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Official Statement from the Mayor and the Borough of Cresskill

Regarding Phishing & Invoice Scams Targeting Municipal Applicants

The Borough of Cresskill has been made aware of a recent phishing scam affecting neighboring municipalities, including a serious incident in another borough in Bergen County in which scammers accessed publicly posted Planning Board application information and sent fraudulent invoices to applicants. In several cases, these fake invoices demanded wire transfers or additional payments, and unfortunately one applicant was defrauded of $5,000.

While this incident DID NOT originate in Cresskill, similar tactics may be used to target applicants, residents, or anyone interacting with municipal departments. We are taking proactive steps to protect our community and alerting all relevant departments.

We ask all residents, contractors, business owners, and applicants to remain vigilant.
If you ever receive an invoice, payment request, wire-transfer instructions, or suspicious communication claiming to be from the Borough of Cresskill, the Planning Board, or any municipal department:

Please call Borough Hall directly at (201) 569-5400 before making ANY payment.

This single step can prevent financial loss and ensure you are dealing with an authorized municipal representative.

Important reminders:

- The Borough of Cresskill DOES NOT request wire transfers for application fees or municipal payments.
- Official communications will always come from verified borough email addresses ending in @cresskillboro.org
- If something feels off, such as unexpected fees, urgent language, or unfamiliar contacts, treat it as suspicious.
- Report any questionable emails or invoices to Borough Hall immediately so we can investigate and notify the community if needed.

Our priority is protecting Cresskill residents and ensuring transparency in all municipal processes. Thank you for staying alert and helping keep our community safe from scams.

John Morgan MD, Mayor
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