

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, ) APPLICATION NO. MANF-4  
on its own motion, seeking to )  
determine the seal fee amount ) ORDER SETTING SEAL FEE  
for the Manufactured Home )  
Program. )  
 ) ENTERED: October 12, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

The above-captioned proceeding was opened by the Commission, on its own motion, to determine the appropriate seal fee for the Manufactured Home Program. The Commission is charged by statute to hold an annual public hearing to determine the amount of seal fee necessary to carry out the provisions of the Manufactured Home Program pursuant to the Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-4601 to 71-4620.01 (2010 Cum. Supp.).

Notice of the proceeding appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 29, 2011. The order opening the above-captioned docket and setting the hearing was entered on August 23, 2011, and mailed to all interested parties. A Public hearing was held on September 27, 2011 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 testified that the revenue generated by the present seal fee is close to meeting the cost of the Manufactured Home Program. The Department continues to make every effort to keep the costs of the program low and is still operating at reduced staffing levels. Based on his calculations, Director Luttich estimates that to cover the costs of the program, the Department would need to charge approximately Seven dollars (\$7.00) more per seal. Mr. Luttich recommended that the seal fee remain at the current level of Two Hundred and Twenty Five dollars (\$225.00) per seal.

The Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes allows the Commission to determine the appropriate seal fee based on the revenues and expenses of the Manufactured Homes Program.

The Department continues to make every effort to reduce costs in the program and is still operating on a reduced staffing level. The revenues of the program currently come close to meeting the needs of the program. Due to the continued economic issues in the housing industry in Nebraska and

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nationally, the Commission finds that the seal fee should remain at its current level.

The Commission will continue to closely monitor the financial situation of the industry and the Department, especially during the traditionally slower winter months, and will reevaluate the seal fee and make adjustments accordingly.

The Commission finds that the recommendation of Director Luttich to keep the Manufactured Homes Program seal fee at its current level is reasonable and that the seal fee for the Manufactured Homes Program should remain at Two Hundred and Twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) per seal fee.

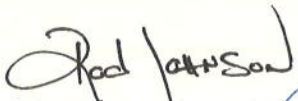


O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that, pursuant to the Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes, the Manufactured Home Program seal fee should remain Two Hundred and Twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) per seal fee.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

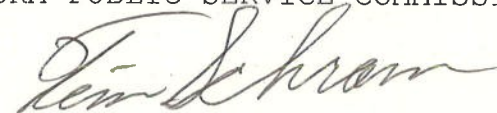
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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

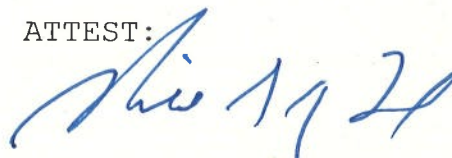
  
  


//s// Frank Landis

//s// Tim Schram

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director