# MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Source: Miss. Code Ann §73-2-7

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| Application for Initial Registration      | 125.00 |
| Application by Reciprocity                | 350.00 |
| Biennial Renewal                          | 200.00 |
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  - B. for electronic or digital documents transmitted to others in their native file format (e.g., AutoCAD, Revit, Word, or Excel), a digital signature with an electronic authentication process attached to or logically associated with the document. The digital signature must be as follows:
    - 1. unique to the person using it; and
    - 2. capable of verification; and
    - 3. under the sole control of the person using it; and
    - 4. linked to a document in such a manner that the digital signature is invalidated if any data in the document is changed.
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Subject to the requirements of this rule, rubber stamp, transparent self-adhesive seals, or computer generated types may be used. Such stamps and seals shall not include the registrant's signature and date of execution.

- 1.11.4 Any portion of working drawings or plans prepared by registered consultants shall bear the seal and signature of the consultant responsible.
- 1.11.5 No registrant shall affix his/her seal or signature to documents having titles or identities excluding the registrant's name unless:
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  - B. the registrant has exercised full authority to determine their development.

# Commentary on Sealing Requirements:

When produced by a landscape architect, or under the direct supervision and responsible control of a landscape architect, all plans and specifications submitted for bidding or permit purposes must be sealed by a landscape architect licensed in Mississippi.

Source: Miss. Code Ann §§73-2-15 & 16(2)(a)

Rule 1.13 Licensure of Members of the Military, Spouses and Dependents of Members of the Military, and Persons Who Establish Residence in This State.

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  - 1. The applicant has been awarded a military occupational specialty in landscape architecture, completed a military program of training, completed testing or equivalent training and experience, and performed in the occupational specialty; or
  - 2. The applicant holds a current and valid license to practice landscape architecture in another state, has held this license from the occupational licensing board in the other state for at least one (1) year, and, in the case of a person who establishes residence in this state, there were minimum education requirements and, if applicable, work experience and examination requirements in effect, and the other state verifies that the applicant met those requirements in order to be licensed in that state; and
  - 3. The applicant has not committed any act in the other state that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of a license to practice landscape architecture in Mississippi at the time the act was committed, the occupational licensing board in the other state holds the applicant in good standing, and the applicant does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the Committee under Mississippi law; and
  - 4. The applicant did not surrender a license because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's landscape architectural work in another state; and

- 5. The applicant does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending before an occupational licensing board or other board in another state that relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime. If the applicant has a complaint, allegation or investigation pending, the Committee shall not issue or deny a license to the applicant until the complaint, allegation or investigation is resolved, or the applicant otherwise satisfies the criteria for licensure in Mississippi to the satisfaction of the Committee; and
- 6. The applicant pays all applicable fees in Mississippi.
- B. Notwithstanding any other law or the Rules and Regulations of the Board, the Committee shall issue a license to an applicant who is a member of the military, an applicant who is married to or is a dependent of a member of the military, or a person who establishes residence in this state upon application based on work experience in another state, if all the following apply:
  - 1. The applicant worked in a state that does not use a license, certificate, or registration to regulate landscape architecture; and
  - 2. The applicant worked for at least three (3) years in the practice of landscape architecture; and
  - 3. The applicant satisfies the provisions of paragraphs (3) through (6) of subsection (A) of this rule.
- C. To demonstrate the above requirements, applicants shall furnish the following documents to the Committee:
  - 1. Applicants awarded a military occupational specialty in landscape architecture shall provide:
    - a. proof that the applicant is a member of the military or a military spouse or dependent; and
    - an official CLARB Council Certificate and Record or official military documents describing the content, nature, and requirements of the military training program in landscape architecture and evidence of the applicant completing and passing such program; and
    - c. a sworn statement or statements by superior officers of the applicant attesting that the applicant has satisfactorily engaged in the active practice of landscape architecture in the military; and
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    - e. official military documents showing that the applicant received an honorable discharge from the military (if applicable); and
    - f. other documentation consistent with *Miss. Code Ann.* §73-50-1 which may be requested by the Committee to verify the applicant's training and experience.
  - 2. Applicants holding a current and valid license in another state shall provide:

- a. proof that the applicant is a member of the military or a military spouse or dependent; or
- b. proof of residency in Mississippi, to be demonstrated by one (1) of the following:
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  - 2. Current Mississippi residential utility bill with the applicant's name and address; or
  - 3. Documentation of the applicant's current ownership, or current lease of a residence in Mississippi; or
  - 4. Documentation of current in-state employment or notarized letter of promise of employment of the applicant or his or her spouse; or
  - 5. Any verifiable documentation demonstrating Mississippi residency.
- c. an official CLARB Council Certificate and Record, or an official record from the state of licensure, describing the applicant's qualifications and verifying completion of the state's education, experience, and examination requirements; and
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- D. The Committee shall issue or deny the license to an applicant who is a member of the military, an applicant who is married to or is a dependent of a member of the military, or a person who establishes residence in this state, within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving an application. If the application requires longer than two (2) weeks to process, the Committee shall issue a temporary practice permit within thirty (30) days

after receiving the application if the applicant submits an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, affirming that he or she satisfies the provisions of this rule. The applicant may practice under the temporary permit until a license is granted, or until a notice to deny the license is issued. A temporary license will expire in three hundred sixty-five (365) days after its issuance if the applicant fails to satisfy the requirements for licensure in this rule.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §§73-2-11, 73-50-1, and 73-50-2

# Part 202 Chapter 3: Disciplinary Guidelines; Range of Penalties; Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances

# Rule 3.1 Disciplinary Guidelines.

The Committee shall follow the disciplinary procedures in the Rules and Regulations of the Mississippi State Board of Architecture (Title 30, Part 201, Chapter 5), to the extent that such Rules and Regulations are consistent with the Laws, Rules, and Regulations for landscape architects specifically excepting that any discipline to be imposed against a landscape architect shall be governed by the disciplinary guidelines set forth in Title 30, Part 202, Chapter 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee.

The Board sets forth below a range of disciplinary guidelines from which disciplinary penalties will be imposed upon practitioners guilty of violating the Law and Rules of the Board. The purpose of the disciplinary guidelines is to give notice to licensees of the range of penalties which will normally be imposed upon violations of particular provisions of the law. The disciplinary guidelines are based upon a single count violation of each provision listed. Multiple counts of violations of the same provision of the law or the rules promulgated thereto, or other unrelated violations contained in the same administrative complaint will be grounds for enhancement of penalties, i.e., suspension, revocation, etc., including lesser penalties, i.e., fine, probation, or reprimand which may be included in the final penalty at the Board's discretion. The following disciplinary guidelines shall be followed by the Board in imposing disciplinary penalties upon licensees for violation of the above mentioned statutes and rules:

| A. | Failure to stamp plans   | 1.11.2   | Reprimand and \$250 fine                             |
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| B. | Failure to superimpose signature   | 1.11.3   | Reprimand and \$250 fine                             |
|    | and/or date of execution over stamp  |          |  |
| C. | Providing work not competent to perform  | 2.2.3    | Reprimand and \$1,000 fine                           |
| D. | "Plan Stamping"  | 2.6.2    | Reprimand and \$1,000 fine                           |
| E. | Attempting to procure license by providing   | §73-2-16 | Revocation and \$1,000 fine                          |
|    | false, deceptive or misleading information   |          | (denial of license if                                |
|    |  |          | application in process)                              |
| F. | Licensee disciplined by another jurisdiction   | 2.5.4    | Committee discretion                                 |
| G. | Conviction by any court of a felony relating<br>to landscape architecture, except conviction<br>of culpable negligent manslaughter, in which<br>case the record of conviction shall be | §73-2-16 | 1 year suspension, 2 year probation and \$1,000 fine |
|    | conclusive evidence  |          |  |

| J. Practice on revoked license \$73-2-16 Fine based on length of time in practice while revoked                          | <ul><li>H. Practice on suspended license</li><li>I. Practice on inactive license</li></ul> | §73-2-16<br>§73-2-16 | Revocation and \$1,000 fine<br>Fine based on length of time<br>in practice while inactive;<br>penalty will require licensee<br>to renew license or cease<br>practice |
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D. The Committee shall issue or deny the license to an applicant who is a member of the military, or a person who establishes residence in this state, within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving an application. If the application requires longer than two (2) weeks to process, the Committee shall issue a temporary practice permit within thirty (30) days after receiving the application if the applicant submits an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, affirming that he or she satisfies the provisions of this rule. The applicant may practice under the temporary permit until a license is granted, or until a notice to deny the license is issued. A temporary license will expire in three hundred sixty-five (365) days after its issuance if the applicant fails to satisfy the requirements for licensure in this rule.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §§73-2-11, and 73-50-1, and 73-50-2

