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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL SERVICE SYSTEM
RULES AND REGULATIONS MANUAL FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

The Northern Mariana Islands Civil Service Commission, pursuant to Northern Marianas Constitutional Amendment No. 41, and in accordance with the provisions of 1 CMC §9104(a) and §2153(f), hereby gives notice to the public of its intention to adopt amendments to the Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations manual for the Executive Branch. Final adoption of the amendment manual will be based on receipt and incorporation of public comment.

Dated this 02 day of June, 1988.

SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Santos", written over a horizontal line.

GONZALO Q. SANTOS
Chairman
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POT MAADAPTAN I AMENDASION I AGREGLO YAN REGULASION
SETBISION EMPLEAO PARA I EKSEGATIBO NA RAMAS
GOVIETNAMENTO NA MA PUBLIKA.

I Komision i setbision sibat it sankatan siha na Islan Marianas segun i ginagagau nui amendasion i Konstitusion Numero 41 yan i propio yan tineteka na patte gi kodikun Marianas, hananae i publiko notisia pot i intension adaptasion i amendasion i areglo yan regulasion sistemman sitbision empleao para i eksegatibo na gobietnamento. I uttimo na adaptasion i amendasion para uma konsige baho nirisibe yan ninahalom sinagan publiko.

Mafecha guine na haane 02 gi Juno, 1988.

SINATMITE AS:

GONZALO Q. SANTOS
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AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL SERVICE SYSTEM
RULES AND REGULATIONS

III.D2 FURLOUGHS, SUSPENSIONS, SEPARATIONS FOR PERSONAL CAUSE,
AND DEMOTIONS FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS (ADVERSE ACTIONS)

- A. Authority to take Adverse Action. Unless specified by law, the authority to hire is followed by the authority to effect adverse actions. For this purpose, appointing authorities shall include the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, staff officers, the Personnel Officer, department directors, resident department heads and chairpersons of boards and commissions. These persons may delegate, in writing, authority to effect adverse actions to division heads of departments ~~and resident department heads~~ or to executive directors of boards and commissions. The authority to effect adverse actions may not be further delegated or redelegated. Throughout this part the term "appointing authority" will refer only to an individual who is specifically granted authority by this part to effect adverse actions.

IV.B5 PROMOTIONS

An employee who is promoted from a position on one class to an existing position in a higher class shall be compensated at the lowest step in the new pay level which at least equals the amount of two (2) steps increases in the old pay level. The rate of compensation cannot exceed the rate of the maximum step in the higher pay level. The effective date of the promotion shall be the new service anniversary date for the promoted employee. An employee shall not be promoted into a supervisory position until and unless such employee has satisfactorily completed the "Performance Standards & Appraisal Workshop" conducted by the Personnel Office, and has completed at least 40 hours of training in workshops sanctioned by the Personnel Office in the areas of Basic and Advanced supervisory management. Retroactive promotions shall not be made except when directed by a decision of the Civil Service Commission pursuant to an employee's appeal.

VII.A4 LEAVES WITH PAY

- A. Annual Leave. Annual Leave, or vacation, shall be granted for the purpose of rest and relaxation. Personnel Service System employees who have less than three (3) years of creditable service shall earn annual leave at the rate of four (4) hours per pay period; except that newly appointed employees shall undergo a waiting period of ninety (90) calendar days before being credited with annual leave. Employees with three (3) but less than six (6) years of creditable service shall earn annual leave at the rate of six (6) hours per pay period. Employees who have six (6) or more years of creditable service shall earn annual leave at the rate of eight (8) hours per pay period.

Annual Leave accrual rate per pay period for excepted service employees in the Department of Public Health and Environmental Services, Gubernatorial appointees (personal secretaries and special assistants of Governor and Lt. Governor), Legal Profession practitioners, Resident Department Heads, and Principal Boards and Commissions shall be:

- (1) Determined at the time of the initial employment by the appointing authority and the Personnel Officer;
- (2) Specific to each employee;
- (3) Based upon (a) the critical need to fill the position; (b) the availability of qualified applicants; and (c) the amount and quality of related training and experience possessed by the employee; as determined by the Personnel Officer;
- (4) Between four (4) and eight (8) hours; and

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(5) On a scale that provides a maximum of eight (8) hours to an employee who is maximally qualified and 7,6,5,4, hours to an employee with maximal to minimal qualifications.

