18 NCAC 07C .0801 is proposed for adoption as follows:

**SECTION .0800 – ~~ELECTRONIC NOTARY ACT INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT – RESERVED~~ TRADITIONAL NOTARY SEAL**

18 NCAC 07C .0801 INITIAL SEAL

An applicant or appointee for an initial commission as a notary public shall not order or purchase a seal until the applicant or appointee has complied with the requirements of Section .0400 of this Subchapter.

History Note: Authority G.S. 10B-4;

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18 NCAC 07C .0802 is proposed for adoption as follows:

18 NCAC 07C .0802 SEAL IMAGE

A notary public’s seal shall be deemed by the Department to comply with G.S. 10B-37 if it contains the words “State of North Carolina” in lieu of the designations in G.S. 10B-37(b)(4).

History Note: Authority G.S. 10B-4;

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18 NCAC 07C .0803 is proposed for adoption as follows:

18 NCAC 07C .0803 SEAL LIMITATION

A notary public's seal manufactured after the effective date of this Rule shall include no information or images other than those required or permitted by G.S. 10B-37 and Rule .0802 of this Section.

History Note: Authority G.S. 10B-4;

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18 NCAC 07C .0804 is proposed for adoption as follows:

18 NCAC 07C .0804 OBTAINING SEAL

A notary public who seeks to order or purchase a seal shall:

(1) select a seal manufacturer or vendor from among the registered seal manufacturers and vendors listed on the Department’s website; and

(2) present the notary’s commission certificate to the manufacturer or vendor.

History Note: Authority G.S. 10B-4; 10B-36;

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18 NCAC 07C .0805 is proposed for adoption as follows:

18 NCAC 07C .0805 IN-PERSON SEAL PURCHASE

If a notary public seeks to order or purchase a seal in person, the notary shall comply with Rule .0804 of this Section and:

(1) be personally known to the manufacturer or vendor; or

(2) present satisfactory evidence of identity to the manufacturer or vendor.

History Note: Authority G.S. 10B-4; 10B-36;

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