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Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia State Police
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	19 VAC 30-40
VAC Chapter title(s)	Standards and Specifications for the Stickers or Decals Used By Cities, Counties and Towns in Lieu of License Plates
Action title	Stickers or Decals Used By Cities, Counties and Towns -EO19 Amendments - 2023 FINAL EXEMPT Action 6352 / Stage 10168
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This information is required for executive branch review pursuant to Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19. In addition, this information is required by the Virginia Registrar of Regulations pursuant to the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Regulations must conform to the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

Brief Summary

Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

These amendments make technical corrections to, and eliminates one section from, the Standards and Specifications for the Stickers or Decals Used By Cities, Counties and Towns in Lieu of License Plates following a full internal review of the Regulation as mandated by Executive Order 19. This Action repeals § 19VAC30-40-10 and amends sections 19VAC30-40-20 and 19VAC30-40-30.

Mandate and Impetus

Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or

board decision). For purposes of executive branch review, “mandate” has the same meaning as defined in the ORM procedures, “a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part.”

Pursuant to section 46.2-1052 the Department of State Police is mandated to promulgate regulations relating to the size of stickers or decals used by counties, cities, and towns in lieu of license plates. Such stickers shall be affixed on the windshield at a location designated in those regulations. Executive Order 19 (EO-19) and Executive Directive 1 (ED-1) ordered all Executive Branch Agencies of the Commonwealth to review all their regulations with a focus on ensuring agency regulatory requirements are enacted in a manner so as to ensure they meet the needs of the Commonwealth while imposing the least burden and cost on business and citizens of the Commonwealth. As a result of that review these amendments make technical corrections to the regulations relating to Stickers or Decals Used By Cities, Counties and Towns.

Statement of Final Agency Action

Provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.

On September 26, 2023, the Virginia State Police adopted final amended regulations for 19VAC30-40, Standards and Specifications for the Stickers or Decals Used By Cities, Counties and Towns in Lieu of License Plates. The amendments alter certain sections in 19VAC30-40 as follows:

- **19VAC30-40-10.** Purpose. (REPEALED) This section was unnecessary.
- **19VAC30-40-20.** Size. This section was amended to remove the language regarding shape of the decal. The language created a shape specification not set forth or mandated by code.
- **19VAC30-40-30.** Placement. The placement language was simplified removing one mandate.