

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. RVF-10
on its own motion, seeking to)
determine the fees for the) ORDER SETTING FEES
Recreational Vehicle Program.)
)
) Entered: October 12, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 19, 2016, 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 29, 2016.

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.¹

A Public hearing was held on September 20, 2016 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 for the revenue generated by the present fees to cover the current expenses of the Program, the current seal fee of Ten dollars (\$10.00) per seal and Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour plan review fee would need to increase to Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per seal and Thirty dollars (\$30.00) per hour plan review fee. Director Luttich also discussed the Department's current utilization of the services of independent contractors.

Director Luttich testified regarding the Public Service Commission Housing and Recreational Vehicle Cash Fund (Cash Fund). He reminded the Commission that in 2014, the fees in all three programs administered by the Department were set to generate less revenue than expenses to continue reducing the balance of the Cash

¹ *Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-4604.01(3)* (2012 Cum. Supp.)

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Fund. The Cash Fund, as of the date of the hearing, contains around a twelve month reserve to fund the Department's needs with a reasonable reserve.

To level off the Cash Fund balance, Director Luttich recommends the fees in the Program be increased Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per seal and Thirty dollars (\$30.00) per hour plan review fee.

The Commission has been monitoring the situation regarding the funding of the Recreational Vehicle Program and finds the fee should be increased, but we find the increase should happen more gradually, so we find that the fees for the Recreational Vehicle Program should increase from Ten dollars (\$10.00) to Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per seal and from Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to 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 be Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per seal and Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour plan review fee, effective November 1, 2016.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of October, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Crystal Rhoades
//s//Tim Schram
//s//Gerald L. Vap


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director