Annual Leave requests of more than three (3) working days must be made in advance on a leave request form. All annual leave requests must be approved by the employee's immediate supervisor. In smaller organizations where divisions may not exist, the heads of such organizations shall approve annual leave. A denial of request for annual leave is subject to employee's grievance rights.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR CNMI FOREST RESOURCES PROTECTION

The Director of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the authorities granted in Sections 3 and 5, Chapter 13, of Public Law 1-8, hereby gives notice to the public of its intention to propose CNMI Forest Resources Protection Regulations for the establishment of a permit system covering the uses of designated Commonwealth Forests and any alteration of diverse forest on public lands. The proposed regulations are published herewith.

All interested persons should submit written comments to:

Nicolas M. Leon Guerrero
Director of Natural Resources
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

not later than the close of business thirty (30) calendar days following the date of the publication of this Notice in the Commonwealth Register.

Copies of this Notice and the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Office of the Director, Department of Natural Resources or by contacting:

James H. Culbert
Commonwealth Forester
Kagman Agriculture Station
P.O. Box 221, CHRB
Saipan, MP 96950
(670) 322-3317/9868

Nicolas M. Leon Guerrero
Director of Natural Resources

5/16/88
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NOTISIAN PUPBLIKU

I MANMAPROPOPONI SIHA NA REGULASION PARA PRUTEKSION I GUINAHAN HALOMTANO' CNMI

I Direktot i Depattamenton Natural Resources, sigon gi attoridat siha ni prinibeniya nu i Seksiona 3 yan 5, Kapitulo 13 gi Lai Pupbliku Numiru 1-8, ginen este manana'i nutisia para i pupbliku put i entension-na prumoponi regulasion siha para pruteksion i guinahan halomtano' CNMI ni para u establesi sisteman petmisiu ni para u gubietna i ma'usan ayu siha i manmadesikna komo halomtano' Commonwealth yan put maseha hafa na tinilaika gi sahnge na halomtano' gi tano' pupbliku siha. I manmapropoponi siha na regulasion manmapupblilika yan este na nutisia.

Todu enteresante siha na petsona manmasosoyo' na u fana'halom tinige' rekomendasion siha guato gi as:

Nicolas M. Leon Guerrero
Director of Natural Resources
Capital Hill
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Antes di mahuchom i bisnes gi halom i (30) dias na ha'ani gi kalendario despues di i fecha ni mapupblilika este na nutisia yan regulasion siha gi halom i Rehistran Commonwealth.

Kopia siha put este na nutisia yan i manmapropoponi na regulasion
siña manmachuchule' ginen i ufisinan i Direktot i Depattamenton
Natural Resources osino a'agang si:

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Nicolas M. Leon Guerrero
Samwoolul natural resources
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CNMI FOREST RESOURCES PROTECTION REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

These regulations have been promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in accordance with Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Public Law 1-8.

Chapter 13, Section 3 of that Law provides the powers and duties of the Department, including "(f) To maintain and provide for the conservation of forests;". In addition, Section 5 provides for the adoption of rules and regulations pertaining to the DNR's authority.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

These regulations establish minimum standards for the protection and use of public forest land within the CNMI for the long term maintenance of forest values, including but not limited to watershed protection, soil and water conservation, maintenance of wildlife habitat and recreation. These regulations shall only apply to the islands of Aguiguan, Rota, Saipan and Tinian.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

"Basal Area" means the cross-sectional area in square feet of all trees counted using a wedge prism or relaskop in variable plot timber cruising. The stem count per variable plot times the basal area factor of the prism or relaskop determines the total basal area in square feet occupied by tree stems on a per acre basis.

"Commonwealth Forest" means an area so designated by the Marianas Public Land Corporation (MPLC), or its successor, or so designated by CNMI Law. Private lands within Commonwealth Forest boundaries are excluded from this definition.

"Commonwealth Forester" means the head of the CNMI DNR Forestry Section, typically a professional forester, or any person officially designated to serve as the acting Commonwealth Forester during his or her absence or when this position is vacant.

"Director" means the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

"Forest Land" means any land of any size area whose surface is covered more than 25 percent by trees.

"Forest Resources" means all vegetative materials and animals located on forest land, the water flowing in, on or from forest land, the minerals beneath such land and the recreational value and recreational development upon it.

"Forestry Section" means the CNMI government departmental division or subdivision with primary responsibility for the management of the Commonwealth Forests and all public forest land, or any governmental agency on any island designated in writing by the Director to assume this responsibility.

