

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

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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,

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Director

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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:
- 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, <u>\$150</u> [\$250];
 - (4) biennial registration renewal fee, <u>\$150</u> [\$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, <u>\$400</u> [\$500];
- (7) amendment to corporate, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership certification, <u>\$75</u> [\$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

- (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 ____)

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