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**Department of Economic and Community Development  
2021-2022 Regulatory Agenda**

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AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **19**  
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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**POSSIBLE 2021-2022 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

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**100: Office of Administration and Policy**

**Chapter 1:** Municipal Tax Increment Financing Rule

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 30-A §5223 and §5229

PURPOSE: Amend the rules to align with current statute and other technical adjustments.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities, unorganized territories, businesses, communities

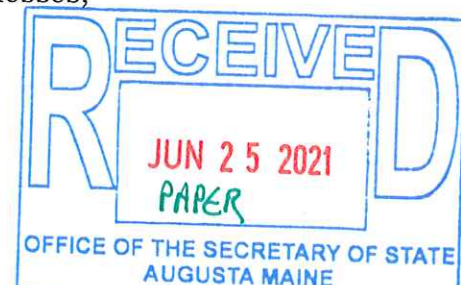
**Chapter 50:** Affordable housing tax increment financing

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 30-A §5250-A and §5250-B

PURPOSE: Amend the rules to carry out duties of an affordable housing development district.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities, unorganized territories, businesses, communities



**Chapter 75:** Business disclosure associated with eligibility for public subsidies and incentives

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 §13070-J

PURPOSE: Amend the rule to align with current statute and other technical adjustments.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Businesses seeking state assistance and/or access to state incentive programs.

**CHAPTER 90:** The Maine Rural Development Authority

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 §13120-L

PURPOSE: Amend the rule to align with current statute and other technical adjustments.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Communities seeking loans for the development of commercial facilities.

**CHAPTER 95:** The Maine Rural Development Authority

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 §13120-R

PURPOSE: Create the rule to align with current statute

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Communities and other entities seeking grants for the development of commercial facilities.

**CHAPTER 100:** Pine Tree Development Zone Program

STATUTORY AUTHORITY - 30-A §5250-M

PURPOSE: Amend the rule to align with current statute and other technical adjustments

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Companies using or eligible for Pine Tree Development Zone benefits, Economic Development organizations and consultants.

**CHAPTER 200:** Pine Tree Recreation Zone

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 30-A §5250-Q

PURPOSE: Amend the rule to align with current statute and other technical adjustments.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities, unorganized territories, businesses, communities

**CHAPTER 400:** Employment Tax Increment Financing (ETIF) Program Rule

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 36 §6759

PURPOSE: Amend the rule to align with current statute and other technical adjustments

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Companies using or eligible for ETIF, State Agencies, Economic Development Consultants.

**CHAPTER 450:** Rules for the Maine Technology Centers

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 15321

PURPOSE: These rules establish the criteria for grants and program operation for targeted technology incubators.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities, economic development organizations, communities and businesses

**CHAPTER 500:** Brunswick Naval Air Station Jobs Increment Financing Fund

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13083-S-1

PURPOSE: These rules establish the criteria for grants and program operation for targeted technology incubators.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities, economic development organizations, communities and businesses

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**498: Office of Community Development**

**CHAPTER 42:** Community Development Block Grant Program

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 §13073

PURPOSE: The rule outlines the procedures by which DECD will administer the Community Development Block Grant Program and allows DECD to administer the federal grant funds in a timely and efficient manner.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities, economic development organizations, communities and businesses

**CHAPTER 60:** Communities for Maine's Future Program

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13056-D

PURPOSE: These rules implement the program to provide funding for the rehabilitation, revitalization and enhancement of downtowns and village centers and main streets in the State.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine municipalities looking for assistance in community development efforts.

**CHAPTER 65:** Historic Preservation Revolving Fund

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13056-F

PURPOSE: These rules implement the program to provide funds to qualified nonprofit historic preservation organizations for the purpose of acquiring endangered historic properties of local, state or national significance.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Qualified nonprofits seeking funds to preserve historic property.

**CHAPTER 70:** Regional Economic Development Assistance

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13073-A

PURPOSE: These rules implement the program to award start-up grants to nonprofit local or regional community organizations providing local or regional economic development programs.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Economically distressed communities in Maine.

**CHAPTER 75:** Riverfront Community Development Program

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13083-T

PURPOSE: These rules implement the program to assist communities along the State's rivers to revitalize their riverfronts in an environmentally sustainable manner and to promote river-oriented community development and enhancement projects.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine municipalities located along rivers.

**CHAPTER 80:** Economic Opportunity Program

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13090-B

PURPOSE: These rules establish the criteria for implementation of the program.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine municipalities seeking grants to secure public and/or private investments to stimulate economic growth.

**499: Office of Business Development**

**CHAPTER 255:** Visual Media Production Certification

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13090-L

PURPOSE: These rules establish the criteria for program operation of the Visual Media Production Certification.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Producers of Maine media projects.

**CHAPTER 301: Maine Products Marketing Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13058(3) and 13061, *et seq.*

PURPOSE: These rules establish the criteria for program operation of the Maine Products Marketing Program.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine producers of consumer goods.

**CHAPTER 311: Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13063-K and 13063-M

PURPOSE: These rules establish the criteria for carrying out this article.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine community-based organizations providing training to microenterprises.

**CHAPTER 321: Travel Promotion Matching Fund Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13090-G

PURPOSE: These rules establish the criteria for carrying out this program.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine public and private nonprofit travel promotional organizations.

**CHAPTER 331: Technology Centers**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 15322

PURPOSE: These rules establish the program to support early-stage development of technology-based businesses.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Early-stage, technology-based businesses in the State

**CHAPTER 341: Maine Workforce Opportunities Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13063-R

PURPOSE: These rules establish the criteria for carrying out this program.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine businesses looking to hire employees with specific skills and skilled workers seeking quality employment.

**CHAPTER 342: Grants to Municipalities to Retain Mature or Dominant Employers**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 § 13063-D and 13063-C

PURPOSE: Routine technical rules to establish criteria for grant program.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities with major employers in need of assistance during tough economic times with funds from Job Retention Program.

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**POSSIBLE 2021-2022 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

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**639: ConnectME Authority**

**Chapter 101:** ConnectME Authority

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A, Chapter 93

PURPOSE: Amend the rules to align with current statute and other technical adjustments.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: When Conditions are Right

AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities, unorganized territories, businesses, communities



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**From:** Garland, Denise  
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Hi Don,

I hope you are doing well. Please find attached DECD's 2021-22 filing for potential agency rulemaking. I will send a paper copy in the mail to you and submit a copy to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council per your instructions.

Many thanks  
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