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

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

CHAPTER 10. LICENSURE AND PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND LICENSED 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 Licensed Interior Designers Act, establishing the Board, and conferring upon it responsibility for licensing Architects, Landscape Architects, and Licensed 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)

The proposed changes to OAC 55:10 have been made due to the passage of HB1793 in April 2024. The primary changes required by HB1793 are the changing of the title "Registered Commercial Interior Designer" to "Licensed Interior Designer," and the title of "Registered Commercial Interior Design" to "Licensed Interior Design." Further changes were made to clarify the practice and regulation of Licensed Interior Designers.

Additional changes made to OAC 55:10 were done in order to clean up outdated language, to remove outdated rules and practices, and to reorganize and rewrite sections in order that the average citizen can better read and understand the rules.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:

Licensed Interior Designers should benefit from the clarification of the new privileges and standards of licensure that went into effect with HB1793. Additionally, other licensed professionals, building project owners, contractors, building code officials, and the public in general should benefit from the simplification, reorganization, and clarification of the language.

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 only increase the Board's ability 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 November 1, 2024.