

State of Rhode Island
Department of Administration
Office of Management and Budget

Fiscal Note for Proposed Administrative Rules (R.I.G.L. § 22-12-1.1)

Regulating Agency: CRMC

Name of Administrative Rule: (Management Procedures) 650-RICR-10-00-1.1.4.6(A)(10) Beach Vehicle Permits and Section 650-RICR-10-00-1.5.12 Permit Extensions

FISCAL IMPACT					
State Revenues		State Expenditures		City/Town Expenditures	
FY 2024	De minimis	FY 2024	\$ n/a	FY 2024	\$ n/a
FY 2025	De minimis	FY 2025	\$ n/a	FY 2025	\$ n/a
FY 2026	De minimis	FY 2026	\$ n/a	FY 2026	\$ n/a

Summary of Policy Change:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-23-25 enables the Coastal Resource Management Council (CRMC) to administer the beach vehicle registration permit program and adopt regulations that the council deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this statute. CRMC proposes to amend its Management Procedures at § 1.4.6(A)(10) to eliminate the 3-day beach vehicle permit program. The change to the beach vehicle permits regulations would also require a change in the fee schedule to remove the 3-day beach vehicle permit pass fee from the fee schedule. The annual beach vehicle permit program will remain in full force and effect and will remain unchanged.

The proposed regulation amendment to Section 650-RICR-10-00-1.5.12 Permit Extensions proposes to eliminate the fourth extension request, which is required to be heard before the Council, but retain the three administrative (3) extension requests, each at one-year maximum. This proposed revision would allow for a more efficient and timely processing of such requests. Additionally, the requirement that all extension requests must demonstrate “good cause” will remain as is.

Summary of State Fiscal Impact:

After reviewing our beach vehicle permit history over the past 3 years, Staff estimates that CRMC issues approximately 2,000 annual beach passes per year and less than fifty (50) 3-day beach passes per year. Staff also reviewed revenue from beach vehicle registration permits over the last 5 fiscal years. Revenues for all beach vehicle permits (annual and 3-day passes) ranged from a low of \$147,220 in FY 2022 and a high of \$309,540 in FY 2021. The average revenue over the five year span was \$193,463 annually.

Due to the observed trends in purchasing of 3-day permits of the last three fiscal years, CRMC assumes that 3-day beach vehicle permit purchases would continue to decrease absent the proposed changes. While some users may opt to purchase an annual pass should the 3-day permit be revoked, CRMC has conservatively assumed that one-third to two-thirds of out-of-state purchasers will shift to an annual pass (n=5 to 10). Additionally, this estimate assumes that two in-state purchases would shift from the 3-day permit to the annual permit. This results in a de minimis fiscal impact of between a low of \$700 lost revenue and a high of \$300 increased revenue per year.

After reviewing the amendment to Section 650-RICR-10-00-1.5.12 Permit Extensions, Staff does not anticipate any fiscal impact from this proposed amendment.

City or Town Impact: No direct impact.