

RULE PROPOSALS

INTERESTED PERSONS

Interested persons may submit comments, information or arguments concerning any of the rule proposals in this issue until the date indicated in the proposal. Submissions and any inquiries about submissions should be addressed to the agency officer specified for a particular proposal.

The required minimum period for comment concerning a proposal is 30 days. A proposing agency may extend the 30-day comment period to accommodate public hearings or to elicit greater public response to a proposed new rule or amendment. Most notices of proposal include a 60-day comment period, in order to qualify the notice for an exception to the rulemaking calendar requirements of N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3. An extended comment deadline will be noted in the heading of a proposal or appear in subsequent notice in the Register.

At the close of the period for comments, the proposing agency may thereafter adopt a proposal, without change, or with changes not in violation of the rulemaking procedures at N.J.A.C. 1:30-6.3. The adoption becomes effective upon publication in the Register of a notice of adoption, unless otherwise indicated in the adoption notice. Promulgation in the New Jersey Register establishes a new or amended rule as an official part of the New Jersey Administrative Code.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

(a)

DIVISION OF CODES AND STANDARDS

Uniform Construction Code

Enforcement Activities Reserved to the Department

Proposed Amendment: N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.11

Authorized By: Jacquelyn A. Suárez, Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2025-123.

Submit written comments by November 14, 2025, to:

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The agency proposal follows:

Summary

The Department of Community Affairs (Department) is proposing to amend the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23 (UCC), to assign sole code enforcement activities of filming locations to the Department at N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.11. This proposed amendment would allow for film studios and producers to submit any necessary plan review and permits directly to the Department, as compared to submitting the documents through a local enforcing agency, the identity of which would change based upon the location of the film set and any other filming locations. This is beneficial to studios because filming often occurs throughout various locations in the State, and coordinating between multiple local enforcing agencies on various types of buildings and structures can lead to confusion and delays. Filming is also often a process that requires fast response times and turnarounds; when multiple agencies are involved in the review, there can be, and often are, delays. These delays not only have an impact on the filming process at large but can have a negative impact on the flow of work in local enforcing agencies.

The Department also proposes that it may take sole enforcement authority over filming studios containing sets, sound stages, and similar features. The Department already retains the discretion to exercise sole enforcement authority over these locations as part of the Uniform Construction Code Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-124.k; however, film studios often warrant special consideration on a case-by-case basis, especially large studios built in municipalities where the local enforcing agency

operates on a part-time basis, or where the studio may include complex elements.

As the Department has provided a 60-day comment period on this notice of proposal, this notice is excepted from the rulemaking calendar requirements, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

Social Impact

The proposed amendment is anticipated to have a positive social impact. This rulemaking further bolsters the expanding New Jersey film industry by ensuring that all filming locations are reviewed and inspected through one centralized office. This allows for seamless and consistent code enforcement over the filming industry in the State with as few delays as possible.

Economic Impact

The Department anticipates that the proposed amendment would not have a direct impact on the economy. However, consistency in UCC application for all film sets could have an indirectly positive economic impact because ensuring that the film industry has a single point of entry for all matters relating to the construction, use, and removal or demolition of set items and all appurtenant features encourages the industry to remain in New Jersey for future projects. In 2023, spending on film and television production exceeded \$650 million.

Federal Standards Statement

No Federal standards analysis is required because this amendment is not being proposed pursuant to the authority of, or in order to implement, comply with, or participate in, any program established pursuant to Federal law or any State statute that incorporates or refers to any Federal law, standard, or requirement.

Jobs Impact

The proposed amendment to assign the Department sole enforcement responsibility for film sets is not anticipated to have a direct impact on the creation of jobs in the State. Centralized access to reviewers and inspectors will create consistency that further incentivizes film industries to film and produce in New Jersey, which, in turn, fuels thousands of jobs for New Jersey residents.

Agriculture Industry Impact

The Department does not anticipate that the proposed amendment would impact the agriculture industry.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed amendment does not impose new reporting, recordkeeping, or other technical compliance requirements on film industry representatives, some of which are "small businesses," as defined pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq. The proposed amendment simply transfers the permit application submittal requirements from the local enforcing agency to the Department. It is not anticipated that this rulemaking would cause small businesses to need to employ professional services not already required for compliance with the UCC. As such, no analysis is required.

Housing Affordability Impact Analysis

The proposed amendment to assign the Department as the sole enforcing agency for film sets and locations is not expected to impact housing affordability or costs associated with housing.

Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis

The proposed amendment assigns UCC jurisdiction over filming locations to the Department. As the proposed amendment does not impact zoning or what may be built in a given location, it is not anticipated that the proposed amendment will have any impact upon housing production within Planning Areas 1 and 2, or within designated centers, pursuant to the State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

Racial and Ethnic Community Criminal Justice and Public Safety Impact Statement

The Department has evaluated this rulemaking and determined that it will not have an impact on pretrial detention, sentencing, probation, or parole policies concerning adults and juveniles in the State. Accordingly, no further analysis is required.

