

a county in which agricultural land prices are influenced by the criteria described in section 6205(b)(2) of this title, the Secretary shall use average statewide changes in the State in which the lot is located.

(c) New index

(1) In general

Not later than 10 years after October 11, 2000, the Secretary may select and use an index other than the method of adjustment of a cabin user fee described in subsection (b)(2) of this section to adjust a cabin user fee if the Secretary determines that a different index better reflects change in the value of a lot over time.

(2) Selection process

Before selecting a new index, the Secretary shall—

(A) solicit and consider comments from the public; and

(B) not later than 60 days before the date on which the Secretary makes a final index selection, submit any proposed selection of a new index to—

(i) the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives; and

(ii) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

(d) Limitation

In calculating an annual adjustment to the base cabin user fee as determined by the initial index described in section¹ (b) of this section, the Secretary shall—

(1) limit any annual fee adjustment to an amount that is not more than 5 percent per year when the change in agricultural land values exceeds 5 percent in any 1 year; and

(2) apply the amount of any adjustment that exceeds 5 percent to the annual fee payment for the next year in which the change in the index factor is less than 5 percent.

(Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, § 608, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1019; Pub. L. 108-7, div. F, title III, § 324, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 275.)

AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 108-7 substituted “criteria” for “value influences” and “section 6205(b)(2)” for “section 6205(b)(3)”.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

§ 6208. Payment of cabin user fees

(a) Due date for payment of fees

A cabin user fee shall be prepaid annually by the cabin owner.

(b) Payment of equal or lesser fee

If, in accordance with section 6206 of this title, the Secretary determines that the amount of a new base cabin user fee is equal to or less than the amount of the current base cabin user fee, the Secretary shall require payment of the new

base cabin user fee by the cabin owner in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Payment of greater fee

If, in accordance with section 6206 of this title, the Secretary determines that the amount of a new base cabin user fee is greater than the amount of the current base cabin user fee, the Secretary shall—

(1) require full payment of the new base cabin user fee in the first year following completion of the fee determination procedure if the increase in the amount of the new base cabin user fee is not more than 100 percent of the current base cabin user fee; or

(2) phase in the increase over the current base cabin user fee in approximately equal increments over 3 years if the increase in the amount of the new base cabin user fee is more than 100 percent of the current base cabin user fee.

(Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, § 609, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1020.)

§ 6209. Right of second appraisal

(a) Right of second appraisal

On receipt of notice from the Secretary of the determination of a new base cabin user fee, the cabin owner—

(1) not later than 60 days after the date on which the notice is received, may notify the Secretary of the intent of the cabin owner to obtain a second appraisal; and

(2) may obtain, within 1 year following the date of receipt of the notice under this subsection, at the expense of the cabin owner, a second appraisal of the typical lot on which the initial appraisal was conducted.

(b) Conduct of second appraisal

In conducting a second appraisal, the appraiser selected by the cabin owner shall—

(1) have qualifications equivalent to the appraiser that conducted the initial appraisal in accordance with section 6205(a)(4) of this title;

(2) use the appraisal guidelines used in the initial appraisal in accordance with section 6205(a)(5) of this title;

(3) consider all relevant factors in accordance with this chapter (including guidelines developed under section 6205(a)(3) of this title); and

(4) notify the Secretary of any material differences of fact or opinion between the initial appraisal conducted by the agency and the second appraisal.

(c) Request for reconsideration of base cabin user fee

A cabin owner shall submit to the Secretary any request for reconsideration of the base cabin user fee, based on the results of the second appraisal, not later than 60 days after the receipt of the report for the second appraisal.

(d) Reconsideration of base cabin user fee

On receipt of a request from the cabin owner under subsection (c) of this section for reconsideration of a base cabin user fee, not later than 60 days after the date of receipt of the request, the Secretary shall—

¹ So in original. Probably should be “subsection”.

- (1) review the initial appraisal of the agency;
- (2) review the results and commentary from the second appraisal;
- (3) determine a new base cabin user fee in an amount that is—

- (A) equal to the base cabin user fee determined by the initial or the second appraisal; or

- (B) within the range of values, if any, between the initial and second appraisals; and

- (4) notify the cabin owner of the amount of the new base cabin user fee.

(Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, §610, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1020.)

§ 6210. Right of appeal and judicial review

(a) Right of appeal

Notwithstanding any action of a cabin owner to exercise rights in accordance with section 6209 of this title, the Secretary shall by regulation grant the cabin owner the right to an administrative appeal of the determination of a new base cabin user fee.

(b) Judicial review

A cabin owner that is adversely affected by a final decision of the Secretary under this chapter may bring a civil action in United States district court.

(Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, §611, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1021.)

§ 6211. Consistency with other law and rights

(a) Consistency with rights of the United States

Nothing in this chapter limits or restricts any right, title, or interest of the United States in or to any land or resource.

(b) Special rule for Alaska

In determining a cabin user fee in the State of Alaska, the Secretary shall not establish or impose a cabin user fee or a condition affecting a cabin user fee that is inconsistent with section 3193(d) of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, §612, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1021.)

§ 6212. Regulations

Not later than 2 years after October 11, 2000, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 106-291, title VI, §613, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 1022.)

§ 6213. Transition provisions

(a) Assessment of annual fees

For the period of time determined under subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall charge each cabin owner an annual fee as follows:

(1) Lots not appraised since September 30, 1995

For a lot that has not been appraised since September 30, 1995, the annual fee shall be equal to the amount of the annual fee in effect on October 11, 2000, adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Implicit Price Deflator-Gross National Product Index.

(2) Lots appraised on or after September 30, 1995

(A) In general

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), for a lot that has been appraised on or after September 30, 1995, the annual fee shall be equal to the amount of the fee in effect on October 11, 2000, adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Implicit Price Deflator-Gross National Product Index.

(B) Appraisals resulting in base fee increase

(i) In general

Except as provided in clause (ii), for a lot that has been appraised on or after September 30, 1995, for which the appraisal resulted in an increase of the base fee by an amount greater than \$3,000, the annual fee shall be equal to the sum of \$3,000 plus the amount of the annual fee in effect on October 1, 1996, adjusted annually to reflect the percentage change in the Implicit Price Deflator-Gross National Product Index.

(ii) Fees paid after request of new appraisal or peer review

If—

(I) the cabin owner of a lot described in clause (i) requests a new appraisal or peer review under subsection (c) of this section; and

(II) the base cabin user fee established as a result of the appraisal or peer review is determined to be an amount that is 90 percent or more of the fee in effect for the lot as determined by an appraisal conducted on or after September 30, 1995,

the Secretary shall charge the cabin owner, in addition to the annual fee that would otherwise have been due under section 6208 of this title, the difference between the base cabin user fee determined through the conduct of the new appraisal or peer review and the annual fee that would otherwise have been due under section 6208 of this title, to be assessed retroactively for each year beginning with the year in which the previous appraisal was conducted, and to be paid in 3 equal annual installments.

(b) Term

(1) Lots not appraised since September 30, 1995

For a lot that has not been appraised since September 30, 1995, the Secretary shall charge fees in accordance with subsection (a)(2)(A) of this section until—

(A) a base cabin user fee is determined in accordance with—

(i) this chapter; or

(ii) regulations and policies in effect on October 11, 2000; and

(B) the right of the cabin owner to a second appraisal under section 6209 of this title is exhausted.

(2) Lots appraised on or after September 30, 1995

For a lot that has been appraised on or after September 30, 1995, the Secretary shall charge