

1 07 NCAC 13H .0404 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **07 NCAC 13H .0404 NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM FEES; INVENTORY DATA,**
4 **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, AND DATA**

5 (a) Individuals may obtain access to Natural Heritage Program (NHP) data by purchasing a subscription at
6 <https://ncnhde.natureserve.org/> as set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

7 (b) Data subscriptions shall be available in accordance with the following fee schedules:

8 (1) Annual subscription for online project review: six hundred dollars (\$600) per individual user.

9 Annual subscription shall include 12 months of access to reports and maps of rare species, natural
10 areas, and nature preserves related to a user specified geographic location. Reviews conducted by
11 NHP shall not be included with an annual subscription. Access shall last for 12 months from the
12 purchase date of the subscription.

13 (2) Online project review with no annual subscription: one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per project
14 review request. Online project review with no annual subscription shall include a generated map
15 of a rare species, natural community, natural area, and nature preserves for user specified
16 geographic location.

17 (3) Customized environmental review services: sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per hour. Customized
18 environmental review services shall include a report and a map, prepared by NHP of rare species,
19 natural communities, natural areas, and nature preserves related to a user specified geographic
20 location.

21 (4) Electronic Geographic Information Systems (GIS) files of natural heritage element occurrence
22 records: one hundred dollars (\$100) per county, species, or eight digit hydrologic unit code (HUC)
23 established by the U.S. Geological Survey. NHP shall provide updated GIS files upon request for
24 the same county, species, or eight digit HUC for a 12-month period from delivery of the initial
25 GIS files.

26 (5) Biological field surveys: sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per hour. Biological field surveys shall
27 include an observation summary and habitat assessment of maps, rare species, natural
28 communities, natural areas, and nature preserves for the user specified project area.

29 (c) Federal, State, local government, and nonprofit agencies using natural heritage data to establish or manage nature
30 preserves in accordance with this Section shall be exempt from fees set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

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32 History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-135.256; 143B-135.272.