Summary Information on Legal Authority for Inspection Fees Charged on Renewal and Preneed Contract Fees Charged on Contract Sale[1]

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Statutory Authority re Setting Fees: Section 497.140, F.S. - Board sets by rule, not to exceed statutory cap.
Research Info: Generally, 1997 is earliest year statutes and rules are available online. No research conducted on changes occurring prior to those years (unless available online).

		LEGISLATIVE AND RULE HISTORY REGARDING FEES								SUMMARY POSSIBLE INCREASES - FOCUSING ONLY ON RENEWALS					
Type of Fee/Charge	**Number of active licenses as of 7/6/2023**	**Applicable Statute**	**Current Maximum Authority per Statute - ANNUAL CHARGE**	**Maximum Charge Last Changed Per Statute History**	**Info re Maximum Charge Change - ANNUAL CHARGE**	**Applicable Rule**	**Current Charge Per Rule On Renewal - ANNUAL CHARGE**	**Fees Last Changed by Rule**	**Info re Rule Fee Change**	**AMOUNT ALLOWED BY STATUTE ON RENEWAL (ALL ON BIENNIAL BASIS)**	**AMOUNT CURRENTLY CHARGED PER RULE & PRACTICE ON BIENNIAL RENEWAL**	**DIFFERENCE**	**ASSUME SAME NUMBER OF LICENSEES AS 7/6/2023**	**POSSIBLE ANNUAL INCREASE**	**POSSIBLE BIENNIAL INCREASE**
Inspection Fees - Cemeteries[2]	169	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	169	$0	$0
Inspection Fees - Centralized embalming facility	15	497.385(2)(g)	$300	2005	Changed from $100 to $300 (statute changed from 470.0301 in 2005)	69K-24.040	$225	2009	Decreased annual charge from $255 to $225	$600	$450	$150	15	$0	$2,250
Inspection Fees - Cinerator facility	211	497.606(9)(c)	$300	2005	Changed from $100 to $300 (statute changed from 470.025 in 2005)	69K-22.003	$225	2006	Increased annual charge from $100 to $225	$600	$450	$150	211	$0	$31,650
Inspection Fees - Direct disposal establishment	92	497.604(9)(c)	$300	2005	Changed from $100 to $300 (statute changed from 470.021 in 2005)	69K-23.004	$225	2009	Increased annual charge from $100 to $225	$600	$450	$150	92	$0	$13,800
Inspection Fees - Funeral establishment	907	497.380(11)	$300	2005	Changed from $100 to $300 (statute changed from 470.024 in 2005)	69K-21.004	$225	2009	Increased annual charge from $100 to $225	$600	$450	$150	907	$0	$136,050
Inspection Fees - Monument establishment, builder	10	497.553(1)	$300	2005	Changed from unspecified amount to be set by rule to $300	69K-12.011	$225	2009	Increased annual charge from $100 to $225	$600	$450	$150	10	$0	$1,500
Inspection Fees - Monument establishment, retailer	76	497.550; 497.553(1)	$300	2021	Monument establishment retailers became subject to annual inspections in 2021	69K-12.011	$225	2021	2021 - Monument establishment retailers became subject to annual inspections at $225 annually	$600	$450	$150	76	$0	$11,400
Inspection Fees - Refrigeration facility	7	497.385(1)(f)	$300	2005	Changed from $100 to $300 (statute changed from 470.0301 in 2005)	69K-24.030	$225	2009	Increased annual charge from $100 to $225	$600	$450	$150	7	$0	$1,050
Inspection Fees - Removal facility	95	497.385(1)(f)	$300	2005	Changed from $100 to $300 (statute changed from 470.0301 in 2005)	69K-24.020	$225	2009	Increased annual charge from $100 to $225	$600	$450	$150	95	$0	$14,250
Total Licenses	1,582											**TOTALS**	**1,582**	**$0**	**$211,950**

PRENEED CONTRACT FEES (PAID QUARTERLY)	**Number Contracts Sold FY22-23**	**Applicable Statute**	**Current Maximum Authority per Statute - ANNUAL CHARGE**	**Maximum Charge Last Changed Per Statute History**	**Info re Maximum Charge Change**	**Applicable Rule**	**Current Charge Per Rule On Renewal - ANNUAL CHARGE**	**Fees Last Changed by Rule**	**Info re Rule Fee Change**	**AMOUNT ALLOWED BY STATUTE**	**AMOUNT CURRENTLY CHARGED PER RULE & PRACTICE**	**DIFFERENCE**	**ASSUME SAME NUMBER OF PRENEED CONTRACTS SOLD AS IN FY22-23**	**POSSIBLE ANNUAL INCREASE**	
Preneed Contract Fees - per contract charges	123,282														
.....Payable to Regulatory Trust Fund ("RTF") - used for operational funding		497.453(6)	$10	2000	Increased from $5 to $10 (statute changed from 497.407(12) to 497.453 in 2005)	69K-5.0024(2)	$6	2009	Increased from $4 to $6	$10	$6	$4	123,282	**$493,128**	
.....Payable to Preneed Funeral Contract Consumer Protection Trust Fund ("CPTF")		497.456	$2.50 to $10 total, depending upon price of contract and how the contract is funded	Irrelevant to operational funding issues		69K-10.003	$1	Irrelevant to operational funding issues		Irrelevant to operational funding issues					

[1]FEES SHOWN HERE ONLY INCLUDE CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES PAID WITH RENEWAL OF LICENSE AND THOSE PAID ON SALE OF PRENEED CONTRACTS. THEY DO NOT INCLUDE EXAM FEES (ONLY PAID ON INITIAL LICENSURE) OR ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION FEES. BREAKDOWN ON ALL CHARGES IS INCLUDED IN APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORMS OR ONLINE INFORMATION. FOCUS IS SOLELY ON RENEWAL FEES. REASONS: 1) UNCERTAINTY OF NUMBER OF NEW APPLICATIONS EACH YEAR; 2) INCENTIVE TO KEEP INITIAL FEES LOWER TO ENCOURAGE ENTRY INTO INDUSTRY PROFESSIONS. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE NO CHARGES FOR THE SALE OF AT-NEED CONTRACTS.

[2]CEMETERIES DO NOT HAVE A SEPARATE INSPECTION FEE CHARGED; THE RENEWAL FEES WHICH ARE PAID PER TABLE AND BASED UPON SALES TAKE CARE OF THE INSPECTION COSTS.