14:9-6.15 Liability for hazardous substance discharges
An entity that acquires the facilities of a small water company and/or a small sewer company pursuant to a final joint takeover order, shall be governed by [N.J.A.C. 1:9-5.14] N.J.S.A. 58:11-63.2 with respect to any hazardous substance discharged at the facilities prior to the acquisition.

SUBCHAPTER 7. PURCHASED WATER AND WASTEWATER ADJUSTMENT CLAUSES

14:9-7.6 Petition contents
(a)-(c) (No change.)
(d) If the Board approves deferred accounting, the utility shall pay interest on the deferred amount in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:3-13.2.
(e)-(f) (No change.)

14:9-7.7 Determining the customer charge under a PWAC or PSTAC
(a) This section sets forth the procedure by which a water or wastewater utility shall calculate the amount the utility is authorized to collect from each customer under its PWAC or PSTAC. The utility shall present this calculation to the Board for its review and approval as part of a petition submitted under N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.5.7.
(b) (No change.)

SUBCHAPTER 8. COMBINED DOMESTIC WATER AND FIRE SUPPRESSION SERVICE

14:9-8.1 Definitions
The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Additional definitions that apply to this subchapter can be found at N.J.A.C. 14-9-8.1.3.

"Domestic water service" means potable water service supplied by a water utility that meets or exceeds the requirements of N.J.A.C. 14:9-8.1.3.

14:9-8.2 Required water tariff filings and amendments
(a) A water utility that is required under N.J.A.C. 14:9-8.1.3 to file a tariff with the Board after October 16, 2006 shall ensure that the tariff complies with this subchapter.
(b)-(c) (No change.)

14:9-8.3 Multi-use service
(a) (No change.)
(b) The following language shall be located in the tariff in a Terms of Payment section governing multi-use service, or in a General Terms of Payment section:
"A water utility may terminate a customer’s multi-use service for non-payment of a valid water bill for multi-use service, in accordance with the Board’s rules governing discontinuance of service at N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.6.4(j)."
(c)-(g) (No change.)

TRANSPORTATION

(a)

MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION LICENSING SERVICE

New Jersey Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealers


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The agency proposal follows:

Summary
This notice of proposal is excepted from the rulemaking calendar requirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a). Since this notice is not listed in the agency rulemaking calendar, the public comment period for this notice will be 60 days.

The proposed amendments clarify that, to be a “proper person” under N.J.S.A. 39:10-19, any applicant intending to sell new motor vehicles must meet the requirements of N.J.S.A. 56:10-27 and 28 by submitting a copy of the applicant’s franchise agreement(s) with the motor vehicle manufacturer(s) whose makes and models the applicant is franchised to sell. Such applicants also must meet the requirements of N.J.S.A. 39:10-19 with respect to their place of business. The proposed amendments also clarify portions of N.J.A.C. 13:21-15 by correcting grammatical and typographical errors and replacing obsolete references to the Director and to the Division of Motor Vehicles, respectively, with references to the Chief Administrator, who has assumed most of the powers and duties of the Director, and the Commission, which has assumed the powers and duties of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.2. Application, subsection (d), is proposed for amendment to substitute “his or her” for “his,” and in subsection (f) to reflect that the Chief Administrator has replaced the Director (of the former Division of Motor Vehicles) and to substitute “Commission” for “MVC.” Subsection (l) is proposed for amendment to substitute “his or her” for “his.” New subsection (m) is proposed, which requires the sellers of new motor vehicles to submit a copy of his, her, or its franchise agreement to the Commission, to bring motor vehicle dealers into compliance with N.J.S.A. 56:10-27 and 28, which require the sellers of new motor vehicles to sell new motor vehicles through franchisees only, except as otherwise stated in the statute. Existing subsection (m) will also be recodified as subsection (n).

N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.3. Proper person, is proposed for amendment at paragraph (a)2, to substitute “he or she” for “he,” and new paragraph (a)4 is added to require that an applicant for a license to sell new motor vehicles be a franchisee under N.J.S.A. 56:10-26.4, for the reasons stated with respect to the proposed amendment of N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.2(m).

Existing paragraph (a)4 will be recodified as subsection (n).

N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.4. Established place of business, is proposed for amendment to specify that licensees shall mean licensees selling used motor vehicles to sell new motor vehicles through franchisees only, except as otherwise stated in the statute. Existing subsection (m) will also be recodified as subsection (n).

N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.5. Grounds for rejection, suspension, or revocation of a dealer license or issuance of a cease and desist order, and 15.6, Transfer of ownership without title; presentation or reassignment of altered title documents; suspension; period of suspension; refusal to renew license, are proposed for amendment to correct clerical and grammatical errors, to substitute the Chief Administrator for Director, and to substitute “his or her” for “his” and “him or her” for “him.”

N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.7. Responsibilities of licensee, is proposed for amendment at subsection (b) to substitute “his or her” for “his” and to substitute “the Commission” for “Commission personnel.”

(CITE 45 N.J.R. 2178)
The proposed amendments will have an insignificant impact on smart growth development impact analysis.

