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Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations Joint Commission Assistant Fiscal Research Division

Re:

Request for Consultation for Licensing Board Fee

21 N.C.A.C 12 .0304

Dear Committee Members,

The North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors ("Board") is submitting this request for consultation on the establishment of fees in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §§12-3.1, 87-1 and 87-10.

N.C. Gen. Stat. §87-10 expressly provides the Board with the grant of authority to establish the fees listed below. The Board's proposed fee rule, 21 N.C.A.C. 12 .0304, will be submitted as a permanent rule in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-21.2. The proposed fees are set out below:

Fee name under G.S. 87-10	Proposed Fee under 21 NCAC .0304	Amount of Fee authorized by G.S. 87-10
Application fee (limited license)	\$75	\$75
Application fee (intermediate license)	\$100	\$100
Application fee (unlimited license)	\$125	\$125
Application for increase in limitation (to intermediate)	\$100	\$100
Application for increase in limitation (to unlimited)	\$125	\$125
Late renewal	\$10/month	\$10/month

Explanation of Need: The Board's fees are specifically provided for under the above-referenced statute. All general contractors who wish to perform general contracting as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §87-1 must be licensed by the Board and are required to maintain licensure to continue practicing general contracting. Therefore, since the Board is 100% self-supporting and receives no appropriations from the N.C. General Fund, it must charge fees as authorized by statute to conduct operations in accordance with the statutory mandate.

Please let me know if you have questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

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N.C. Licensing Board for General Contractors

C: Frank Wiesner, Executive Director