

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**BUILDING CODE COMMISSION**

**Title of Rule:** State Wide Permitting Fee (510-RICR-00-00-21)

**Rule Identifier:** 510-RICR-00-00-21

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: October 13, 2023

End of Public Comment: November 12, 2023

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-27.3-100.1.5

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-27.3-119

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

The regulatory changes proposed in this filing are identical to the regulatory language originally noticed on 06/15/2023.

During that public comment period, a technical error within the RICR system may have prevented comments submitted through RICR's attachment field from being received by the agency. Any comments submitted directly through RICR's text box option (with no attachments) or submitted directly to the agency were processed successfully. This regulation is being noticed for a second public comment period to ensure that the agency receives all public comments as originally intended.

No comments were received during the initial public comment period (06/15/2023, through 07/15/2023). If you have questions about whether your comment was received by the agency, please reach out to the contact listed below.

In accordance with § 21.8 of 510-RICR-00-00-21, East Providence and Westerly submitted requests to the Building Code Commissioner to change their statewide permitting fees. After review, the State Building Code Commissioner presented the proposed fee changes for East Providence and Westerly to the Building Code Standards Committee. The Building Code Standards Committee approved the fee changes for East Providence and Westerly at meetings held on 1/13/2022 and 8/25/2021, respectively.

The specific amendments can be found in § 21.12(A)(10) for East Providence and in § 21.12(A)(36) for Westerly.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 12, 2023 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Donna Costantino  
Building Code Commission  
560 Jefferson Blvd, 1st Floor  
Warwick, RI 02886

In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

Westerly and East Providence requested an increase in building permit fees, to have sufficient funding to cover the municipality's costs of the permit issuance process. The societal benefit is that each municipality will have sufficient resources to review and issue building permits effectively and efficiently. This fosters the public's interest in health, safety and welfare, which is at the core of building code compliance. Timely issuance of building permits is also beneficial to contractors, construction firms, commercial and residential property owners who are building/improving premises, and to the consumers that will ultimately utilize the constructed facilities.

See the regulatory analysis for more information, which can be found listed "studies/reports" under the Rulemaking Documents tab.

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.