Full text of the proposal follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**):

SUBCHAPTER 3. SUBCODES

5:23-3.11 Enforcement activities reserved to the Department

(a)-(k) (No change.)

(l) The Department shall be the sole enforcing agency for work relating to motion picture and television film sets, and motion picture and television film locations, including the construction and use of temporary structures in outdoor locations or work undertaken on locations otherwise independent of a film studio set.

1. The Department may take jurisdiction over any film studio, including appurtenant and auxiliary spaces, that includes closed sound stages, sets, or related features. This decision may be made based upon local enforcing agency availability, the complexity of the film studio project, and the workload of the local enforcing agency.

HEALTH**(a)****PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES BRANCH**

Reportable Communicable Diseases, Infections, and Conditions; Reportable Zoonotic Diseases Occurring in Animals; Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System; New Jersey Immunization Information System; Childhood Immunization; and Immunization of Collegians Collection, Processing, Storage and Distribution of Blood

New Jersey Youth Camp Safety Standards Tanning Facilities

Standards for Licensure of Assisted Living Residences, Comprehensive Personal Care Homes, and Assisted Living Programs Standards for Licensure of Adult Family Care Caregivers and Sponsor Agencies

Standards for Licensure of Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities

Standards for Licensure of Long-Term Care Facilities

Manual of Standards for Licensing of Ambulatory Care Facilities

Standards for Licensure of Pediatric Community Transitional Homes

Hospital Licensing Standards

Public Health Practice Standards of Performance for Local Boards of Health in New Jersey

Proposed Repeals and New Rules: N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.1, 4.5, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 8:57-5 Appendices A and B, and 6.1 through 6.15

Proposed New Rules: N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.8, 2.1, 2.5, 2.12, 2.13, 4.3, and 4.6, and 8:57 Appendices A through M, and P through U

Proposed Repeals: N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.2 and 1.12, 8:57-1 Appendices A and B, 3.2, 3.3, 3.17, 3.18, 3.21, 3.23, 8:57-3 Appendices A through J, 4.7, 4.8, 4.14 through 4.21, 4.23, 8:57-4 Appendix, 6.16, 6.18, 6.19, 6.20, 6.21, and 8:57-6 Appendix

Proposed Recodifications with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.15, 4.24, 1.14, 1.4 through 1.11, 1.13, and 4.6 as 8:57-1.14, 1.5, 1.7, 2.2 through 2.10, 2.11, and 4.4, Respectively

Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 8:8-5.2; 8:25-1.4 and 5.5; 8:28-1.2; 8:36-18.4; 8:39-19.4 and 27.4; 8:43A-14.2; 8:43B-6.10; 8:43D-15.4; 8:43G-14.1 and 19.15; 8:52-3.3, 12.3, and 14.1 and 8:52 Appendix; 8:57-1.3, 3.1, 3.4 through 3.16, 3.19, 3.20, 3.22, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.22, 5.1, 5.3 through 5.6, 5.8 through 5.12, 5.14, 5.16, and 6.17; and 8:111-9.1

Authorized By: Jeffrey A. Brown, Acting Commissioner, Department of Health, and in consultation with the Public Health Council.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.14 et seq.; 17:23A-13.1; 17:48-6i and 6m; 17:48A-7h; 17:48E-35.6 and 35.10; 17B:26-2.1h; 17B:27-46.1h and 46.1i; 17B:27A-7; 18A:40-20, 21.1, 21.2, 26, and 42; 18A:61D-1 et seq., specifically 18A:61D-6; 18A:62-15, 15.1 and 15.2; 18A:75A-1 et seq., specifically 18A:75A-4, 5, and 13; 24:15-10; 26:1A-1 et seq., specifically 26:1A-7, 9, 9.1, and 15; 26:2-137.1 and 137.7; 26:2F-3, 13, and 13.2; 26:2H-1 et seq., specifically 26:2H-5 and 18.79; 26:2J-4.6 and 4.10; 26:2N-1 et seq., specifically 2N-2, 7.1, and 7.2; 26:2T-1 et seq., specifically 26:2T-4; 26:4-1 through 26:4-59; 26:4-60 through 72, specifically 26:4-70; 26:4-78 through 95; 26:4-96 through 26:4-100.13, specifically 26:4-100.3; 26:4-129 and 130; 26:4-131 through 138, specifically 26:4-134; 26:12-1 et seq., specifically 26:12-5 and 16; 26:13-1 et seq.; 30:5B-1 et seq., specifically 30:5B-5; 34:9A-12 and 13; 45:9-42 through 45:9-42.25, specifically 45:9-42.24; 45:9-42.26 through 42.49, specifically 45:9-42.34 and 42.35; and 47:1A-1 et seq.; and P.L. 2005, c. 222, § 35; Reorganization Plan No. 003-2005.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2025-122.

Submit written comments by November 14, 2025, electronically to <http://www.nj.gov/health/legal/ecomments.shtml>, or by regular mail postmarked by November 14, 2025, to:

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The agency proposal follows:

Summary

N.J.A.C. 8:57, Communicable Diseases, establishes standards for the reporting, investigation, and other activities attendant to the identification