

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING & LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING & LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (EOHLC)

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, § 3, notice is hereby given of the proposed promulgation of amendments to regulation 760 CMR 6.00, Occupancy Standards and Tenant Participation for Stated-aided Housing. The amendments are being proposed to make the implementation of the regulations easier for local housing authorities, more equitable to tenants, and encourage apprenticeships and education. EOHLC's regulatory authority for this action is provided under M.G.L. c. 23B, M.G.L. c. 121B. §§ 29 and 32, and St. 1989, c. 151. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 5, the proposed amendments to the regulations have a minimal or non-existent Small Business Impact.

Written comments on the proposed amendments to the regulation may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00 pm on January 26, 2024, by directing the same electronically to <u>EOHLCRegulationComments@mass.gov</u> and including "Comments on 760 CMR 6.00" in the subject line. A copy of the proposed regulations will be posted on EOHLC's website at <u>https://www.mass.gov/info-details/eohlc-regulations-current-regulations-and-proposed-amendments</u>.

Small Business Impact Statement (As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)				
CMR N	No: 760	CMR 6.00		
Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 0				
		Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain		
Yes	No 🖾	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?		
Yes	No 🖾	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?		
Yes	No 🖂	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?		
Yes	No 🖾	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?		
Yes	No 🖾	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?		
Yes	No 🖾	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?		
Yes	No X	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.)		
Yes	No 🖾	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?		
Yes	No ⊠	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?		
Yes	No ⊠	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?		
Yes	No ⊠	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?		
Yes	No 🖂	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?		

Yes	No 🖾	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes 🖂	No 🖾	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? Electronic filing requirements allow more leeway in meeting time deadlines. Virtual conference and hearing requirements allow for flexibility for attendance.
Yes	No 🖾	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes	No 🖾	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?
Yes	No 🖾	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?