

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE LICENSED ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND REGISTERED COMMERCIAL INTERIOR DESIGNERS OF OKLAHOMA

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

CHAPTER 10. LICENSURE AND PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL INTERIOR DESIGNERS

1. DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF THE RULE:

The Rules of Chapter 10 are set forth for the purpose of interpreting and implementing the Oklahoma State Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act, establishing the Board, and conferring upon it responsibility for licensing Architects, Landscape Architects, and registering Registered Interior Designers. The Act and Rules also requires regulating the practice of architecture and landscape architecture and enforcement of the Act. (OAC 55:10-1-1)

Most of the changes were made to comply with HB1147, which changed the title of Registered Interior Designers and gave them certain privileges. The proposed revisions to Subchapter 1 are expanding definitions and clean-up. Changes to Subchapter 5, 7, and 9 were made to reflect the current practices of the national organizations that administer exams and hold records for the professions. The proposed changes in subchapter 11 were made to include Registered Commercial Interior Designers in the professional conduct rules. The changes in Subchapter 15 provide clarification the violation and hearing process. Changes made in subchapter 17 were made to update Continuing Education practices. All other Rule changes are simplification or clean-up items that do not change the interpretation or intent of the Rules.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING CLASSES THAT WILL BEAR THE COSTS OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed changes to the Rules should not have a great effect on any group of persons. The Board is non-appropriated and is funded by license fees. There are no proposed fee increases at this time.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE CLASSES OF PERSON WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULE:

Registered Commercial Interior Designers should benefit from the clarification of the new privileges and standards that went into effect with HB1147. All Candidates, prospective Candidates for Licensure, and Licensees should benefit from the simplification and clarification of the language describing the licensure process and Continuing Education requirements.

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE UPON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING A DISCUSSION OF FEE CHARGES:

The Board is non-appropriated and is funded by license fees. There are no proposed fee increases at this time.

There will be no economic impact to the public.

5. PROBABLE COSTS AND BENEFITS TO THE AGENCY AND TO ANY OTHER AGENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE AND ANY ANTICIPATED EFFECT ON STATE REVENUES INCLUDING ANY PROJECTED NET LOSS OR GAIN IN SUCH REVENUES:

No agency should be impacted by the implementation and enforcement of the proposed Rules changes.

6. A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE RULE:

The proposed revisions to the rules should not have an economic impact on any political subdivisions, nor will they require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the proposed changes to the rules.

7. MEASURES THE BOARD HAS TAKEN TO MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS AND A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY METHODS OR NONREGULATORY METHODS OR LESS INTRUSIVE METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

There does not appear to be a less costly or less intrusive method for achieving the purposes of the proposed revisions to the rules, as this agency is self-funded and only derives operating monies from fees and penalties.

8. DETERMINATION OF EFFECT OF PROPOSED RULES ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT:

The proposed revisions to the rules should have no impact on the Board's ability or mission to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare.

9. DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT IF THE PROPOSED RULES ARE NOT IMPLEMENTED:

There should not be any detrimental effect on public health, safety, and environment if the proposed Rule changes are not implemented.

10. DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:

The rule impact statement was prepared on December 15, 2021.