"Diverse Forest" means forest land in the CNMI with less than fifty percent of the trees by basal area being tangantangan (Leucaena leucocephala). This also includes any trees planted on rural public land for any public purpose.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, society, organization, government official, or other entity.

"Special Use" means the permitting of land occupancy on a Commonwealth Forest for a purpose not primarily connected with the purposes of such forest, but which is or can be made compatible with overall forestry goals. Special uses include, but are not limited to, agriculture, grazing, recreational development and the sale or disposal of forest resources.

SECTION 4. FORESTRY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

A. Commonwealth Forests

No clearing or burning of vegetation, removal of plants or plant products, or the destruction of the same on any Commonwealth Forest lands shall be undertaken by any person without first obtaining a Forestry Permit from the Director. The special use of Commonwealth Forest land shall also require the issuance of a Forestry Permit before undertaking any special use activity.

B. Diverse Forest on Public Lands

No clearing or burning of vegetation, removal of plants or plant products, or the destruction of the same in an area defined as diverse forest on public lands on the islands of Aguihan, Rota, Saipan and Tinian shall be undertaken by any person without first obtaining a Forestry Permit from the Director.

SECTION 5. FORESTRY PERMIT PROCESS

Forestry Permits are issued under the authority of the Director, and are hereby delegated to the Commonwealth Forester and other appropriate DNR officials.

A. Forestry Permit Application- Application for a Forestry Permit shall be made in writing to the Forestry Section at the office responsible for the island upon which the proposed activity will take place.

(1) Information Required- Forestry Permit applications shall contain information in sufficient detail to clearly describe the purposes and effects of all activities requiring a permit. At a minimum, all Forestry Permit applications shall include the following information:

- a. Applicant's name;
- b. Applicant's organizational affiliation;
- c. Applicant's mailing address and telephone no.;
- d. Description of proposed activity(ies);
- e. Description of environmental effects of proposed activities;
- f. Map in sufficient detail so that all proposed activities can be located on the ground.

B. Certification of Completion of Forestry Permit Application- Within fifteen (15) days after the date upon which an application for a Forestry Permit is received by the Forestry Section, the information shall be reviewed by that office and either certified in writing that the permit application contains complete information, as specified in SECTION 5. A. (1), upon which a final Permit decision can be made, or shall notify the applicant in writing that further information is required. The time period specified for the consideration of a complete Forestry Permit application shall only begin on the date an application is certified complete.

C. Review of Forestry Permit Applications- Beginning no later than the date a Forestry Permit application is certified complete, each application shall be promptly reviewed by the responsible Forestry Section office and a written recommendation either to approve or deny the application and the reasons for such approval or denial shall be forwarded with the certified application to the Director. The Director shall then have a maximum of sixty (60) days following receipt of the Forestry Section's recommendation along with the certified Forestry Permit

application to approve or deny that application. The Director reserves the right to modify any or all portions of any application in the course of approving that application. The Director also reserves the right to reject the Forestry Section office's certification of a complete application if he or she believes that more information must be provided by the applicant before a final decision can be made. In this latter instance the Director shall immediately notify the applicant in writing, specifying what additional information is required before consideration of the application can be continued.

D. Reclamation Bond Requirement- A reclamation bond may be required to be deposited by the applicant prior to issuance of any Forestry Permit. The bond amount shall be determined by the Director, and shall not be less than the total amount estimated to insure complete reclamation of all vegetation and lands disturbed by the activities covered under the Forestry Permit, plus the removal of all equipment and materials.

E. Forestry Permit Application Approval- All Forestry Permits shall be approved by the Director. All permits issued pursuant to these regulations shall clearly state the activity(ies) being approved, shall include the time period under which the Permit is valid, and shall also specify any restrictions or conditions on the permitted activity(ies). Any Forestry Permit that does not include all of these items is not a valid Permit.

(1) Signatures- All Forestry Permits shall carry the signatures of the Director and the applicant. An original Permit plus one copy, both containing the Director's signature shall be sent to the applicant. Both the original and the copy must then be signed and dated by the applicant, with the original returned to the Director for verification of the Permit. The Forestry Permit takes effect on the date it is signed by the applicant. A Forestry Permit issued under any other circumstances is not a valid Permit.

F. Forestry Permit Application Denial- Any applicant denied a Forestry Permit shall be informed in writing by the Director of the reasons for such denial.

