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Dear licensees and interested parties:

Alaska's professional licensing statutes (AS 08.01.065) require the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) to "annually review each fee level to determine whether the regulatory costs of each occupation are approximately equal to fee collections related to that occupation." Alaska's licensing fee statutes go on to say, "If the review indicates that an occupation's fee collections and regulatory costs are not approximately equal, the department shall calculate fee adjustments and adopt regulations...to implement the adjustments."

The Division has conducted a thorough fee analysis and has determined that fee increases are necessary to comply with the statute listed above, to prevent the program from going into a deficit position, and to continue to deliver the current level of service to the Construction Contractors and Home Inspectors licensing program. Program expenses have slowly been depleting the surplus for several years, and it is now time to set the fees more in line with expenses. Although fees were increased in FY2014, they were not set high enough to stem the program's depleting surplus. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, this increase will stabilize the program for the foreseeable future and will prevent the need for an even larger increase later.

The proposed fee amounts are enclosed and can also be found on the program's web pages at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/ConstructionContractors.aspx> & <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/HomeInspectors.aspx>.

This fee proposal is entering a public comment period. The Division encourages all licensees and interested parties to comment on this proposal through the division's Regulations Specialist, whose contact information is enclosed on the public notice. After the comment period closes and the Division reviews all comments received, the Division may adopt the regulation as drafted, may amend a proposed fee, or may withdraw the regulations in part or in its whole.

All comments received will be reviewed and taken into consideration prior to adopting the final regulations. The final decision will result in the fee to be implemented during next spring's license renewal.

Follow the instructions enclosed to make written comments during the public comment period. Comments must be addressed to Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811, or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Janey McCullough in cursive.

Janey McCullough
Director

Encl.

Chapter 02. General Occupational Licensing Functions.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 02.180(a) is amended to read:

12 AAC 02.180. Construction contractors. [(a)] The following fees are established for general, mechanical, and all specialty construction contractors:

(1) nonrefundable application fee for initial registration or residential contractor endorsement, **\$100** [\$65];

(2) certificate of registration and license enforcement support fee, for all or part of the initial biennial registration period, **\$250** [\$235];

(3) biennial certificate of registration renewal and license enforcement support fee, **\$250** [\$235];

(4) fee for change from one specialty to another specialty, or from specialty to mechanical, or from mechanical to specialty, contractor registration, \$35;

(5) name change, \$65;

(6) bonding research, \$30;

(7) residential contractor endorsement fee, for all or part of the initial biennial endorsement period, **\$250** [\$235];

(8) biennial residential contractor endorsement renewal fee, **\$250** [\$235];

(9) repealed ____/____/____. [RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR ENDORSEMENT EXAMINATION FEE, \$95.]

(10) fee for change from a specialty or mechanical contractor registration to a general contractor registration, or a general contractor registration to a specialty contractor or mechanical contractor registration, \$75.

12 AAC 02.180(b) is repealed:

(b) Repealed ____/____/____. [WHEN A REGISTRANT UPGRADES FROM A SPECIALTY OR MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION TO A GENERAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION, OR DOWNGRADES FROM A GENERAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION TO A SPECIALTY OR MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION, THE FOLLOWING FEES WILL BE ASSESSED:

(1) WHEN, AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE, THE REGISTRANT'S REGISTRATION PERIOD AT THE TIME OF THE CHANGE IS REDUCED, \$65;

(2) WHEN, AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE, THE REGISTRANT'S REGISTRATION PERIOD AT THE TIME OF THE CHANGE IS EXTENDED, \$95;

(3) REPEALED 11/15/96.] (Eff. 9/27/86, Register 99; am 11/20/86, Register 100; am 10/1/88, Register 107; am 5/4/90, Register 114; am 5/20/92, Register 122; am 8/20/93, Register 127; am 10/29/94, Register 132; am 11/15/96, Register 140; am 11/27/98, Register 148; am 10/28/2000, Register 156; am 3/25/2004, Register 169; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.01.065 AS 08.18.041

12 AAC 02.235 is amended to read:

12 AAC 02.235. Home inspectors. The following fees are established for home inspectors and associate home inspectors:

(1) nonrefundable application fee for initial license, **\$100** [\$65];

(2) certificate of registration and license enforcement support fee, for all or part

of the initial biennial licensing period, **\$250** [\$235];

(3) biennial certificate of registration renewal and license enforcement support fee, **\$250** [\$235];

(4) bonding and research, \$30;

(5) fee for adding an additional type of authorized inspection to a registration, \$30. (Eff. 3/25/2004, Register 169; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.01.065 AS 08.18.022 AS 08.18.041