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DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND
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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 State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors reviewed the fee structure at its August 6, 2015 meeting and recommended the reduction to several fees. The Board felt that accumulating a large surplus was not necessary and that the licensees should realize a savings in fees. The Division considered the Board's recommendation and supports the reduction in fees as proposed. A breakdown of the proposed fees is enclosed and located on the Board's web page at professionallicense.alaska.gov/BoardofArchitectsEngineersandLandSurveyors.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 this fall's license renewal.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janey Hovenden".

Janey Hovenden
Director

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**OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING FEES FOR PROFESSIONS REGULATED BY
THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR ARCHITECTS,
ENGINEERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS:
NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS CHANGES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development proposes to change occupational license fees charged to architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects.

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (Department) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12, Chapter 02 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with occupational licensing fees for professions regulated by the Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors, including the following:

12 AAC 02.110, Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors, is proposed to be changed to alter the registration, certification, renewal, review, and examination fees for architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects.

Under AS 08.01.065, the Department must establish fee levels so that the total amount of fees collected for an occupation approximately equals the actual regulatory costs for the occupation. The Department has reviewed the income and expenses for the occupational licensing program for the Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors and proposes fee changes that reflect, to the extent possible, the actual costs of the activities related to the program.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806 Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Department will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at jun.maiquis@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system at <http://notice.alaska.gov/177939>, and using the "comment" link. **The comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 21, 2015.**

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806 Juneau, AK 99811-0806 or by e-mail at jun.maiquis@alaska.gov. **The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period.** The Department will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and response available on the Department's website at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofArchitectsEngineersandLandSurveyors.aspx> or on the Alaska Online Public Notice System. The Department may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Jun Maiquis at (907) 465-2537 no later than September 14, 2015 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Jun Maiquis at the address or phone number above, or go to <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/AELS-Fees-2015.pdf>

After the public comment period ends, the Department will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.** Written comments and questions received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

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 02.110 is amended to read:

12 AAC 02.110. Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land

Surveyors. (a) The following fees are established for architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects:

- (1) application fee for initial registration and corporate, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership certification, \$100;
- (2) review fee for registration by comity, **\$100** [\$170];
- (3) registration fee for all or part of the initial biennial registration period, **\$150** [\$250];
- (4) biennial registration renewal fee, **\$150** [\$250];
- (5) corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership certification fee, for all or part of the biennial certification period, **\$400** [\$500];
- (6) biennial corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership certification renewal fee, **\$400** [\$500];
- (7) amendment to corporate, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership certification, **\$75** [\$100];
- (8) repealed 11/13/2014;
- (9) examination review fee, \$100;
- (10) retired status registration one-time fee, **\$25** [\$50].

(b) The following examination fees are established for land surveyors and landscape

architects:

(1) Alaska Land Surveying Exam (AKLS), **\$100** [\$200];

(2) repealed 11/13/2014.

(c) Repealed 4/19/97.

(d) The examination fees established in this section are due each time an applicant applies for an examination or examination division.

(e) The following fee is established for opening a file for the retention of completed land surveyor work verification forms: \$50. (Eff. 11/20/86, Register 100; am 10/1/88, Register 107; am 5/4/90, Register 114; am 5/20/92, Register 122; am 9/5/93, Register 127; am 11/3/95, Register 136; am 4/19/97, Register 142; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 11/29/97, Register 144; am 1/8/98, Register 145; am 11/14/99, Register 152; am 2/2/2001, Register 157; am 8/8/2003, Register 167; am 12/2/2005, Register 176; am 11/18/2006, Register 180; am 6/22/2008, Register 186; am 11/26/2009, Register 192; am 11/30/2013, Register 208; am 11/13/2014, Register 212; am ___/___/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.01.065 AS 08.48.265