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**Notice of Public Hearing  
Board of Boiler Rules**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, s. 2 and c. 146, sections 2 and 3, notice is given of a public hearing to be held by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Boiler Rules (the Board) at the Department of Fire Services (DFS), State Road, Stow, MA., in the Boards and Commissions Room on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing public comment on several proposed amendments to 522 CMR 1.00, 2.00, 4.00, 7.00, & 18.00. This set of amendments is to increase clarity and usability of 522 CMR while serving to update referenced standards within the regulations to current industry standards. A copy of the proposed amendments can be found at the DFS web page:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/522-cmr-red-line-draft-2023-proposed-changes-7112023-with-redline-edits/download> Written or oral comments may be submitted at the time and place of the hearing. Written comments can be mailed or e-mailed to Holly Bartlett, Executive Administrator, Board of Boiler Rules, (Holly.Bartlett@mass.gov) P.O. Box 1025, State Rd, Stow, MA. 01775 (Tel. 978-567-3782). To be considered by the Board, mailed or emailed comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., January 31, 2024.

## Small Business Impact Statement

*(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)*

**CMR No: 522 CMR 1.00, 2.00, 4.00, 7.00 & 18.00 Board of Boiler Rules**

### Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation:

This set of amendments is to increase clarity and usability of 522 CMR while serving to update referenced standards within the regulations to current industry standards. The final draft is the product of multiple meetings over the course of the year by the Board and its subcommittees, which were open to the public. It should be noted that the Board is comprised of representatives of owners, users and inspectors of the boiler industry. All of the aforementioned members voted in favor of the proposals. Pursuant to Section V of Executive Order 145, Board of Boiler Rules staff has reasonably concluded that the proposal should not: (a) result in a significant expansion of existing municipal services; (b) require the employ of additional personnel; (c) significantly alter administrative and work procedures; (d) require the realignment of organizational structures; (e) increase disbursements which are not reimbursed by federal or state government; or (f) limit the discretion by local officials

### Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?  Yes, relative to reporting of certain repairs. Currently, industry practice is to keep such records voluntarily.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?  The amendments do not cause small business to provide additional administrative oversight.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?  No new additional requirements caused by these proposed amendments
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?  No new requirements caused by these proposed amendments.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?  The amendments do not require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective?(Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.)  Due to the nature of the proposed amendments, they do not require an analysis of whether or not design standards vs. operational standards are appropriate.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?  The proposed amendments do not duplicate or conflict with any other regulations.

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?  Yes, the records will have to be retained regarding certain repairs to pressure retaining items required to be reported as outlined above.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?  The proposed amendments do not require small businesses to provide additional educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?  The proposed amendments do not discourage the formation of small business in the Commonwealth.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?  The proposed amendments are not likely to <i>encourage or discourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?  The amendment does provide more or additional compliance for small business by way of the reporting requirements for repairs.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?  These proposed amendments do not establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?  The proposed amendments are neutral in this regard.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?  Due to the nature of the proposed amendments, they do not require an analysis of whether or not design standards vs. operational standards are appropriate.
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? This proposal, in large part, represents a national, minimum, consensus standard. The impact on small business is minimal, as explained throughout this submission.