

Manufactured Structures Section

2008 Legislation Effecting Manufactured Housing

The 2008 Minnesota Legislature passed legislation that impacts the manufactured housing industry, licensing manufactured home installers, and the installation of manufactured homes.

Installer license renewal

- Manufactured home installer license renewal: Licenses issued or renewed after December 31, 2008, shall have a renewal period of three years. (MS 326.97 subdivision 1 a)
- Manufactured home installer licensing fees shall be \$300 for the three period. (MS 326.86 subdivision 1)

Manufactured home licensed installers and plumbing connections

- Manufactured home installers licensed as per licensing section 326.84 subdivision 1 and manufactured home installer as defined in section 327.31 subdivision 11, are not required to be licensed in accordance with sections 326B.42 to 326B.49 when connecting the exterior building drain sewer outlets to the above ground building sewer system and when connecting the exterior water line to the above ground water system to the manufactured home as described in the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, US Code, title 42, section 5401 et seq. No additional licensure, bond, or insurance related to the scope of work permitted under this subdivision may be required of a licensed manufactured home installer by any unit of government.

Retention of licensing manufactured home dealer's records

- Licensed manufactured home dealers shall maintain for five (5) years copies of all listings, deposit receipts, credit applications, contracts, disclosure forms, concealed checks, trust account records, and other documents reasonably related to carrying on the business of a dealer. This will include the records for installation of the manufactured home when included in the contract by the dealer or a dealers agents. Effective date for change August 1, 2008. (MS 327B.06 subdivision 1)

Parking of a complying manufactured home within the state

- No person may sell, offer for sale, or install for occupancy a manufactured home manufactured after July 1, 1972, which contains a manufactured home construction standards violation. The change to MS 327.32 subdivision 1, allows a home constructed after July 1, 1972, containing a construction code violation to be parked within the state if not being sold, offered for sale, or installed for occupancy. Effective date of change August 1, 2008.

Fees for seals for installation, and replacement construction labels

- Fees for installation seals and replacement construction labels were relocated from Minnesota State Building Code, Chapter 1350.6500 to MS 327.33 subdivisions 2a through 2e. Effective date of changes July 1, 2008.
- MS 327.33 subdivision 2b changed from requiring separate support and anchoring seals at \$8 per seal to one inclusive installation seal at \$80 per seal. Mandated changes to Federal Standards for installation require inspection of all manufactured home installations. Required changes to pricing of seals to include initial inspection costs incurred by the State in areas of Minnesota that do not enforce the building codes. Municipalities adopting in and enforcing the state building code may charge permit fees for required inspection of manufactured home installation within the jurisdiction.