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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION**

CHAPTER 10

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10‑7. Building Codes Council.

**Synopsis:**

 The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation proposes to amend the fee schedule for the Building Codes Council, whose fees appear in Chapter 10 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations.

 The Notice of Drafting was published in the *State Register* on July 28, 2023.

**Instructions:**

 Print the regulation as shown below. All other items remain unchanged.

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**Text:**

10‑7. Building Codes Council.

The Council shall charge the following fees:

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|   | A. | Code Enforcement Officers and Special Inspectors Registration Application (Initial and Renewal): | $50 biennially |
|  |  | Late Renewal Fee (received after June 30): | $50 in addition to the application fee |
|   | B. | Modular Building Program Schedule of Fees: |   |
|   |   | 1. | Modular Building Systems final plan review: | $200 |
|   |   |   | ~~a.~~ | ~~Structural systems:~~ | ~~$110~~ |
|   |   |   | ~~b.~~ | ~~Electrical systems:~~ | ~~$30~~ |
|   |   |   | ~~c.~~ | ~~Plumbing systems:~~ | ~~$30~~ |
|   |   |   | ~~d.~~ | ~~HVAC systems:~~ | ~~$30~~ |
|   |   |   | ~~e.~~ | ~~Total of all systems:~~ | ~~$200~~ |
|   |   | ~~2.~~ | ~~Component or core unit plan review:~~ |  |
|   |   |   | ~~a.~~ | ~~Structural systems:~~ | ~~$60~~ |
|   |   |   | ~~b.~~ | ~~Electrical systems:~~ | ~~$20~~ |
|   |   |   | ~~c.~~ | ~~Plumbing systems:~~ | ~~$20~~ |
|   |   |   | ~~d.~~ | ~~HVAC systems:~~ | ~~$20~~ |
|   |   |   | ~~e.~~ | ~~Total of all systems:~~ | ~~$120~~ |
|   |   | ~~3.~~ | ~~Additional fee for plan review requiring more than 10 hours to complete:~~ | ~~$20.00 per hour~~ |
|   |   | ~~4.~~ | ~~Annual plan maintenance fee:~~ | ~~$50 per manufacturer~~ |
|   |   | ~~5.~~2. | Field Technical Services: |   |
|   |   |  | a. | In‑state: | $20 per hour |
|   |   |  | b. | Out‑of‑state: | $20 per hour plus expenses |
|   |   | ~~6.~~3. | Label fees: | $45 |
|   |   |  | ~~a.~~ | ~~Modular Systems:~~ | ~~$45~~ |
|   |   |  | ~~b.~~ | ~~Single Modular Floor, Wall or Roof/Ceiling System:~~ | ~~$15~~ |
|   |   |  | ~~c.~~ | ~~All other components:~~ | ~~$5~~ |
|   |   | ~~7.~~4. | Modular Building Manufacturer License Application (Initial and Renewal): |   |
|   |   |  | a. | 24 units or less per year: | $500 biennially |
|   |   |  | b. | Producing 25 units or more: | $1,500 biennially |
|   |   | ~~8.~~5. | Modular Building Manufacturer’s Representative Application (Initial and Renewal): | $200 biennially |
|   |   | ~~9.~~6. | ~~Reviewing fee for~~ Approved Inspection Agenc~~ies~~y Application (Initial and Renewal):  | $200 biennially |
|   |   |  | ~~a.~~ | ~~Initial:~~ | ~~$125 per year~~ |
|   |   |  | ~~b.~~ | ~~Renewal:~~ | ~~$200 biennially~~ |
|   |   | ~~10.~~7. | Approved Modular Building Recertification Fee: | $200 |

**Fiscal Impact Statement:**

 There will be no cost incurred by the State or any of its political subdivisions for the promulgation of these regulations.

**Statement of Rationale:**

 The updated regulations will simplify the fee structure for the Building Codes Council. First, separate fees for each component of the Modular Building System plan review are deleted and replaced with one fee for the final plan review. The amount of the fee, $200, is the same amount as the existing fee for “Total of all systems.” Second, separate fees for modular system labels are deleted and one fee, $45, is offered. Third, fees for Modular Building Manufacturer, Manufacturer’s Representative and Approved Inspection Agency are all clarified to apply to both initial and renewal applications. Finally, initial application and renewal fees for Special Inspectors are added to the fee schedule.