



Virginia Department of Planning and Budget **Economic Impact Analysis**

24 VAC 30-640 Parking on Primary and Secondary Highways
Department of Transportation
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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 (Code) and Executive Order 19. The analysis presented below represents DPB’s best estimate of the potential economic impacts as of the date of this analysis.¹

Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) proposes to repeal an obsolete reference.

Background

The current regulation defines “clear zone” as “the total border area of a roadway, including, if any, parking lanes or planting strips, that is sufficiently wide for an errant vehicle to avoid a serious accident. *Details on the clear zone are in VDOT's Road Design Manual (see 24VAC30-151-760)*” (emphasis added). The referenced regulatory section was repealed in a 2025 action.² Thus, the Board proposes to remove the last (italicized) sentence in the definition of clear zone.

Estimated Benefits and Costs

The proposed elimination of direction to an obsolete reference would have no impact on requirements but could be beneficial in that it would reduce the likelihood that readers of the regulation would spend time looking for a referenced regulatory section that no longer exists.

¹ See Code § 2.2-4007.04 (A).

² See <https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewAction.cfm?actionid=6274>.

Businesses and Other Entities Affected

The proposed amendment affects readers of the regulation.

The Code requires DPB to assess whether an adverse impact may result from the proposed regulation.³ An adverse impact is indicated if there is any increase in net cost or reduction in net benefit for any entity, even if the benefits exceed the costs for all entities combined.⁴ The proposed amendment neither increases net cost nor reduces net benefit for any entity. Thus, no adverse impact is indicated.

Small Businesses⁵ Affected:⁶

The proposed amendment does not adversely affect small businesses.

Localities⁷ Affected⁸

The proposed amendment neither disproportionately affects any particular locality nor affects costs for local governments.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed amendment does not affect employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed amendment affects neither the use and value of private property nor costs related to the development of real estate.

³ See Code § 2.2-4007.04 (D).

⁴ Statute does not define “adverse impact,” state whether only Virginia entities should be considered, nor indicate whether an adverse impact results from regulatory requirements mandated by legislation. As a result, DPB has adopted a definition of adverse impact that assesses changes in net costs and benefits for each affected Virginia entity that directly results from discretionary changes to the regulation.

⁵ Pursuant to § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia, small business is defined as “a business entity, including its affiliates, that (i) is independently owned and operated and (ii) employs fewer than 500 full-time employees or has gross annual sales of less than \$6 million.”

⁶ See Code § 2.2-4007.04 (A.2). and Code § 2.2-4007.1 (C).

⁷ “Locality” can refer to either local governments or the locations in the Commonwealth where the activities relevant to the regulatory change are most likely to occur.

⁸ Code § 2.2-4007.04 defines “particularly affected” as bearing disproportionate material impact.