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We have 3 Rules under Authority of WV Code §§30-22-6:

§9-1-1: Registration of Landscape Architects

First Promulgation of the Rule: 5/3/2004 Subsequent Modification: 4/11/2007

**Description:** This rule sets forth standards for the regulation and conduct of persons or firms wanting to become licensed as a landscape architect or to offer landscape architectural services. This rule is binding upon persons applying and registered under §§30-22-1 et seq. and is applicable to persons or firms providing landscape architectural services and holding a certificate of authorization.

**Determination:** This rule should continue without change

**Reasoning:** As the title of Landscape Architect and the public perception of landscape architectural services carry an understanding of professional competence – that competence should be measured by the WV Board of Landscape Architects. These standards follow national guidelines for the professional practice of landscape architecture set forth by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB).

§9-2-1: Continuing Education

First Promulgation of the Rule: 4/11/2007

**Description:** This rule specifies continuing education requirements that are prerequisite to license renewal for landscape architects.

**Determination:** This rule should continue without change

**Reasoning:** Technology, safety, and their impact on the public's safety, health, and welfare changes with time. Requiring licensees to continue to expand and modernize their knowledge is essential. This rule in comparison to other state licensing board requirements is relatively less burdensome.

## §9-3-1: Fees

First Promulgation of the Rule: 4/11/2007

**Description:** This rule specifies fees to be charged to the board.

**Determination:** This rule should continue without change

**Reasoning:** Whereas the aforementioned rules were determined to continue without change – the fees associated with the regulation of the professional licensure of Landscape Architecture cover incurred administrative costs. These fees are comparable, if not less burdensome, to the licensees of other states.

Sincerely,

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