## North Carolina Landscape Contractors' Registration Board

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To: Governmental Operations (govops@ncleg.net)

This is a request for consultation regarding fee changes desired to be made by the NC Landscape Contractors Registration Board. NC Landscape Contractors Registration Board requested that the NC Legislature grant the Board authority to increase fees and, in one instance, to establish a new fee as set forth in G.S. 89D-5. House Bill 649 was ratified on August 2, 2007 and signed by Governor Easley on August 23, 2007 establishing fees.

Notice of Text was submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings, Rules Division, requesting an increase in administrative fees as set forth below. Text is scheduled to be published on September 4, 2007. Public Hearing is scheduled for September 19, 2007 in the offices of the NC Landscape Contractors Registration Board. Proposed effective date of fee increases is January 1, 2008.

Requested Fee Changes are listed below.

Fee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Reason for Request
Application fee	\$50.00	\$75.00	Fee has been \$50.00 since 1983. Request change to cover additional printing and postage costs as well as basic criminal background checks.
Initial Certificate Fee	\$50.00	\$60.00	To cover increase in printing, postage, and packaging material costs.
All Renewal Fees	\$50.00	\$60.00	Renewal fee has been \$50.00 since 1976. Requested increase covers additional costs associated with printing yearly certificate, postage, and other mailing costs.
Penalty for Late Renewal Fee	\$10.00	\$25.00	To encourage Registered Landscape Contractors to renew their annual fee in a timely manner.
Duplicate Certificate	\$1.00	\$5.00	Duplicate yearly certificate is a printed cardstock certificate. Labor, printing, and mailing costs for a duplicate certificate is reason for increased fee.
Examination fee or re- examination fee	\$50.00	\$60.00	Increase is requested to cover additional printing costs to print exam and reimbursement of proctors (mileage reimbursement).
Copy of duplicate parchment certificate	-0-	\$35.00	This certificate is original parchment certificate. \$35.00 is cost for set-up and printing of certificate by printing agency and mailing costs (packaging and postage).