



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 division conducted a thorough fee analysis and reviewed the analysis with the State Board of Registration of Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors at a regular meeting on August 3, 2017. The licensing program for these professions has maintained a sizeable surplus for the past few years. The division and board considered future cost increases, potential fluctuations in legal expenses, as well as changes in the number of licensees forecasted by the board. After careful consideration of those costs, there was agreement that a reduction in license fees would be warranted, while the fee for initial application should increase to more accurately reflect the level of effort expended on their review.

The division's proposed fee amounts are enclosed and can also be found on the board's web page at <u>http://professionallicense.alaska.gov/BoardOfArchitectsEngineersAndLandSurveyors</u>.

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 the next licensing 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 <u>RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Janey Hovenden 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:

(1) application fee for initial registration and corporate, limited liability company,

or limited liability partnership certification, **\$200** [\$100];

(2) repealed ___/___ [REVIEW FEE FOR REGISTRATION BY

COMITY, \$100];

(3) registration fee for all or part of the initial biennial registration period, **\$100**

[\$150];

(4) biennial registration renewal fee, **<u>\$100</u>** [\$150];

(5) corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership

certification fee, for all or part of the biennial certification period, **\$300** [\$400];

(6) biennial corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership

certification renewal fee, **\$300** [\$400];

(7) amendment to corporate, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership certification, \$75;

(8) repealed 11/13/2014;

(9) repealed / / [EXAMINATION REVIEW FEE, \$100];

(10) retired status registration one-time fee, \$25.

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

(1) Alaska Land Surveying Exam (AKLS), \$100;

(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 11/4/2015, Register 216; am ___/___, Register ____) Authority: AS 08.01.065 AS 08.48.265

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