

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M. G. L. c. 7, § 3B; c. 30A, § 2; and c. 143, § 65 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance (A&F), in conjunction with the Division of Professional Licensure (Division) will hold a public hearing relative to the proposed promulgation of amendments to the Division's fees for conducting elevator inspections, a legislative mandate involving the inspection of most elevators in Massachusetts every year. By these proposed amendments to 801 Code Mass. Regs. § 4.02, ¶ 524, A&F is seeking to alter the fee structure charged by the Division for annual elevator inspections to vary based on when an inspection is required. Currently, a \$400 fee applies to all inspection requests. The proposal will change the fixed \$400 fee to a variable rate, based on when an inspection is requested. Applications filed between 60 and 89 days prior to expiration will cost \$600, those filed fewer than 60 days will be \$800. While this may seem to be a fee increase, A&F has proposed a lower fee of \$200 charged by the Division for applications received 90 to 120 days prior. Applications for inspection received more than 90 days from the expiration of an elevator certificate require fewer agency resources to process and schedule. Conversely, the closer an elevator is to an expiration, the more costly an inspection is to the Commonwealth, as the goal is to inspect all elevators before they expire. The reduced turnaround time results in higher overhead costs for the Commonwealth. The hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021 at the Division of Professional Licensure, 1000 Washington St., First Floor, Boston, MA. Interested Parties will be given an opportunity to present testimony orally or in writing at this hearing. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained at the Board of Elevator Regulations' web site located at: <https://www.mass.gov/board-of-elevator-regulations-examiners-and-appeals> or by contacting the Board at 1000 Washington St. Suite 710, Boston, MA 02118; (617) 727-3200. The Board will also accept written comments regarding the regulations through the end of business on Monday, August 9, 2021.