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INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

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FILING CAPTION: Sno-Park Permit Issuance

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The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

A public rulemaking hearing may be requested in writing by 10 or more people, or by a group with 10 or more members, within 21 days following the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Oregon Bulletin or 28 days from the date the Notice was sent to people on the agency mailing list, whichever is later. If sufficient hearing requests are received, the notice of the date and time of the rulemaking hearing must be published in the Oregon Bulletin at least 14 days before the hearing.

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

There are three Winter Recreation Parking (Sno-Park) Permit types. Daily permits are valid for use on a single day, Three-Day permits are valid for a consecutive 3-day period, and annual permits are valid for the duration of the Sno-Park season in which they are purchased (November 1 through April 30). Sno-Park Permits are available for purchase at DMV field offices and Sno-Park Permit Sales Agent locations. Annual permits can also be purchased on the DMV website from October 1 through April 30 of each year.

DMV discontinued issuing Daily and 3-Day Sno-Park Permits online because physical permits are mailed to the customer from DMV Headquarters, and the customer would not always receive the permit in time for their trip to the winter recreation area.

DMV proposes an amendment to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 735-018-0140 to reflect that DMV no longer issues Daily and 3-Day Sno-Park Permits via DMV's website (DMV2U). The proposed rule change reflects current DMV practice.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

None.

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

This rule amendment will not impact racial equity in Oregon. Customers are able to purchase Daily, 3-Day and Annual Sno-Park permits from Sno-Park Sales Agent locations and at DMV field office locations throughout the state.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

See below.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

(1) Public – There may be a minimal economic impact to the public. The public must travel to a Sno-Park Permit Sales Agent location or a DMV office to obtain a Daily or 3-Day Sno-Park Permit, which may cost them time and fuel expense. There is no economic impact to the public for Annual Sno-Park permits because they remain available for purchase via DMV2U and are also available from Sno-Park Permit sales agents and DMV Field Offices.

DMV – A small number of customers might visit DMV field offices to purchase Sno-Park permits. There has been no significant increase in customer visits to field offices to purchase permits. In the 2022-23 Sno-Park permit season, after Daily and 3-Day permits were no longer issued online, there were 84,682 Annual permits issued by agents and via DMV2U, and 380 Annual permits issued at 37 of the 60 DMV field offices. The change has not impacted DMV Field Services' operations.

There has been a positive impact on DMV by discontinuing sales of Daily and 3-Day Permits on DMV2U. DMV offered Daily and 3-Day permits via DMV2U for two Sno-Park Permit seasons (2019-20 and 2020-21). During that time, 856 Daily and 141 3-day permits were purchased. DMV realized administrative savings by not offering Daily and 3-Day permits via DMV's website. The cost of mailing and supplies decreased, and DMV experienced fewer customer calls and complaints about the delay in receiving the Daily or 3-day permit they purchased online.

(2) DMV believes the proposed rule change has a minimal impact on small businesses that issue Sno-Park Permits. Small businesses that offer Sno-Park permits may have experienced an increase in additional customers. DMV is unable to quantify the number of additional customers because DMV stopped offering online purchase of Daily and 3-Day Sno-Park permits in 2021.

(2)(a) About 80 of Oregon's Sno Park Permit Sales Agents are small businesses, out of roughly 160 total agents statewide.

(2)(b) There are no additional reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities or costs required to comply with the proposed rule amendment.

(2)(c) There is no cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor or increased administration required to comply with the proposed rule amendment.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

DMV sent draft rules to 14 organizations representing small businesses. No responses were received.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

DMV did not convene a RAC because the proposed amendment is a direct response to clear customer feedback and reflects current practice. Online sales of Daily and 3 Day Sno Park Permits did not support business or customer needs, as customers often did not receive their permits in time and felt they wasted their money. Customers continue to have access to these permits at DMV Field Offices and from numerous Sno Park Permit Sales Agents statewide.

AMEND: 735-018-0140

RULE SUMMARY: DMV proposes an amendment to this rule to reflect that DMV no longer issues Daily and 3-Day Sno-Park Permits via DMV's website (DMV2U). DMV discontinued issuing Daily and 3-Day Sno-Park Permits online because

physical permits were mailed to the customer from DMV Headquarters, and the customer would not always receive the permit in time for their trip to the winter recreation area.

CHANGES TO RULE:

735-018-0140

Sno-Park Permits Issued by Electronic Means

(1) ~~A person may purchase a Daily, Three-Day, or Issuance of an Annual Winter Recreation Area Parking Permit (Sno-Park permit) is in accordance with OAR 735-080-0000. A person may purchase an Annual Sno-Park permit by means of an electronic transaction at on DMV's website. Issuance of the permit is in accordance with OAR 735-080-0000 from October 1 through April 15 of each year.~~¶

(2) Sno-Park permits purchased through an electronic transaction at on DMV's website are mailed to the address provided by the person during the electronic transaction.¶

(3) ~~DMV issues an Interim Annual Sno-Park permit w~~When a person purchases an Annual Sno-Park permit through an electronic transaction conducted at DMV's website, DMV issues an Interim Annual Sno-Park permit. The Interim Annual Sno-Park permit is valid for two weeks. A person may print and use the Interim Annual Sno-Park permit as described in OAR 735-080-0000.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 184.619, 802.010, 802.012, 811.595

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 802.012, 810.170, 811.590, 811.600