

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) APPLICATION NO. RVF-13
on its own motion, seeking to)
determine the fees for the) ORDER SETTING FEE
Recreational Vehicle Program.)
ENTERED: September 10, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 30, 2019, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") entered an order opening the above-captioned proceeding to determine the appropriate fees for the Recreational Vehicle Program ("Program") and to set a hearing. Notice of the Proceeding appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 2, 2019.

The Commission is charged by statute to hold an annual public hearing to determine the level of seal fee and plan review fee necessary to carry out the provisions of the Recreational Vehicle Program pursuant to the Uniform Standard Code for Recreational Vehicles NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 71-4601 to 71-4620.01 (2018). The seal fees are subject to a statutory minimum of Ten dollars (\$10.00) and a maximum of Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per recreational vehicle. The plan review fees are subject to a statutory minimum of Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour and a maximum of Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per hour.¹

A Public hearing was held on August 27, 2019, in the Commission Hearing Room.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Mark Luttich, Director of the Commission's Housing Department, testified on behalf of the staff. Director Luttich recommends that the current seal fee of Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per seal and Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour plan review fee should remain unchanged. Director Luttich testified regarding the Public Service Commission Housing and Recreational Vehicle Cash Fund ("Cash Fund"). The Cash Fund is used to fund all programs within the Department. Director Luttich testified the Cash Fund balance as of the date of the hearing was around Three Hundred

¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-4604.01(3) (2018).

Sixty Thousand dollars (\$360,000.00). Director Luttich stated that if the Department no longer received income, the Cash Fund could fund all departmental programs for an additional eight months.

The Department has been operating at reduced staffing levels and continues to utilize the services of independent contractors to keep the Department workload at manageable levels to timely respond to factory needs. The Cash Fund currently contains approximately an eight-month reserve to fund the Department's needs with a reasonable reserve.

The Commission has been monitoring the situation regarding the funding of the Recreational Vehicle Program and finds the fee should remain at the current rates of Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per seal and Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour plan review fee.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that, pursuant to the Uniform Standard Code for Recreational Vehicles, the fees for the Recreational Vehicle Program should remain at Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per seal and Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour plan review free, effective November 1, 2019.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 10th day of September, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Crystal Knodes
Joe Johnson
Jim Schram

Mary Kuddis

Chair

ATTEST:

Michelle Hyl

Executive Director