SECTION 6. EXEMPTIONS

Department of Natural Resources staff, when acting in the course of their official duties with the understanding and approval of the Forestry Section in conformance with a completed forest resource or management plan, shall be exempt from the requirements of SECTION 4.

SECTION 7. STANDARDS FOR FORESTRY PERMIT ISSUANCE

The Director and Forestry Section shall consider the following when evaluating all Forestry Permit applications:

A. Alternatives- Whether or not an alternative site exists outside of the Commonwealth Forests and outside of diverse forest on public lands where the proposed activity(ies) might be conducted;

B. Compatibility- Whether or not all proposed activities are compatible with existing land uses and conform to all law(s) mandating the maintenance and conservation of forests;

C. Cumulative Impact- Whether or not the added impact of all proposed activities, when added to existing uses, will result in a significant degradation of a Commonwealth Forest and/or diverse forest on public lands;

D. Mitigation Measures- Whether or not the applicant has considered, or whether there can be applied to the proposed activities, suitable environmental mitigation measures to insure that the anticipated impacts on all natural resources are minimized to the greatest extent practicable.

SECTION 8. PERMIT ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

A. Administration- All Forestry Permits shall be administered by the Forestry Section. Administration includes the daily or periodic inspection of Permit activities to insure compliance with these regulations and the terms and conditions of any Permits issued pursuant to these regulations.

B. Enforcement- The Director shall have the power to issue any necessary order to enforce these regulations and any terms and conditions of any Forestry Permit issued pursuant to these regulations. Such order may require that any person violating such regulations, terms or conditions cease and desist from such violation immediately or within a stated period of time, and may require that such person take such mitigating measures as may be necessary to reverse or reduce any significant adverse effects of such violation. Such order may also apply to any other person in addition to the violator when necessary to protect Commonwealth Forest or diverse forest on public lands. Any Permit may be revoked, suspended or modified for violation of these regulations or the terms and conditions of such Permit.

C. Injunctive Relief- At the request of the Director, the CNMI Attorney General may institute a civil action in the Commonwealth Trial Court for a temporary restraining order, injunction, or other appropriate remedy to enforce any provision of these regulations, or any term or condition of any Forestry Permit issued pursuant to these regulations.

SECTION 9. PENALTIES

A. Any person who fails to comply with any provision of these regulations, or any order issued under these regulations, or any term or condition of a Forestry Permit issued pursuant to these regulations, after notice of the failure and the expiration of any reasonable period allowed for corrective action, shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$ 1000.00) for each day of non-compliance.

B. A person shall be liable for an additional penalty equalling the amount expended or necessary by any CNMI government agency in stopping, reducing, or correcting any significant adverse effect of that person's non-compliance.

C. Whenever an organization, corporation or entity is subject to civil penalties for any violation under this Section, any officer or agent of such an organization, corporation or entity who authorized, ordered or carried out the improper activity shall be equally subject to the same civil penalties.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, clause or part of these regulations is judged to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of these regulations shall not be affected thereby.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS
1 CMC SECTION 2507
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES RULES AND REGULATIONS

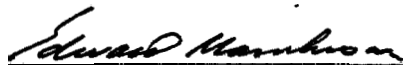
EMERGENCY: The Director of the Department of Public Safety hereby finds under 1 CMC § 9104(b) that the public interest requires the adoption of regulations governing the issuance, and display of the CNMI license plates and the fee for personalized license plates pursuant to the above referenced statute.

PROPOSED REGULATIONS: These regulations are being adopted pursuant to the emergency provisions of the Commonwealth Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(b). Comments regarding the contents of these regulations may be sent to the Department of Public Safety, Saipan, MP. 96950 within thirty (30) days.

AUTHORITY: The Director, Department of Public Safety, is authorized to adopt and issue regulations under 9 CMC § 1204(b).

DATE EFFECTIVE These regulations shall become effective upon filing with the Registrar of Corporations and shall remain in effect for a period of one-hundred and twenty (120) days.

