# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,	)	Application No. RVF-14
on its own motion, seeking to	)	
determine the fees for the	)	ORDER SETTING FEES
Recreational Vehicle Program.	)	
	)	
	)	Entered: October 20, 2020

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 25, 2020 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 <a href="The Daily Record">The Daily Record</a>, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 4, 2020.

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 (Program) pursuant to the Uniform Standard Code for Recreational Vehicles Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-4601 to 71-4620.01 (2012 Cum. Supp.). 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.

A Public hearing was held on September 29, 2020 in the Commission Hearing Room and by videoconference equipment.

# OPINION AND FINDINGS

Mark Luttich, Director of the Commission's Housing Department, testified on behalf of the Staff. Director Luttich testified that the revenue generated by the present fees cover the current expenses of the Program, and therefore 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 balance as of the date of the hearing had about a nine to twelve (9-12) month reserve to fund the Department's needs. In the calendar year of 2018, the Commission sold 3601 RV labels. The following year, in 2019, the number sold dropped by 38 percent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-4604.01(3) (2012 Cum. Supp.)

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Nationwide, Mr. Luttich stated, there was a 50 percent decrease in RV sales. In 2020, RV sales have increased 81 percent over the previous year. Mr. Luttich testified that he projects the Commission will sell more than 4100 seals this year.

No other person testified at the fee hearing.

Based upon the recommendation of the Department, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the recommendation of the Department is reasonable, and the fee should remain at the current rates of Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per seal and Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour plan review.

### ORDER

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 fee, effective November 1, 2020.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this  $20^{\rm th}$  day of October, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair
ATTEST:

Executive Director