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RE: Multiple Listing Service Access for Non-Member Licensees

Dear MRED Customer/Association Designated Realtor®:

Please be advised that starting January 1, 2011, MRED will resume enforcing its policy that all licensees associated with MRED Broker participants must pay for MLS services.

MRED has been made aware that there are a number of licensees who do not pay Realtor® dues but are sponsored by Brokers that participate in MRED. Per MRED Rules, all sponsored licensees of a participating Broker must pay for MLS services. This issue exists because some licensees choose not to be Realtors®. While they are free to do that, MRED in consultation with the National Association of Realtors® (NAR) has determined that pursuant to NAR policy it must provide these licensees MLS services and charge them for it.

What this means is you will shortly start receiving bills from your Association for the MLS access fees associated with these non-member licensees in your office. As the Broker you are responsible for the payment of these access fees. You are billed for these fees as procedures regarding direct agent billing do not extend to those who are not members of the local associations.

Please note that violations of this policy can result in \$2,500 fines for each occurrence. Neither your association nor MRED is interested in the issuance or collection of any of these fines, but we will proceed nonetheless if that is what it takes to insure that everyone with access to the system is paying their share.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Russ Bergeron

Chief Executive Officer