

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

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Title of Rule: Management Procedures (650-RICR-10-00-1)

Rule Identifier: 650-RICR-10-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 04/26/2021

Hearing Date: 05/11/2021

End of Public Comment: 05/26/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 46-23 et seq.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The CRMC proposes to amend its Management Procedures to delete some filing fees, add specifically required information for petitions for regulatory change, and increase the number of days for the filing of new information prior to a scheduled hearing.

Brief summary of proposed amendments to 650-RICR-10-00-1:

1. Delete § 1.4.6(A)(10) to remove the required declaratory ruling \$1000 filing fee;
2. Amend § 1.4.9 to remove the required petition for regulation change \$1000 filing fee and add specific requirements for necessary filing materials; and
3. Amend § 1.5.9(A) to specify necessary filings and increase the number of days from five (5) to seven (7) that such information must be filed with the Council prior to a hearing.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until May 26, 2021 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on May 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Zoom online meeting, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89299134724?pwd=RkJuUTZ3eWl3WjZaVW>, Passcode: 959538, Wakefield, RI 02879 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-783-3370 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The proposed amendments will delete currently required filing fees for declaratory rulings and petitions for regulation change. In addition, the proposed amendments will add specificity to required filings in cases where expert and lay testimony will be presented and increase the timing of their filing with the Council prior to a hearing to allow the Council, Council staff and parties sufficient time to review any new any new evidence, reports, or data on which testimony will be based.

The proposed regulations do not impose any new requirements on regulated entities including any small businesses or any city or town; therefore, there is no adverse economic impact. In consideration of the alternatives the CRMC has determined that there is no alternative approach among the alternatives considered that would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons as another regulation based on available information. In addition, there are no other state regulations which are overlapped or duplicated by the proposed regulation.

The CRMC has determined that the benefits of the proposed rule justify the costs of the proposed rule, and that the proposed rule will achieve the objectives of the authorizing statute in a more cost-effective manner and with greater net benefits than other regulatory alternatives.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.