

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, ) Application No. RVF-11  
on its own motion, seeking to )  
determine the fees for the ) ORDER SETTING FEES  
Recreational Vehicle Program. )  
)  
) Entered: October 24, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 25, 2017, 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 July 28, 2017.

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.<sup>1</sup>

A Public hearing was held on September 12, 2017 in the Commission Hearing Room.

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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 also discussed the Department's current utilization of the services of independent contractors, and informed the Commission that an additional full-time employee had been added to the Department very recently with the hope that the Department would phase out the need for the services of the independent contractors.

Director Luttich testified regarding the Public Service Commission Housing and Recreational Vehicle Cash Fund (Cash Fund).

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

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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 Fund. The Cash Fund, as of the date of the hearing, contains around a nine (9) 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 fee, effective November 1, 2017.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Mary Redden*

*Crystal Unwader*

*Frank E. Landis*

//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//Tim Schram

*Tim Schram*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*Michael J. Schram*

Executive Director