# Part 202 Chapter 3: Disciplinary Guidelines; Range of Penalties; Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances

## Rule 3.1 Disciplinary Guidelines.

The Committee shall follow the disciplinary procedures in the Rules and Regulations of the Mississippi State Board of Architecture (Title 30, Part 201, Chapter 5), to the extent that such Rules and Regulations are consistent with the Laws, Rules, and Regulations for landscape architects specifically excepting that any discipline to be imposed against a landscape architect shall be governed by the disciplinary guidelines set forth in Title 30, Part 202, Chapter 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee.

The Board sets forth below a range of disciplinary guidelines from which disciplinary penalties will be imposed upon practitioners guilty of violating the Law and Rules of the Board. The purpose of the disciplinary guidelines is to give notice to licensees of the range of penalties which will normally be imposed upon violations of particular provisions of the law. The disciplinary guidelines are based upon a single count violation of each provision listed. Multiple counts of violations of the same provision of the law or the rules promulgated thereto, or other unrelated violations contained in the same administrative complaint will be grounds for enhancement of penalties, i.e., suspension, revocation, etc., including lesser penalties, i.e., fine, probation, or reprimand which may be included in the final penalty at the Board's discretion. The following disciplinary guidelines shall be followed by the Board in imposing disciplinary penalties upon licensees for violation of the above mentioned statutes and rules:

| A. | Failure to stamp plans                       | 1.11.2   | Reprimand and \$250 fine    |
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| B. | Failure to superimpose signature             | 1.11.3   | Reprimand and \$250 fine    |
|    | and/or date of execution over stamp          |          |                             |
| C. | Providing work not competent to perform      | 2.2.3    | Reprimand and \$1,000 fine  |
| D. | "Plan Stamping"                              | 2.6.2    | Reprimand and \$1,000 fine  |
| E. | Attempting to procure license by providing   | §73-2-16 | Revocation and \$1,000 fine |
|    | false, deceptive or misleading information   |          | (denial of license if       |
|    |  |          | application in process)     |
| F. | Licensee disciplined by another jurisdiction | 2.5.4    | Committee discretion        |

| G. Conviction by any court of a felony relating to landscape architecture, except conviction of culpable negligent manslaughter, in which case the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence | §73-2-16        | 1 year suspension, 2 year probation and \$1,000 fine  |
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| H. Practice on suspended license   | §73-2-16        | Revocation and \$1,000 fine   |
| I. Practice on inactive license  | §73-2-16        | Fine based on length of time in practice while inactive; penalty will require licensee to renew license or cease practice |
| J. Practice on revoked license   | §73-2-16        | Fine based on length of time in practice while revoked  |
| K. False, deceptive or misleading advertising  | §73-2-16        | Cease and desist letter   |
| L. Fraudulent advertising  | §73-2-16        | Public Reprimand, \$1,000 fine and 1 year probation   |
| M. Negligence  | §73-2-16        | Reprimand, 2 years probation and \$1,000 fine   |
| N. Fraud or Deceit   | §73-2-16        | Reprimand, 1 year suspension, 2 years probation   |
| O. Incompetence (mental or physical impairment)  | 2.2.4           | and \$1,000 fine<br>Suspension until ability to<br>practice proved, followed by<br>probation                              |
| P. Bribery to obtain clients or commissions  | 2.5.3           | Revocation and \$1,000 fine   |
| Q. Undisclosed conflict of interest  | §73-2-16<br>2.3 | Reprimand, \$1,000 fine and 2 years probation   |
| R. Aiding unlicensed practice  | Rule 2.5.2      | Reprimand and \$1,000 Fine  |
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The Committee shall be able to deviate from the above-mentioned guidelines upon a showing of aggravating or mitigating circumstances by clear and convincing evidence presented to the Board prior to the imposition of final penalty.

The Committee shall also have the right to collect any legal and/or administrative charges incurred by the agency during the course of the investigation.