

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, § 3, notice is hereby given of the proposed promulgation of amendments to regulation 760 CMR 5.00 – Eligibility and Selection Criteria. EOHLC's regulatory authority for this action is provided under M.G.L. c. 121B, §§ 29, 32, 34, 40; c. 23B; and St. 2014, c. 235, § 14. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 5, the proposed amendments to the regulations have a minimal or non-existent small business impact. EOHLC proposes amendments to this regulation to adopt changes to the process for determining an applicant's eligibility for priorities and preferences in state-aided public housing, the Alternative Housing Voucher Program, and the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program.

Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on June 16, 2025 by sending the same electronically to <u>EOHLCRegulationComments@mass.gov</u>, including "Comments on 760 CMR 5" in the subject line. A copy of the proposed regulation 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 No: 760 CMR 5.00				
Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 0				
37		Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain		
Yes	No 🖂	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?		
		No.		
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?		
		No.		
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?		
		No.		
Yes	No	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed		
	\square	regulation? No.		
Yes	No	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer,		
	\boxtimes	accountant, engineer, etc.)? No.		
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?		
		No.		
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Yes	No 🖂	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.)		
		No.		
Yes	No	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? No.		
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Yes	No	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory		
	\square	enforcement activities?		
		No.		
Yes	No	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with		
	\square	regulatory requirements?		
		No.		
Yes	No	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?		
		No.		
Yes	No	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?		
	\square	No.		
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Yes	No ⊠	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? No.
Yes	No 🖾	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? No.
Yes	No 🖾	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? No.
Yes	No 🖾	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective? No.
Yes	No 🖾	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? No.