Agriculture Industry Impact Statement

The overwhelming majority of applicants and licensees affected by the proposed amendments are small businesses as that term is defined under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-6 et seq. The proposed amendments require applicants and licensees to submit a copy of their applicable agreement(s) with the motor vehicle manufacturer(s) whose makes and models the applicant is franchised to sell. This insurance shall be renewed as necessary to ensure that it remains valid for the entire prospective license term.

Housing Affordability Impact Analysis

The proposed amendments will have no impact on housing affordability and there is an extreme likelihood that the rules would evoke a change in average costs associated with housing because they pertain solely to the licensing of motor vehicle dealers.

Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis

The proposed amendments will have an insignificant impact on smart growth and are extremely unlikely to evoke a change in housing production in Planning Areas 1 or 2, or within designated centers, under the State Development and Redevelopment Plan in New Jersey because the rules pertain to the licensing of motor vehicle dealers.

Full text of the proposal follows (additions indicated in boldface thus; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 15. NEW JERSEY LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS

13:21-15.2 Application

(a)-(c) (No change.)

(d) The applicant for an initial license, or at least one officer, director, or controlling person, if the applicant is other than a natural person, shall submit a prelicensure interview as scheduled by the [Motor Vehicle] Commission, at which time the applicant will be examined as to his or her knowledge of the lawful conduct of the business of buying, selling, or dealing in motor vehicles in New Jersey; in the event that the applicant cannot demonstrate adequate knowledge thereof, the Commission may require the applicant to attend a training program.

(e) (No change.)

(f) At the time of initial application, the applicant shall submit a list of all proposed authorized signatories to be listed on the license application and the licensee shall notify the Commission within 10 days of any change in that list on forms prescribed by the Commission; every application shall include an affidavit by each authorized signatory that he or she has not been convicted of a crime arising out of fraud or misrepresentation nor previously held a license issued by the [Director] Chief Administrator or the [MVC] Commission, which license was revoked and not reissued.

(g)-(k) (No change.)

(l) At some time during the application process prior to licensure, the applicant shall submit a certificate of insurance demonstrating liability insurance covering all vehicles owned or operated by the dealer, at his or her request or with his or her consent. This insurance shall be in the amount of $100,000 per person per incident up to $250,000 per incident for bodily injury or death, $25,000 per incident for property damage, and $250,000 combined personal injury and property damage per incident. This insurance shall be renewed as necessary to ensure that it remains valid for the entire prospective license term.

(m) At the time of initial application, an applicant who intends to sell new motor vehicles shall submit a copy of the applicant's franchise agreement(s) with the motor vehicle manufacturer(s) whose makes and models the applicant is franchised to sell.

1. An applicant for renewal shall submit a copy of the applicant's franchise agreement(s) with the motor vehicle manufacturer(s) whose makes and models the applicant is franchised to sell.

[(m)] (n) Misrepresentation of any facts or failure to fulfill any of the commitments made in the license application, including, but not limited to, commitments concerning the establishment of a place of business, shall be grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license.

13:21-15.3 Proper person

(a) In order to be considered a proper person, an applicant must:

1. (No change.)

2. Be of sufficient good character, in the Chief Administrator's discretion, to warrant consideration as a proper person to be licensed as a dealer. To assist the Chief Administrator in making this determination, he or she may consider an applicant's financial responsibility, as well as whether or not the applicant has been involved in any illegal activities prior to [his] applying for a license;

3. Not have been convicted of a crime arising out of fraud or misrepresentation; and


[4] (b) The [Motor Vehicle] Commission will request the New Jersey Division of State Police to place a State Bureau of Investigation Number flag pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:59 on the fingerprint record of each person required to undergo a criminal background check pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.2.
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13:21-15.4 Established place of business

(a) All licensees shall maintain a permanent, properly identified location, with a minimum office space of 72 square feet within a permanent, enclosed building and where there are included or immediately contiguous, clearly identified, fixed facilities to display at least two automobiles and as set forth at (a)1 and 2 below, at which place of business shall be kept and maintained the books, records and files necessary to conduct the business, including, but not limited to, all documents required by N.J.S.A. 39:10-6, all payroll records, checkbooks, and ledgers for business accounts and trust accounts, all unissued temporary registrations, dealer reassignments, corporate authorities and licenses, dealer plates, and ledgers listing all issued and unissued temporary registrations, dealer assignments and dealer plates.

1. All licensees selling new motor vehicles shall maintain a permanent, properly identified location of not less than a total of 1,000 square feet, on one or more than one floor, within a permanent, enclosed building and where there are included or immediately contiguous, clearly identified, fixed facilities to display at least two automobiles and equipment to service motor vehicles as required by N.J.S.A. 39:10-19.

2. All licensees selling used motor vehicles exclusively shall maintain a permanent, properly identified location with a minimum office space of 72 square feet within a permanent, enclosed building and where there are included or immediately contiguous, clearly identified, fixed facilities to display at least two automobiles.

Recodify existing 1. and 2. as 3. and 4. (No change in text.)

