

Rule-Making Fact Sheet

(5 MRS §8057-A)

AGENCY: **01-672 MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION,**
Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE TITLE: **Chapter 17, Reestablishment of Commission Jurisdiction**

TYPE OF RULE (*check one*): ☒ Routine Technical ☐ Major Substantive

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S. §685-A(4-A)(B) and §685-C(5)

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: *NA; a hearing has not been scheduled*

COMMENT DEADLINE:

Written comments must be submitted on or prior to July 7, 2025.

PRINCIPAL REASON(S) OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(A)&(C)]

At the annual Highland Plantation meeting on April 26, 2025, residents in attendance voted 11-6 to repeal the comprehensive plan and land use ordinance. Pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §685-A(4-A)(B), this rule needs to be updated to officially reestablish the Commission's jurisdiction regarding land use planning and zoning authority within Highland Plantation.

IS MATERIAL INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE RULE ☒ YES ☐ NO [§8056(1)(B)]

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(B)&(D)]

Primarily, the revisions reflect recent actions by Highland Plantation. The addition, reorganization, and reformatting of these rules are expected to improve consistency and functionality. Consequently, the rules will be easier for members of the public and staff to reference or otherwise administer.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RELEVANT INFORMATION CONSIDERED DURING DEVELOPMENT OF THE RULE
(including up to 3 primary sources relied upon) [*see* §§8057-A(1)(E) & 8063-B]

The Commission relied upon communications from plantation officials and the certified results of the plantation vote, Title 12 Section 685-A(4-A)(B), and the professional judgment of agency staff and board members.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(C)]

None.

FOR EXISTING RULES WITH FISCAL IMPACT OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE, ALSO INCLUDE:

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:
[see §8057-A(2)(A)]

INDIVIDUALS, MAJOR INTEREST GROUPS AND TYPES OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED
AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED: [see §8057-A(2)(B)]

BENEFITS OF THE RULE: [see §8057-A(2)(C)]

Note: If necessary, additional pages may be used.