

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
CHAPTER 220-3 FEES AND RENEWALS, RULE 220-3-.04 LATE RENEWAL
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

RULE 220-3-.04 LATE RENEWAL

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTI

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to RULE 220-3-.04 LATE RENEWAL (herein after “proposed rule”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-state-board-registration-foresters>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment at a public hearing to be held at 9:30 a.m., October 27, 2022 in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. If the Board office remains closed due to the public health emergency (COVID-19), the hearing will be held via teleconference. Please see Board’s website for information on how to join the meeting via teleconference.

Interested parties affected by the rule may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on October 20, 2022. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Gabriel Sterling, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Written comments may be faxed to (866) 888-9718.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on January 20, 2022. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the

objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-56, and 43-1-25. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-56, and 43-1-25 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Forestry.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Registration for Foresters. has the authority to adopt proposed Rule 220-3-.04 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 12-6-47, 12-6-56, and 43-1-25.

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For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.



Gabriel Sterling
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: 9/15/22

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