



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
of COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Memorandum

TO: Local Government Chief Elected Officials, Local Government Clerks, Planning Directors, Managers and Administrators

FROM: Christopher Nunn, Commissioner

DATE: August 26, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Rules for Developments of Regional Impact

Summary: DCA plans to amend rules governing the Non-ARC Developments of Regional Impact process. These rules will reflect recent development trends and update standards to reflect the needs and mission of the program.

In recent years, there has been a rise in developments that have large and potentially adverse effects that are not currently accounted for in the DRI rules. There has been a stated concern by Regional Commission staff that the rules be amended to include such developments to ensure that the purpose and mission of the DRI rules are met. Pursuant to statute, DCA is moving forward to amend these rules.

State law (Georgia Administrative Procedures Act O.C.G.A. §50-13-1, et seq.) provides an opportunity for you to provide input on these draft rules or request changes prior to adoption by the Board of Community Affairs. To assist you with this, I have attached a synopsis of the proposed amendments as well as a “Notice of Public Hearing and Intent to Adopt” these proposed changes. A clickable link to the draft standards has been included in each of the attached documents. You can submit your comments in writing to the address below, or you can attend one of the public hearings.

Please note that the Board of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs intends to act on the proposed rules at its meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at the Westbrook Room at the Hyatt Regency, 2 W Bay St, Savannah, Georgia 31401. If adopted by the Board of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the revised rules will automatically become effective twenty days after they are filed with the Secretary of State.

The full text of the proposed rules can be found on our website at: <https://dca.georgia.gov/community-assistance/coordinated-planning/governing-statutes-regulations-and-guidance>.

If you have any questions, need additional information, or wish to submit comments on the rules, please contact:

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