



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07 – 27**

**REGULATORY EXTENSIONS AND WAIVERS FOR THOSE AFFECTED  
BY THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, STORM AND FLOOD**

On December 3, 2007, I declared a State of Emergency in all areas of the State that were affected by the severe winter storm that struck Northwestern Oregon in the preceding days. The storm caused high winds, flooding and erosion throughout the affected areas and resulted in prolonged power and communications outages and evacuations. Many Oregonians were displaced by the storm. Many residents and businesses located in areas affected by the storm are still experiencing disruptions of their normal activities, including inability to access business or personal records, delays in receiving mail and cash flow challenges.

These disruptions may inhibit individuals and/or businesses from timely compliance with some regulatory timelines, deadlines and due dates for payments owed. Pursuant to ORS 401.065(2) and 401.095(1), upon a Governor's declaration of a state of emergency, the Governor has the authority to suspend rules if strict compliance with such rules will prevent, hinder or delay mitigation of the effects of the emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE I HEREBY DECLARE:**

1. All State agencies shall develop and implement procedures to provide reasonable waivers or extensions of timelines and deadlines and waivers of penalties or fees associated with missed timelines or deadlines for persons and businesses located in areas affected by the storm.
2. Waivers and extensions shall be for a period of 30-60 days. Extensions may apply retroactively to deadlines or timelines that have already passed, if the Agency is reasonably satisfied that the failure to comply resulted from disruption caused by the storm.
3. Pursuant to ORS 401.065(2) and 401.095(1), this order supersedes any inconsistent rules and orders. This order does not supersede federal law.
4. Agencies shall submit a report or any actions taken in compliance with this order to the Office of Regulatory Streamlining in the Department of Consumer and Business Services no later than January 31, 2008.



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Done at Salem, Oregon this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.



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Theodore R. Kulongoski  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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Bill Bradbury  
SECRETARY OF STATE