

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

(A) **PURPOSE AND LEGAL BASIS OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**

The proposed rule amendment removes the requirement that notice can only be mailed to the address on record and updates the incorporation by reference of the Code of Federal Regulation pursuant to Okla. Const., Art. 6, § 31; State Board of Agriculture; and 2 O.S. § 2-4(A)(2).

(B) **CLASSIFICATION:**

This rule amendment is classified as a *nonmajor rule amendment* with little to no financial impact.

(C) **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

The purpose is to remove the requirement for notice only by mail to follow the Oklahoma Pleading Code statute and to update the incorporation by reference to the Code of Federal Regulation.

(D) **CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULE AND ANY INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES:**

The proposed rules affect people regulated by the Department. No cost impacts have been received to date.

(E) **PERSONS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULE:**

People who are served by the Department for administrative action and people who rely on the Federal Codes referenced by the Department will benefit from the proposed rules.

(F) **DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

The proposed permanent amendments will have little economic impact on the affected classes, affected businesses, business sectors, individuals, state or local government entities, and the state economy. Updating the references to incorporations by reference will have little economic impact. The Code of Federal Regulations is available online for free. The Department estimates a cost of less than \$5,000.00 over a five-year period based on printing costs for those regulated by the updated regulations. No additional agency staff are needed for this proposed permanent amendment.

(G) **METHODOLOGY OF PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

The methodology focused on indirect, direct, measurable impacts, primarily concerning fees and administrative costs. The analysis was conducted under the assumption that some of the businesses and individuals who use the regulations will want to print the new materials for reference. Document printing costs typically range from \$0.10 to \$0.25 per page for black and white at retail locations or at a local library.

(H) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION WILL HAVE ANY ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PROPOSED RULE:**

No effect on any political subdivision is anticipated by the proposed rules.

(I) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:**

The proposed rules will have no adverse effect on small business.

(J) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY METHODS OR NON-REGULATORY METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULES:**

The Department is unaware of any non-regulatory methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed rules. No measures were necessary to minimize compliance costs, as no costs are imposed by the rule.

(K) **DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:**

The proposed rules will not affect the public health, safety, and environment.

(L) **DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:**

The Department is not aware of any detrimental effect the proposed rules will have on public health, safety, and environment.

(M) **DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:**

This rule impact statement was prepared on September 28, 2026.