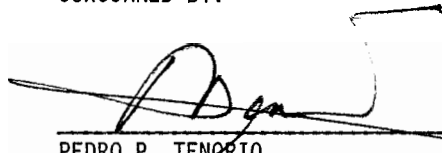
CERTIFIED BY:



EDWARD MANIBUSAN
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DATED: May 10, 1988

CONCURRED BY:



PEDRO P. TENORIO
GOVERNOR

DATED: 5/18/88



SOLEDAD B. SASAMOTO
REGISTRAR OF CORPORATIONS

DATED: 5-19-88

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

<BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES>

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 101 : LICENSE PLATES

- A. Upon registering a vehicle, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Bureau of Motor Vehicles [BMV] shall issue to the owner two (2) license plates. One (1) plate shall be attached to the rear of the motor vehicle and one (1) plate shall be attached to the front of the motor vehicle. These plates shall be kept clean and the numbers must be visible from a distance of fifty (50) feet. Such plates shall identify the vehicles for which they are issued for the period of their validity.
- B. Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued together with the word "CNMI" and the year number for which it is issued or a suitable device issued by the DPS BMV for validation purposes, which device shall contain the year number for which issued.
- C. License plates shall be rectangular in shape and such size as the Director DPS may determine. Upon originally registering a vehicle and an annual re-registration of such vehicles the Bureau shall issue to the owner suitable plates or devices indicating such annual registration which shall be attached to the vehicle as provided in this Regulations.
- D. The Department shall also issue such plates as applied for which shall have displayed thereon the general distinguishing number assigned to the applicant. Each plate or pair of plates so issued shall also contain a number or symbol identifying the same from every other plate or pair of plates bearing a like general distinguishing number.

- F. Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a minimum distance of twelve (12) inches from the ground in a position to be clearly visible. Every license plate shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.

SECTION 102 : LICENSE PLATES ; GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

In carrying out the issuance of license plates pursuant to the provisions of 9 CMC § 2, the Director DPS shall issue special licenses bearing the following designations to the following officials of the CNMI government for use on their privately-owned vehicles, or to those persons expressly authorized by the Director of Public Safety.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>PLATE DESIGNATION</u>
Governor	Governor
Lieutenant Governor	Lieutenant Governor
Senate President	Senate President
Speaker	Speaker
Senators	Senator
House of Representatives	House of Representatives
Judges	Judge
Washington Representative	Washington Representative
Mayor	Mayor

The foregoing licenses shall be issued to those entitled thereto upon their assumption of the office in question. Such licenses shall be surrendered to the BMV upon their removal from said office for any cause. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as authorizing the waiver of the local registration and licensing requirements for such vehicles and their respective owners nor of preventing the issuance of special CNMI plates to the official government-owned vehicles assigned to any public officer.

SECTION 103 : PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES

- A. Application. Any person who is the registered owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle or trailer registered with the DPS BMV or who makes application for an original registration or renewal registration of any such vehicle may, upon payment of the fee prescribed in 9 CMC, §2104 apply to the DPS BMV for personalized license plates in the manner prescribed in § 2101 which plates shall be affixed to the passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle or trailer for which registration is sought in lieu of the regular license plates.
- B. Color and Design. The personalized license plates shall be the same color and design as regular passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle or trailer license plates, and shall consist of numbers or letters, or any combination thereof not exceeding seven (7) positions provided that there are no conflicts with existing passenger, commercial, trailer, motorcycle or with the provisions of this chapter.
- C. Personalized License Plates: Defined. "Personalized license plates", as used in the Section means license plates that have displayed upon them the registration number assigned to the passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle or trailer for which such registration number was issued in a combination of letters and/or numbers, as applied for by the owner or lessee of the vehicle.
- D. Issuance. Personalized license plates shall be issued only to the registered owner or lessee of the vehicle on which they are to be displayed.
- E. Form and Date of Application: Letters and Numbers. An applicant for issuance of personalized license plates or renewal of such plates in the subsequent year pursuant to this Section shall file an application therefore in such form and by such date as the DPS BMV may require indicating thereon the combination of letters and/or numbers requested as a registration number. There shall be no duplication of registration numbers, nor of personalized license plates.
- F. Transfer Fee. Whenever any person who has been issued personalized license plates applies to the DPS BMV for transfer of such plates to another passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle or trailer, a transfer fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be imposed in addition to all other appropriate fees.

G. Transfer or Surrender of Plates. When any person who has been issued personalized license plates sells, trades or otherwise releases ownership of the vehicle upon which the personalized license plates have been displayed, he shall immediately report the transfer of such plates to an acquired passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle or trailer pursuant to 9CMC § 2103 or he shall surrender such plates to the DPS BMV forthwith.

