



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

**18 VAC 160-20 – Board of Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite
Sewage Systems Professionals**
Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage Systems Professionals (Board) proposes to increase their license renewal fee.

Result of Analysis

There is insufficient information to ascertain whether benefits will outweigh costs for this regulatory program.

Estimated Economic Impact

Currently, individuals who are licensed by the Board pay an initial licensure fee of \$100 and a license renewal fee of \$80. These fees were last increased 12 years ago. The Board now proposes to increase the license renewal fee from \$80 to \$100. This fee increase will allow the Board to avoid a future funding deficit (the Board estimates that by 2016 expenditures will outstrip revenues).

Individuals who renew their licenses after this regulatory change is fully promulgated will incur an additional biennial cost of \$20. There is insufficient information to ascertain whether the benefits that may accrue to the public on account of the Board being able to maintain these programs in their current state will outweigh the costs incurred by regulated entities.

Businesses and Entities Affected

Board staff reports that this proposed regulation will affect any individuals working as licensed waterworks operators, licensed wastewater works operators and licensed onsite sewage

systems professionals who renew Board issued licenses. Board staff further reports that 2,215 renewals were processed last year.

Localities Particularly Affected

No localities will be particularly affected by these proposed regulatory changes.

Projected Impact on Employment

This regulatory action will likely have little impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

No affected small business is likely to incur costs on account of these proposed regulations unless they choose to pay renewal fees for their employees.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

No affected small business is likely to incur costs on account of these proposed regulations unless they choose to pay renewal fees for their employees.

Real Estate Development Costs

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

Legal Mandate

General: The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia and Executive Order Number 17 (2014). Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses determine the public benefits and costs of the proposed amendments. Further the report should include but not be limited to:

- the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the proposed regulation would apply,
- the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected,
- the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected,

- the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and
- the impact on the use and value of private property.

Small Businesses: If the proposed regulation will have an adverse effect on small businesses, § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include:

- an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation,
- the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents,
- a statement of the probable effect of the proposed regulation on affected small businesses, and
- a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation.

Additionally, pursuant to § 2.2-4007.1, if there is a finding that a proposed regulation may have an adverse impact on small business, the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules (JCAR) is notified at the time the proposed regulation is submitted to the *Virginia Register of Regulations* for publication. This analysis shall represent DPB's best estimate for the purposes of public review and comment on the proposed regulation.

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