REGISTERED ACCESSIBILITY SPECIALIST BULLETIN

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RE: TDLR Filing Fees Received by RAS, and Changes to 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 68 Architectural Barriers § 68.80

Pursuant to T.A.C, Title 16, Chapter 68, Architectural Barriers Administrative Rule 68.75(a), Registered Accessibility Specialists (RAS) are responsible for submitting to the Department any fees the RAS may receive on behalf of the Department. In accordance with RAS Procedures section (I)(C), a RAS shall tender to TDLR the fees as required in 16 Texas Administrative Code § 68.80 or its successor section.

On January 12, 2005 the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) adopted amendments to Architectural Barriers Administrative Rules at 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 68. Among those amendments adopted, project filing and inspection filing fees were affected.

The adoption was filed with the Texas Register on January 12, 2005, and will be published in the January 28, 2005 issue of the Texas Register. The rules went into effect February 1, 2005.

Amendments to §68.80 consolidate the Project Filing Fee and Inspection Filing Fee into one fee and reduces the combined fee from $200 to $175 pursuant to TDLR's annual fee review. The department will no longer collect a separate Inspection Filing Fee. In addition, the proposed Late Project Filing Fee of $300 will apply to projects that are registered after the completion of construction.

The following procedures have been established to implement the fee changes:

Project and Inspection Filing Fees received prior to Feb. 1, 2005

Project and Inspection Filing Fees were effective until January 31, 2005. If a RAS received the Project and Inspection Filing Fees prior to February 1, 2005, they must be mailed, shipped or hand delivered (along with a completed registration and/or PSU form) to TDLR no later than March 2, 2005. Thereafter, TDLR will require Project Filing Fees in the amount of $175.

Project Filing Fee received on or after Feb. 1, 2005

Beginning February 1, 2005, the Project Filing Fee of $175 will be required.

Late Project Filing Fee received on or after Feb. 1, 2005

Beginning February 1, 2005, the Late Project Filing Fee of $300 will apply to projects registered after the completion of construction.