

Proposed Action on Regulations

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Symbol Key

- Roman type indicates existing text of regulation.
- *Italic type* indicates proposed new text.
- [Single brackets] indicate text proposed for deletion.

Promulgation of Regulations

An agency wishing to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations must first publish in the Maryland Register a notice of proposed action, a statement of purpose, an estimate of economic impact, an economic impact on small businesses, a notice giving the public an opportunity to comment on the proposal, and the text of the proposed regulations. The opportunity for public comment must be held open for at least 30 days after the proposal is published in the Maryland Register.

Following publication of the proposal in the Maryland Register, 45 days must pass before the agency may take final action on the proposal. When final action is taken, the agency must publish a notice in the Maryland Register. Final action takes effect 10 days after the notice is published, unless the agency specifies a later date. An agency may make changes in the text of a proposal. If the changes are not substantive, these changes are included in the notice of final action and published in the Maryland Register. If the changes are substantive, the agency must repropose the regulations, showing the changes that were made to the originally proposed text.

Proposed action on regulations may be withdrawn by the proposing agency any time before final action is taken. When an agency proposes action on regulations, but does not take final action within 1 year, the proposal is automatically withdrawn by operation of law, and a notice of withdrawal is published in the Maryland Register.

Title 05 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Subtitle 20 REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS

05.20.03 Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Program

Authority: Housing and Community Development Article, §4-509,
Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action
[25-227-P]

The Secretary of Housing and Community Development proposes to amend Regulations .02— .04 under COMAR 05.20.03 Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Program.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to amend policies and procedures for program administration under the Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Program.

Estimate of Economic Impact

I. Summary of Economic Impact. The Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Program under Housing and Community Development Article, §4-509, Annotated Code of Maryland, provides grants and loans to anchor institutions for community development projects located in sustainable communities and blighted areas of the state. The proposed amended regulations conform with changes in the program under Senate Bill 418, passed in the 2024 legislative session. The amended regulations expand geographic targeting to include designated Sustainable Community areas of the State, consistent with other State of

Maryland Revitalization Programs; expand the definition of eligible applicants to include hospital and university affiliates and subsidiaries to ease administration for applicants; and expand the definition of matching funds to allow state and federal matching funds, in addition to private sources.

II. Types of Economic Impact.

Impacted Entity	Revenue (R+/R-)	Magnitude
	Expenditure (E+/E-)	
A. On issuing agency:	NONE	
B. On other State agencies:	NONE	
C. On local governments:		
Local Governments	(R+)	Indeterminable
	Benefit (+)	
	Cost (-)	Magnitude
D. On regulated industries or trade groups:	NONE	
E. On other industries or trade groups:	NONE	
F. Direct and indirect effects on public:		
Public	(+)	Indeterminable

III. Assumptions. (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

C. Local governments may benefit from increased revenue associated with grants and loans to projects in designated sustainable communities. The magnitude of the benefit cannot be determined.

F. The public will benefit from increased economic activity and revenue associated with adaptive reuse of vacant or underutilized State or federal facilities. The magnitude of the benefit cannot be determined.

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Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to John Papagni, Program Officer, Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, Department of Housing and Community Development, 7800 Harkins Road, Lanham, MD 20706, or call 301-429-7670, or email to john.papagni@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through December 1, 2025. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.02 Definitions.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) “Anchor institution” means:

(a) An institution of higher education in the State, *including departments, foundations, and other entities of the institution*; or

(b) A hospital institution in the State, *including departments, foundations, and other entities of the institution* that:

(i)—(iii) (text unchanged)

(3)—(7) (text unchanged)

(8) “Matching funds” means funds [from a private source] that are contributed to the project in an amount that equals the amount of financial assistance received from the Fund.

(9)—(12) (text unchanged)

(13) “Sustainable community” means an area designated as a sustainable community under Housing and Community Development Article, §6–205, Annotated Code of Maryland.

.03 Eligible Applicants and Uses.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Financial assistance may be used for any costs and expenses related to community development projects *in sustainable communities* or in blighted areas of the State.

C. (text unchanged)

.04 Application Requirements.

A. (text unchanged)

B. An application submitted to the Department shall:

(1)—(2) (text unchanged)

(3) Be for a project that is located within a *sustainable community* or within a blighted area;

(4)—(6) (text unchanged)

(7) Propose benchmarks for evaluating whether the proposed project results in a desired outcome for the *sustainable community* or blighted area, such as community stabilization or reversing economic, social, and physical decline of the community in which the project is located;

(8)—(13) (text unchanged)

C.—D. (text unchanged)

JACOB DAY
Secretary

Title 09 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Subtitle 15 STATE BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR- CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS

09.15.02 General Regulations

Authority: Business Regulation Article, §§9A-205(a)(1), 9A-311 and 9A-501.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[25-221-P]

The State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors proposes to adopt new Regulation .11 under **COMAR 09.15.02 General Regulations**. This action was considered at a public meeting of the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors held on July 9, 2025, notice of which was given by posting on the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors' website, pursuant to General Provisions Article, §3-302(c)(3)(ii), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to establish and clarify by regulation potential administrative action required by legislation enacted in 2025 by Business Regulation Article, §9A-501.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Charles Marquette, Executive Director of Mechanical Licensing, Maryland Department of Labor, 100. S. Charles Street, Tower 1, Suite 3300, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-230-6160, or email to charles.marquette1@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through December 1, 2025. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Open Meeting

Final action on the proposal will be considered by State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors during a public meeting to be held on December 10, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., at the Maryland Department of Labor, 100 S. Charles Street, Tower 1, Suite 3300, Baltimore, MD 21202.

.11 Violations of Business Regulation Article, §9A-501.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.

A. The Board may seek regulatory action against an individual who violates Business Regulation Article, §9A-501.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.