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**DBI SENDS OUT 30-DAY REMINDER TO 1,300
PROPERTIES OF SEPTEMBER 15
SOFT STORY DEADLINE**

SAN FRANCISCO – Today, Department of Building Inspection (DBI) Director Tom Hui is once again reminding property owners of Tier 3 properties, with 3-stories and 5 to 15 units or 2-stories with a basement, to turn in required permit applications in advance of the Mandatory Soft Story Program September 15, 2017 deadline. With 1,300+ remaining property owners who have yet to turn in the required permit application, the deadline is fast approaching. This program requires owners of wood-frame buildings with 3-stories, 5-units or more and a vulnerable ground floor to seismically strengthen their building and ensure the safety the people who occupy them and the resilience of San Francisco's housing stock.

"We are within 30-days of the impending September 15 compliance deadline for building owners of 3-stories and 5 to 15 units and 2-stories with a basement to turn in their permit application to DBI and over 1,300 properties still need to comply." said Director Hui. "We encourage these owners to turn in their permit applications now or by September 15 to avoid code enforcement, which can result in costly monetary fees. Property owners who fail to file their permit by the deadline will have an Earthquake Warning placard and a Notice of Violation posted on their building."

Property owners who have yet to comply are receiving another 30-day reminder in their mailboxes this week. Of the 1, 300 properties that have yet to comply, over 84% are found in five Supervisorial Districts with D5-Western Addition (287) leading the way followed by D8-Castro/Noe Valley (258), D2-Marina (225), D3-Chinatown/North Beach (186) and D1-Richmond (167). Over 2,100 of the 3,500 properties under Tier 3 have complied in advance of the looming September 15 deadline and will avoid DBI code enforcement.

To find out if your property is on the list and the steps you need to take to comply in advance of the September deadline, visit www.sfdbi.org/softstory or DBI's office at 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor at Window 8 or call (415)558-6699.

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