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RULE TRANSMITTAL

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Rule Number 4 CSR 240-125.090

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TYPE OF RULEMAKING ACTION TO BE TAKEN

☐ Emergency Rulemaking __ Rule __ Amendment __ Rescission __ Termination

Effective Date for the Emergency _____

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☐ Rule Action Notice ☐ In Addition ☐ Rule Under Consideration

☐ Request for Non-Substantive Change

☐ Statement of Actual Cost

☒ Order of Rulemaking __ Withdrawal __ Adopt x Amendment __ Rescission

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☐ Statutory 30 days OR Specific date _____

Does the Order of Rulemaking contain changes to the rule text? ☐ NO

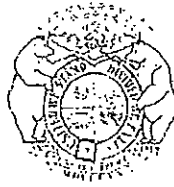
☒ YES—LIST THE SECTIONS WITH CHANGES, including any deleted rule text:

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Dear Chairman Hall:

This office has received your rulemaking for new manufactured homes: 4 CSR 240-120.011; 4 CSR 240-120.031; 4 CSR 240-120.060; 4 CSR 240-120.065; 4 CSR 240-120.070; 4 CSR 240-120.080; 4 CSR 240-120.085; 4 CSR 240-120.090; 4 CSR 240-120.100; 4 CSR 240-120.110; 4 CSR 240-120.120; 4 CSR 240-120.130; and 4 CSR 240-120.140.

This office also has received your rulemaking for pre-owned manufactured homes: 4 CSR 240-121.010; 4 CSR 240-121.020; 4 CSR 240-121.030; 4 CSR 240-121.040; 4 CSR 240-121.050; 4 CSR 240-121.060; and 4 CSR 240-121.180.

This office also has received your rulemaking for modular units: 4 CSR 240-123.010; 4 CSR 240-123.020; 4 CSR 240-123.030; 4 CSR 240-123.040; 4 CSR 240-123.050; 4 CSR 240-123.060; 4 CSR 240-123.065; 4 CSR 240-123.070; 4 CSR 240-123.080; 4 CSR 240-123.090; and 4 CSR 240-123.095.

This office also has received your rulemaking for manufactured home tie-down systems: 4 CSR 240-124.010; 4 CSR 240-124.020; 4 CSR 240-124.030; 4 CSR 240-124.040; 4 CSR 240-124.045; 4 CSR 240-124.050; and 4 CSR 240-124.060.

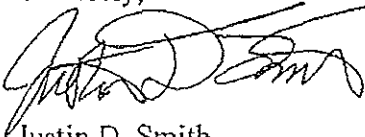
This office also has received your rulemaking for manufactured home installers: 4 CSR 240-125.010; 4 CSR 240-125.020; 4 CSR 240-125.040; 4 CSR 240-125.050; 4 CSR 240-125.060; 4 CSR 240-125.070; and 4 CSR 240-125.090.

This office also has received your rulemaking for the manufactured housing consumer recovery fund: 4 CSR 240-126.010 and 4 CSR 240-126.020.

Finally, this office has received your rulemaking for manufactured homes and modular units, 4 CSR 240-127.010.

Executive Order 17-03 requires this office's approval before state agencies release proposed regulations for notice and comment, amend existing regulations, or adopt new regulations. After our review of this rulemaking, we approve the rules' submission to JCAR and the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin D. Smith", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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Re: 4 CSR 240-125.090 Dispute Resolution

Dear Secretary Ashcroft,

CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

I do hereby certify that the attached is an accurate and complete copy of the order of rulemaking lawfully submitted by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Statutory Authority: section 700.689, RSMo 2016.

If there are any questions regarding the content of this order of rulemaking, please contact:

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**Title 4 – DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Division 240 – Public Service Commission
Chapter 125 – Manufactured Home Installers**

ORDER OF RULEMAKING

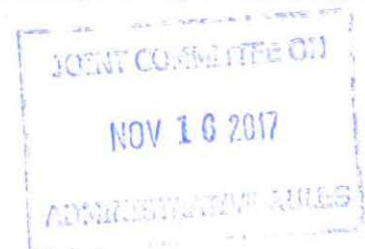
By the authority vested in the Public Service Commission under section 700.040, RSMo 2016, the commission amends a rule as follows:

4 CSR 240-125.090 is amended.

A notice of proposed rulemaking containing the proposed amendment was published in the *Missouri Register* on August 15, 2017 (42 MoReg 1192). Changes to the proposed amendment are reprinted here. This proposed amendment becomes effective thirty (30) days after publication in the *Code of State Regulations*.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS: The public comment period ended September 15, 2017, and the commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendment on September 22, 2017. The commission received timely written comments regarding this rule from seven manufactured housing industry representatives including: Thomas Hagar, Executive Director, Missouri Manufactured Housing Association (MMHA); Bryan Crump, Cedar Creek Homes; Daniel Ferrell, MMHA; Timothy L. DeVine, Your Home Center L.L.C.; Jamie Smith, Managing Partner/General Manager, Clayton Homes of Lebanon, and Vice-President-Board of Directors of MMHA; Tony Taylor, Gifford Homes, Inc.; and the MMHA. The commission also received timely written comments from the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (staff). At the public hearing testimony was received from five commenters: Mark Johnson, Staff Counsel representing staff; Rich AuBuchon, an attorney representing MMHA; Bryan Crump; Jamie Smith; and Tom Hagar. In addition, staff offered the written comment of Missouri Senator Sandy Crawford which was received after the comment period closed but prior to the hearing. The industry representatives and Senator Crawford opposed many of the proposed amendments on the grounds that they would be burdensome on the manufactured housing industry. Staff explained the reason for the amendments and generally supported those amendments. However, staff also proposed additional significant changes to the rules.

COMMENT #1: Mr. Hagar made a general written comment regarding the amendments proposed to the entire package of manufactured housing rules. He expressed concern that the date set for the hearing did not allow the MMHA members sufficient time to review and prepare comments on the rule amendments. Mr. Hagar requested the hearing be delayed.



RESPONSE: The date for the hearing had already been published in the *Missouri Register* when the comment was received, and could not be postponed. Members of the MMHA participated in the hearing and filed written comments.

COMMENT #2: Mr. AuBuchon commented at the hearing on behalf of the MMHA. Mr. Crump and Mr. Smith commented at the hearing that they agreed with Mr. AuBuchon's comments. Mr. AuBuchon gave general comments about and a history of the rulemaking process for all the manufactured housing rules that are being simultaneously promulgated with this rule. Mr. AuBuchon also made suggestions about how the commission could have communicated better with the industry.

RESPONSE: The comments of the manufactured housing industry representatives are appreciated by the commission. However, because the process was completed in accordance with the statutory requirements and the comments were general in nature, no changes to the rules were made as a result of these general comments. The comments specific to other manufactured housing rules are addressed in the context of those rules.

COMMENT #3: Senator Crawford, Mr. Smith, Mr. AuBuchon, Mr. Crump, Mr. Ferrell, Mr. Taylor, and the MMHA opposed changing the imposition of fees for not complying with the statutes and regulations from discretionary to mandatory. The commenters stated that this change was too harsh and was unnecessary. The commenters stated that the industry had a few bad actors that needed to have regulatory fees applied, but the majority of the industry operated within the requirements and were upstanding businesses. Several of the commenters cited to a reduction in consumer complaints since training and licensing for home installers has been implemented in Missouri in 2009.

RESPONSE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: The commission determines that the enforcement actions and fees should not be automatic or mandatory in nature. Rather, the filing of complaints should be carried out only after the manager has consulted with the staff director. Therefore, the commission has further amended section (7).

COMMENT #4: Staff filed comments generally supporting the amendments, but also suggested some changes due to input from the industry and due to Executive Order 17-03. Staff explained the reason for the original proposed amendments was to add a process for staff counsel to send a letter to all responsible parties if repairs were not completed by the deadline and then a process for automatically filing a formal complaint. After meeting with industry representatives and considering their comments and considering Executive Order 17-03, staff recommended revising section (7) to make the filing of a complaint discretionary after the manager consults with the staff director.

RESPONSE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: In consideration of the comments of staff in conjunction with the comments of the industry representatives, the commission finds that the rule should be further amended. The commission finds that the filing of a

complaint should not be automatic or mandatory in nature but should be discretionary and only after the manager consults with the staff director. Therefore, the commission has further amended section (7).

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(7) If the repairs are not completed by the original or duly-extended deadline, the manager, after consultation with the commission staff director, may file a formal complaint with the commission.