



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Housing and Community Development
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	13 VAC 5 - 112
Regulation title	Virginia Enterprise Zone Grant Program
Action title	Conforming Regulation to new Enterprise Zone Grant Program statute.
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The 2013 General Assembly passed legislation amending the Virginia Enterprise Zone Grant Program by defining the duration of a joint zone created by the redesignation of an existing zone through the addition of another locality to the zone.

Redesignation is a statutory provision that allows an existing zone or joint zone to be redesignated to add an additional locality under certain conditions. Zone designation is typically for a period of 20 years and redesignations, by their nature, occur after designation of the original zone. The 2013 bill clarifies that all localities affected by a redesignation shall have the 20 years of designation.

Prior to the enactment of the 2013 legislation, the enterprise zone statute was silent on impact of redesignation on the duration of the affected enterprise zones.

Statement of final agency action

Please 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 July 22, 2013, the Board of Housing and Community Development approved the Enterprise Zone Grant Program Regulations (13 VAC 5-112) amendments to conform to changes in the Enterprise Zone Program statute.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is an indirect positive impact on the family in that one purpose of the program is to create net new jobs in distressed areas of the Commonwealth.