the penalty for operating a vehicle with an expired temporary registration plate.

This letter will serve as documentation that you, despite your best efforts, have been unable to register your new vehicle with the Town of Cumberland, beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020.

In recognition of the facts that Maine and the U.S. have declared a State of Emergency in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 and the fact that we are experiencing a global pandemic, the Cumberland Police Department will exercise its enforcement discretion and will not enforce violations of 29-A §351, Section 5, Expiration of 14-day Temporary Registration Plate until further notice.

Although the Cumberland Police Department cannot predict or dictate the enforcement actions of other state, county and local law enforcement agencies, we hope that this letter provides adequate proof that the operator of a vehicle displaying an expired temporary registration has made attempts to register the vehicle unsuccessfully and therefore, leniency should be granted.

Inquiries related to this announcement should be directed to my office at crumsey@cumberlandmaine.com or 207-829-6391.