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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 87-10.2 (*see* S.L. 2019-72).

N.C. Gen. Stat. §87-10.2(i) expressly provides the Board with the grant of authority to establish the fees listed below. The Board's proposed amended fee rule, currently codified as 21 N.C.A.C. 12 .0304, will be submitted as a temporary rule and subsequently as a permanent rule in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-21.1 and -21.2. The proposed fees are set out below:

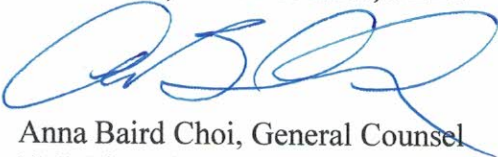
Fee name under G.S. 87-10.2	Proposed Fee under 21 NCAC 12 .0304	Amount of Fee authorized by G.S. 87-10.2(i)
Course Sponsor – initial review	\$25 per credit hour	\$25 per credit hour
Course Sponsor – subsequent annual review	\$10 per credit hour	\$12.50 per credit hour
Qualifier Completion	\$4 per credit hour	\$5 per credit hour

Explanation of Need: The Board's fees are specifically provided for in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 87-10.2(i). All general contractors who are classified as a building contractor, residential contractor or unclassified are required to have a qualifier complete continuing education as required by the statute. Further, the Board is tasked with the responsibility of approving all continuing education course providers and instructors and maintaining information on qualifiers who complete the courses based upon information submitted by the course providers. 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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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Choi', is written over the printed name.

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N.C. Licensing Board for General Contractors

C: C. Frank Wiesner, Executive Director