BEFORE THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY STATE OF MONTANA

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TO: All Concerned Persons

- 1. On January 31, 2020, the Board of Architects and Landscape Architects (board) published MAR Notice No. 24-114-38 regarding the public hearing on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules, at page 167 of the 2020 Montana Administrative Register, Issue No. 2.
- 2. On February 27, 2020, a public hearing was held on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules in Helena. Two comments were received by the February 28, 2020 deadline.
- 3. The board has thoroughly considered the comments received. A summary of the comments and the board responses are as follows:
- <u>COMMENT 1</u>: A commenter supported the proposed amendments to the documentation requirements for applicants registered in another state.

<u>RESPONSE 1</u>: The board appreciates all comments received during the rulemaking process.

<u>COMMENT 2</u>: One commenter opposed the amendments to ARM 24.114.503, stating that out-of-state applicants should be able to provide their own licensing data rather than giving NCARB an unfair advantage by requiring that applicants pay NCARB to transmit this information.

<u>RESPONSE 2</u>: Currently, Montana requires all applicants registered in other states to hold a current NCARB certificate and request that NCARB provide that documentation. The board concluded that requiring these applicants also obtain verification from each licensure state is redundant. The change will eliminate the time and expense to the applicant in securing that duplicative documentation.

4. The board has amended ARM 24.114.503 and 24.114.1404 exactly as proposed.

BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS DALE NELSON, PRESIDENT

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Certified to the Secretary of State April 21, 2020.