

December 10th, 2019

To:

Advanced Communications & Information Technology, Joint Cmte.

Sen. Blake Johnson, Co-chair

Representative Stephen Meeks, Chair

Arkansas Legislative Council Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Chair Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Chair

From:

Yessica Jones, Chair

Information Network of Arkansas Board

Ref:

Act 550 of 2015

A.C.A. 25-27-104 (a)(3)

Pursuant to Act 550 of 2015, I hereby submit the attached report of service authorizations and rates approved this day by the Board of the Information Network of Arkansas.

Signed:

Yessica Jones, Chair

Information Network of Arkansas Board

Information Network of Arkansas

Legislative Report on Fee Changes as Required by Act 550 of 2015

Report for: Q4 2019

For this quarter, there were new fees for new services, as outlined in the attached Electronic Online Service Authorization and Rate Request.

New Services with convenience/user fees launched:	10
Changes to existing fees:	1
New services launched with no fee:	2
Compulsory/Mandatory User Fees:	0

About the Information Network of Arkansas

The Information Network of Arkansas is a public-private partnership formed by legislation in 1995. Arkansas code §25-27-101 establishes INA's mission to expand access to government services and information for citizens and businesses in Arkansas.

Since 1997, INA has developed and supports the ongoing operation of over 800 websites and online services on behalf of 116 Arkansas state government agencies, boards and commissions as well as 103 city and county government entities. Thousands of citizens use its services each year to process over 7 million secure online transactions.

Although INA is primarily funded through fees paid by citizens and businesses who choose to use its value added services, over 60% of services developed and supported by INA do not involve transaction fees.

The contract for management of these services was awarded to the Arkansas Information Consortium, LLC., a subsidiary of NIC, Inc., through a competitive bid process in 1997 and again in 2011. INA's twelve-member board, whose members are appointed by the Governor, is comprised of both public and private sector representatives of key government and business interests and approves all fees charged for these services.

The INA board is represented by the following agencies and user associations:

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Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration

Arkansas Secretary of State

Arkansas Department of Transformation and Shared Services

Arkansas Division of Information Systems

Arkansas Economic Development Commission

Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

User Associations

Independent Insurance Agents Arkansas Society of CPAs

Arkansas Emergency Management Association

Arkansas Bar Association

Arkansas Bankers Association

Arkansas Public Library Association

More information about INA, including a full list of services, can be found online at ina.arkansas.gov. More information about NIC can be found at www.egov.com.



Electronic Online Service Authorization and Rate Request

Date Proposed: December 10, 2019

Request Number: 2019-3

Period: Indefinite

Summary:

Consistent with the Arkansas statutes governing access to public records, the Information Network of Arkansas through its broad authority granted to it by A.C.A. §25-27-101 et seq., the Information Network of Arkansas' Contract No: SP-11-0143, the Network Manager's Proposal of the Arkansas Information Consortium, Inc. and the contract dated July 1, 2011, with any amendments thereto, between the Information Network of Arkansas and the Arkansas Information Consortium, Inc., being so authorized as Network Manager for the Information Network of Arkansas (INA) does request and recommend that the INA Board approve and authorize the Network Manager to create, implement and offer to the public the INA services proposed in this document. In addition, the Network Manager also requests and recommends that the INA Board approve the per record search fees per service offered. It is understood by all parties that the rates requested in this document per service are the maximum allowed and will be published in the INA fee schedule and Service Agreements. The Network Manager reserves the right at its own expense to offer any and all INA services at any rate less than the maximum amount approved in this and any future rate requests.

Request 1: Over the Counter Payments

Benton County Probate Benton Police Department Chicot Solid Waste City of Hartford

In accordance with the authorities cited above, and the interagency agreement between the Information Network of Arkansas and above named agencies, the Network Manager requests and recommends that in lieu of an administration and development fee that INA charges a fee according to the following schedule. This fee will offset the banking expense and the expense associated with application development.

Payment Method	Fee Structure	Fee Paid By
Credit Card	3% + \$1.00	User
E-Check	N/A	User
Subscriber	N/A	N/A

INA Board Action:	Approve	Disapprove		
Comments:				

Request 2: Online & Over the Counter PaymentsCity of Benton

In accordance with the authorities cited above, and the interagency agreement between the Information Network of Arkansas and above named agencies, the Network Manager requests and recommends that in lieu of an administration and development fee that INA charges a fee according to the following schedule. This fee will offset the banking expense and the expense associated with application development.

Payment Method	Fee Structure	Fee Paid By
Credit Card	3% + \$1.00	User
E-Check	\$2	User
Subscriber	N/A	N/A

INA Board Action:	Approve	Disapprove
Comments:		

Request 3: Online Payments

Department of Labor OSHA Safety Class Registration Department of Labor Electrical Class Registration Department of Labor Boiler Class Registration

In accordance with the authorities cited above, and the interagency agreement between the Information Network of Arkansas and above named agencies, the Network Manager requests and recommends that in lieu of an administration and development fee that INA charges a fee according to the following schedule. This fee will offset the banking expense and the expense associated with application development.

Payment Method	Fee Structure	Fee Paid By
Credit Card	3% + \$1.00	User
E-Check	\$3	User
Subscriber	N/A	N/A

INA Board Action:	Approve	Disapprove
omments:		

Request 4: Online Payments - Agency Absorbed

Department of Labor MSHA Safety Training & Education Class Registration Department of Labor MSHA Class Registration

In accordance with the authorities cited above, and the interagency agreement between the Information Network of Arkansas and above named agencies, the Network Manager requests and recommends that in lieu of an administration and development fee that INA charges a fee according to the following schedule. This fee will offset the banking expense and the expense associated with application development.

Payment Method	Fee Structure	Fee Paid By
Credit Card	3% + \$1.00	Agency
E-Check	\$3	Agency
Subscriber	N/A	N/A

INA Board Action:	Approve	Disapprove
Comments:		

Request 5: INA Annual Subscriber Fee

Information Network of Arkansas

In accordance with the authorities cited above, the Network Manager requests and recommends increasing the annual subscription fee for businesses making use of INA's monthly billing payment services from \$95 per year to \$150 per year. This increase in the fee will offset additional staff support and administrative expenses associated with generating and mailing monthly invoices, managing accounts receivable as well as customer service associated with account changes, late payments, suspensions and reactivations.

Payment Method	Fee Structure	Fee Paid By
Credit Card	N/A	N/A
E-Check	N/A	N/A
Subscriber	\$150.00 annually	Subscriber
Comments:	ApproveDisapprove	
Request 6: Approv	val of New Agency Agreement(s)	
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Date: December 10, 2019

Signed: Yessica Jones, Chair

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