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Re: Request for Consultation on Fee Change – G.S. 12-3.1  
State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors  
Amendment to Rules 21 NCAC 50.1102 and 21 NCAC 50.1104

To: Members of the Joint Legislative Commission on Government operations

This letter is a request for consultation on fee changes, pursuant to G.S. 12-3.1. Attached is a copy of proposed amendment to 21 NCAC 50.1102, License Fees and to 21 NCAC 50.1104 Fees for Copies of Records and Returned Checks. The proposal is to raise the annual license fee for plumbing, heating and fuel piping licenses from \$125.00 to \$130.00, the contractor license fee for those individuals who also hold qualifications from Code Officials Qualification Board from \$15.00 to \$25.00, the initial application fee for license without examination and the fee for contractor or inspection technician from \$25.00 to \$30.00, and sets the annual license fee for fire sprinkler installation contractor, Fire Sprinkler Maintenance Technician and Residential Fire Sprinkler Installation Contractor at \$130.00. The amendment to Rule 21 NCAC 50.1104 would raise the fee for copies of license from \$15.00 to \$20.00, for abstracts of license record from \$15.00 to \$25.00 and for the book, Business and Project Management for Contractors, from \$40.00 to \$45.00.

This is a 4% change in a fee which has not been adjusted in more than five years. The statutory authority for the fee change is G.S. 87-18, 87-21 and 87-22.

The Board has operated since April 1, 2004 without any user fee increases. During this period, the operating expenses of the Board have increased in virtually every category including utilities, insurance, maintenance contracts, fleet operation, and personnel costs.

Additionally, in an attempt to better educate licensees and aid in compliance, the Board intends on providing each of 15,000 licensees a current copy of the Laws and Rules book each three year cycle, absorbing the cost.

The Board remains very conscious of the impact of increased fees upon our licensees, and believes its history reflects an attitude of minimal increases and effective stewardship. Please advise any

questions. In the absence of questions, we understand there will be no need for appearance or for Commission meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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