

## **Beware – “Periodic Report” SCAM**

**Fort Collins – April 6,** – Beware of a recent scam affecting businesses and non-profits in the state of Colorado. More than 500,000 letters have been mailed out from a company calling themselves the Colorado Controllers Unit (CCU), appearing to be official bills from the State of Colorado, and requesting payment of \$225. THIS IS A SCAM. The ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE has CONFIRMED that this is NOT FROM THE STATE of Colorado.

The company is asking for \$225 and will in turn file the company’s annual report for them. In the past, Colorado businesses have received a postcard notification from the Secretary of State reminding them to file their annual report; the online fee associated with filing this periodic report is \$10.

The annual requirements for filing the report remain, however the Colorado Secretary of State’s office will no longer be mailing postcard reminders to companies about their filing deadline. This change has caught the attention of predators, such as CCU. Beware that other scams may follow.

The Colorado Secretary of State’s office issued a [statement](#) advising businesses that they can still maintain their “good standing” and avoid delinquency by filing as they have in the past and paying the mere \$10 (the fee for most companies).

The Colorado Attorney General’s Office instructed Association Online™ to tell HOAs to not respond to this notice, and simply throw the invoice away. HOAs do not need to file a report with the Attorney General, or take any action.

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