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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 conducted a thorough fee analysis and proposes a decrease in licensing fee amounts for professional counselors to reduce the program's surplus and more closely align with AS 08.01.065. The Board of Professional Counselors voted at its February 7 meeting to concur with the division's proposal.

The proposed fee amounts are enclosed and can also be found on the Board of Professional Counselors web page at: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/ProfessionalCounselors.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. 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 whole.

All comments received will be reviewed and taken into consideration prior to adopting the final regulations. The final decision will result in fee implementation prior to the upcoming license renewal.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara Chambers".

Sara Chambers
Division Director

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 02.325 is amended to read:

12 AAC 02.325. Board of Professional Counselors. The following fees are established for professional counselors:

- (1) application fee for any initial license, \$200;
- (2) license fee for all or part of any initial biennial license period, **\$250** [\$500];
- (3) any biennial license renewal fee, **\$250** [\$500];
- (4) any board-approved supervisor fee, \$150. (Eff. 5/5/99, Register 150; am 8/12/2001, Register 159; am 6/13/2002, Register 162; am 8/8/2003, Register 167; am 7/9/2005, Register 175; am 9/17/2011, Register 199; am 9/7/2013, Register 207; am 9/20/2015, Register 215; am 8/19/2017, Register 223; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.01.065