

**TITLE 105: NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND
CULTURE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**CHAPTER 105-10
SCHEDULE OF FEES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS**

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*Volume 21, number 2, pages 16459-16571 are misnumbered as volume 20.

Commission Comment: PL 10-5 (effective Mar. 13, 1996), the “Commonwealth Museum Act of 1996,” codified as amended at 2 CMC §§ 4871-4883, creates the Commonwealth Museum of History and Culture as a public corporation under the direction of a Museum Board of Governors. See 2 CMC § 4872. The Board is authorized, among other things, to impose and collect reasonable fees for the use of the museum’s facilities and to view its collections. 2 CMC § 4874(l). 2 CMC § 4874(b) authorizes the Board to adopt rules and regulations as necessary for the exercise of the museum’s powers, performance of its duties and administration of its operations.

Part 001 - General Provisions

§ 105-10-001 Definitions

(a) “Group” - A group is defined as ten or more individuals who have scheduled to view the Museum’s exhibit(s) at a given time during its regular hours of operation.

Modified, 1 CMC § 3806(b), (e).

History: Amdts Adopted 23 Com. Reg. 18805 (Dec. 21, 2001); Amdts Proposed 23 Com. Reg. 18381 (Sept. 24, 2001); Amdts Adopted 21 Com. Reg. 16903 (Aug. 23, 1999); Amdts Proposed 21 Com. Reg. 16775 (May 19, 1999).

Commission Comment: The Commission moved this section to the “general provisions” part to maintain consistency throughout the administrative code. The Commission inserted quotation marks around terms defined.

Part 100 - Schedule of Admission Fees

§ 105-10-101 Schedule of Admission Fees

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(a) Age Group	Admission Fee
(1) Children under 12 years of age	Free
(2) Students age 12 and older with student identification card	\$1.00
(3) Students on pre-scheduled field trips	Free
(4) Adults age 18 and older	\$3.00
(5) Disabled individuals	Free
(6) Group rate (per adult)	\$2.00

(b) The Board of Governors may waive or suspend admission fees for purposes to promote or otherwise benefit the Museum.

History: Amdts Adopted 23 Com. Reg. 18805 (Dec. 21, 2001); Amdts Proposed 23 Com. Reg. 18381 (Sept. 24, 2001); Amdts Adopted 21 Com. Reg. 16903 (Aug. 23, 1999); Amdts Proposed 21 Com. Reg. 16775 (May 19, 1999); Adopted 21 Com. Reg. 16708 (Apr. 19, 1999); Proposed 21 Com. Reg. 16554 (Feb. 19, 1999).

Commission Comment: The original paragraphs were not designated. The Commission designated subsections (a) and (b).

The August 1999 amendments added a new subsection (a)(7). The 2001 amendments deleted former subsection (a)(5), re-designated the remaining subsections accordingly, amended subsections (a)(2) and (a)(4) and added a new subsection (b).

Part 200 - Archaeological Collections Curation Fee

§ 105-10-201 Introduction

The CNMI Museum, as authorized by PL 10-5, § 5 [2 CMC § 4874], per the following policies and schedule, proposes to collect a reasonable fee to defray the considerable expenses borne by the Museum for processing, long term maintenance, and storage of archaeological materials and artifacts.

History: Amdts Adopted 22 Com. Reg. 17590 (Nov. 20, 2000); Amdts Proposed 22 Com. Reg. 17351 (Aug. 18, 2000).

Commission Comment: This section was originally an introduction to the “Archaeological Collections Curation Fee,” codified in this part. The Commission created the section title.

§ 105-10-205 Policies

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(a) The curation fee will apply to only “unsolicited” archaeological/historical collections. Routinely, this means this fee will be only collected from archaeologists/historians/cultural resources specialists/or other responsible parties and agencies, delivering artifacts/collections to the Museum, that were acquired pursuant to permits issued by the CNMI Historic Preservation Officer (HPO).

(b) Donated, purchased, CNMI agency(s) transfers, or other “solicited” artifacts/collections are normally exempt from this fee.

(c) Collections/artifacts for which the curation costs are covered/defrayed by grants, agreements, or other acceptable arrangements, are normally exempt.

(d) In accord with the Museum’s Guidelines & Standards for Submitting an Archaeological Collection, a curation fee will not be collected retroactively and archaeology collections intent to curate agreements, between the Museum and archaeologists/historians/cultural resources specialists/or other responsible parties and agencies, that were properly executed prior to the date of establishment of this fee, are exempt.

Modified, 1 CMC § 3806(f).

History: Amdts Adopted 22 Com. Reg. 17590 (Nov. 20, 2000); Amdts Proposed 22 Com. Reg. 17351 (Aug. 18, 2000).

Commission Comment: The original paragraphs were not designated. The Commission designated subsections (a) through (d).

§ 105-10-210 Curation Fee

(a) Storage/Processing Fee. \$200.00/1 cu. foot is the Museum’s standard, one time, curation/storage/processing fee. This is also the Museum’s minimal fee for collections that require under 1 cu. foot of storage space.

(b) Billing. The Museum will prepare itemized invoices for payment. Invoices are due and payable upon receipt but no later than 30 days from receipt.

History: Amdts Adopted 22 Com. Reg. 17590 (Nov. 20, 2000); Amdts Proposed 22 Com. Reg. 17351 (Aug. 18, 2000).

Commission Comment: The original paragraphs were not designated. The Commission designated subsections (a) and (b).