

Subtitle 21 BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

09.21.04 Fees

Authority: Business Occupations and Professions Article, §3-208(a)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[23-290-P]

The Maryland State Board of Architects proposes to amend Regulation .03 under COMAR 09.21.04 Fees. This action was considered by the Board of Architects on October 25, 2023.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to increase fees in order to manage the rising operation cost of the Professional Design Boards unit and improve services for licensees and constituents.

Estimate of Economic Impact

I. Summary of Economic Impact. The fee increases will result in modest operating expense increases for regulated persons, which may be passed on to consumers via higher prices. The fee increases will impact the Board of Architects by increasing its operating budget, which should help maintain the quality of customer service.

II. Types of Economic Impact.

Impacted Entity	Revenue (R+/R-) Expenditure (E+/E-)	Magnitude
A. On issuing agency: Board of Architects	(R+)	Moderate
B. On other State agencies:	NONE	
C. On local governments:	NONE	
	Benefit (+) Cost (-)	Magnitude
D. On regulated industries or trade groups: Architects	(-)	Minor
E. On other industries or trade groups:	NONE	
F. Direct and indirect effects on public:	NONE	

III. Assumptions. (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

- A. License renewal and application rates will remain constant or increase.
- D. Licensees will continue to renew their licenses.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Zevi Thomas, Executive Director, Department of Labor, Professional Design Boards and Board of Pilots, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Maryland Department of Labor, 1100 N. Eutaw Street, 5th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-230-6262, or email to zevi.thomas@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through January 29, 2024. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.03 Fees and Costs.

A. The Secretary and the design boards have agreed to average their direct and indirect costs, based on the calculation of costs performed by the Secretary in consultation with the design boards. Based on these calculations, the Board sets the following fees:

- (1) License fee — [~~\$76.50~~] \$86;
- (2) Permit fee — [~~\$100~~] \$112;
- (3) Nonrefundable initial application fee payable in connection with:
 - (a) An application for permit — [~~\$35~~] \$39;
 - (b) An application for license by reciprocity — [~~\$50~~] \$56;
- (4) Reinstatement fee — [~~\$100~~] \$112.

B. Retired Status. The Board sets the fee for a retired status license at [~~\$50~~] \$56.

C. (text unchanged)

D. Effective October 1, 2009, an applicant shall pay directly to NCARB or its designee a security and development fee [~~of \$40~~] per each section of the ARE, as such fee is established by NCARB.

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