

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Rules for the Use of the Eisenhower House, Fort Adams State Park

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-100-00-6

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 12/05/2018

Hearing Date: 12/19/2018

End of Public Comment: 01/04/2019

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 32-1 and R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-17.1-27

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

These rules and regulations provide general regulation and guidelines for the management and operation of Eisenhower House, a historic property located in Fort Adams State Park, Newport, Rhode Island and owned by the State of Rhode Island. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-17.1-27, oversight of the Eisenhower House has been transferred from the State of Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission to RIDEM, necessitating the adoption of applicable rules and regulation by RIDEM. This regulation is formatted in accordance with the RICR. A summary of non-technical changes between the previous version of the regulation adopted by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission and the proposed regulation by section is as follows:

- The Definitions section was amended to remove the definition of "Commission" and to add a definition of "Department"
- The Facilities and Use section was retitled General Use and the section was updated consistent with the revised definitions section, with the transfer of oversight to the Department, and with the Department's goal of preserving the historical value of the facility
- The Approved Vendors and Personnel, Equipment, and Declaration sections were removed from the regulation
- The Fees section was amended to update the fee schedule to meet current market conditions and to establish a mechanism by which organizations can request a fee reduction or waiver in order to optimize the use and rental of the facility

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until January 4, 2019 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 adoption shall be held on December 19, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Room 340C, Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, 3rd Floor, Providence, RI 02908 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 401-222-5300 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:

Fiscal Analysis provided upon request.

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