H. License Plates: Devices in Lieu of. The DPS Chief of BMV may issue one (1) or more stickers or other suitable devices in lieu of the license plates provided under this Regulation.

SECTION 104 : DEALER(S)

A. A dealer or distributor owning any vehicle of a type otherwise required to be registered under 9 CMC § 2 may operate or move such vehicle upon the highways solely for the purpose of testing, demonstrating, repairing, delivering, servicing, storing or selling such vehicle without registering it upon conditions that there be displayed on the vehicle a special plate or plates issued to such owner.

B. A dealer or distributor applying for a special dealer plate or plates shall make written application to the Department of Public Safety setting forth such information, and accompanied by such proof of his status as a bona fide dealer or distributor as may reasonably be required by the Department.

C. Upon granting any application, the Department shall issue to the applicant a certificate listing the dealer plate or plates assigned to the applicant. Dealer plate or plates shall be numbered in a separate numerical series and bear a suitable mark or symbol. Such plate or plates shall be used only for the purpose described herein.

D. Every license plate shall remain attached during the period of its validity to the vehicle for which it is issued except as otherwise permitted by law with reference to special plates issued to a dealer or distributor, and except plates issued for vehicles which are exempt from payment or registration fees, or plates which bear other distinguishing marks or symbols when such vehicles are no longer entitled to plates bearing distinguishing marks or symbols. This Subsection shall not apply to plates which the Department has ordered to be surrendered or transferred to another vehicle or removed.

- E. The Director of Public Safety shall take possession of any vehicle which has a license plate or special plate attached thereto, which license plate or special plate was not issued for such vehicle. Such license plate or special, unless shown to have been stolen, shall be revoked by the Director of Public Safety. The vehicle shall be returned to its owner after the payment of all fees and penalties provided for by this 9 CMC § 2 and payment has been received by the Director of Public Safety for any and all costs incurred for the taking into possession and storage of the vehicle.

SECTION 105 : FEES

- A. Payments for registration fees and license plates may be made by the applicant's personal or company check or U. S. Postal Service Money Order or cash which shall be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer and may be mailed to the Department of Finance, CNMI Treasurer.
- B. Fees. Registration fees shall be paid to the Director of Finance, through the Division of Revenue and Taxation, corresponding to the itemized fee schedule pursuant to 9 CMC § 2104.
- C. Additional fee schedule. The following specialized registration and license plate charges shall apply as expressly authorized by the Director of Public Safety. These charges are in addition to fees provided for under 9 CMC § 2104.

Personalized	\$ 75.00
Sample (Collector's Plate)	\$ 75.00

- D. All motor vehicles used for commercial purposes shall pay a fee (s) in addition to those provided for in 9 CMC § 2104 as follows:

Taxi	\$ 25.00
Dealer	\$200.00
Trailers and Low Boys	\$ 25.00
Trucks	\$100.00
Buses	\$ 25.00

"Commercial motor vehicle shall be defined as those vehicles operated primarily for business and/or industry as contrasted with a personal, pleasure or family vehicle.

- E. All new registrations or renewals issued under 9 CMC § 2101 shall expire one (1) year from the original date of registration at midnight. Upon application to the DPS BMV and payment of the fee(s) provided for in 9 CMC and these regulations, the person to whom any such plate was issued may obtain a new plate or device, as specified by the Director of Public Safety, indicating registration for the coming year.
- F. Transfers by operation of law. Whenever the title or interest of an owner in or to a registered vehicle shall pass to another otherwise than by voluntary transfer, the registration shall expire and the vehicle shall not be operated upon the highways unless an until the person entitled to possession of such vehicle shall apply for and obtain the registration thereof.
- G. Certificate of loss, etc. Whenever application is made to the DPS BMV for a transfer or registration of a vehicle to a new owner or legal owner and the applicant is unable to present the certificate of ownership or registration card issued for such a vehicle by reason of the same being lost or otherwise not available, the Department may receive such application and investigate the circumstances of the case and may require the filing of affidavits or other information, and when the Department is satisfied that the applicant is entitled to a transfer of registration, the Department may transfer the registration of such vehicle, or re-register such vehicle under a new registration number, and issue a new certificate of ownership and registration card to the person or persons found to be entitled thereto.
- H. Penalty. A penalty fee will be charged for those motor vehicles operating on the highway(s) whose registration has expired in **excess** of ten (10) working days. The penalty fee for expired registrations will be \$50.00.

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