(b) The established place of business shall display an exterior sign permanently affixed to the land or building, which sign is consistent with local ordinances and [which] has letters easily readable from the major avenues of traffic. Said sign must reflect the dealer name or trade name, providing such trade name has been previously disclosed to the Commission.

(c)-1: (No change.)

(g) All business records including, but not limited to, those set forth in (d) above, shall be maintained for three years on the licensed premises and shall be made available to the Commission [personnel] during normal business hours on request.

(No change.)

(h)-j: (No change.)

13:21-15.5 Grounds for rejection, suspension, or revocation of a dealer license or issuance of a cease and desist order

(a) The Chief Administrator may deny an application for a license, revoke or suspend a license after it has been granted, or issue a cease and desist order to a licensee, to an unlicensed person or entity engaged in activities in which a license is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:10-19 et seq. for any of the following reasons:

1. [Applicant] The applicant or licensee is not a proper person as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.3.

2. [Applicant] The applicant has made a willful misrepresentation or omission in an application for a dealer license or renewal thereof under the provisions of this [rule] subchapter.

3. [Applicant] The applicant was a previous holder of a license that was suspended or revoked for cause by the [Director or the] Chief Administrator and the terms of such suspension have not been satisfied and/or the license has not been reissued.

4. One or more of the partners, officers, directors, other controlling persons, or employees of the applicant previously held a license issued under the authority of the [Division or the] Commission, which license was revoked for cause and never reissued or was suspended for cause and terms of suspension have not been satisfied, or have willfully violated a cease and desist order issued by the Chief Administrator.

5. (No change.)

6. [Applicant] The applicant or licensee seeks or has obtained a dealer license for the benefit of one who is not a proper person within the meaning of this [rule] subchapter.

7. The applicant or licensee [or applicant] knew or should have known that any employee, partner, officer, director, owner of a controlling interest, or agent of the applicant or licensee [or applicant] is an individual who has been convicted of a crime arising out of fraud or misrepresentation or previously held a license issued by the [Director] Chief Administrator or the Commission, which license was suspended or revoked for cause and not reissued.

8. The [dealer] license fails to comply with the requirements of existing law governing the standards for used motor vehicles. (N.J.S.A. 39:10-26 [thru] through 39:10-30;)

9. It is found by an administrative determination of the Commission that the subject applicant or licensee [or applicant] has engaged in the unlawful act of altering the true reading of an odometer (the mileage recording instrument of a motor vehicle). Evidence that such alteration was made while the vehicle was in the possession of the applicant or licensee [or applicant] shall be prima facie proof that such alteration was performed by the applicant or licensee [or applicant] or with his or her consent.

10. It is found by an administrative determination of the Commission that the subject applicant or licensee [or applicant] has engaged in the unlawful act of altering a vehicle identification number (VIN). Evidence that such alteration was made while the vehicle was in the possession of the applicant or licensee [or applicant] shall be prima facie proof that such alteration was performed by the applicant or licensee [or applicant] or with the applicant’s or licensee’s [or applicant’s] consent;

11. (No change.)

12. The licensee has failed to maintain any of the qualifications for a license [herein] set forth in this subchapter or otherwise set forth by law, including, but not limited to, failure to maintain an established place of business as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:21-15.4.

13. (No change.)

14. The licensee engaged in selling, displaying for sale or lease, or dealing in motor vehicles at a location other than that at which the licensed business is permanently established. The assertion by the licensee as a defense in any action that he or she has conducted sales activity at other than the premises where the business is permanently established shall constitute conclusive proof of that fact;

15. (No change.)

16. The licensee has failed to satisfy a valid, collectible judgment within 90 days of its entry against him or her;

17.-18. (No change.)

(b) Upon suspension, revocation, or denial of renewal of a license, or upon voluntary relinquishment of the license or dissolution of the dealership, the licensee shall forthwith return all Commission property, and/or the license has not been reissued;

2. All licensees selling used motor vehicles exclusively shall maintain a permanent, properly identified location with a minimum office space of 72 square feet within a permanent, enclosed building and where there are included or immediately contiguous, clearly identified, fixed facilities to display at least two automobiles and equipment to service motor vehicles as required by N.J.S.A. 39:10-19.

(a) No motor vehicle dealer licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:10-19, nor any person on his or her behalf, shall present to the Commission or reassign to a subsequent purchaser a motor vehicle title issued by this or any other state, province, or jurisdiction or any other title document that contains any erasure, obliteration, correction, or any other alteration where said alteration was reasonably detectable by a person of ordinary intelligence from a routine review of the motor vehicle title or any other title document.

(b)-(e) (No change.)

(f) The Chief Administrator may revoke or refuse to renew a dealer license where the applicant has had two or more violations of (a) and/or (b) above, which violations resulted in a suspension pursuant to (d) above.

13:21-15.6 Transfer of ownership without title; presentation or reassignment of altered title documents; suspension; period of suspension; refusal to renew license

(a) No motor vehicle dealer licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:10-19, nor any person on his or her behalf, shall present to the Commission or reassign to a subsequent purchaser a motor vehicle title issued by this or any other state, province, or jurisdiction or any other title document that contains any erasure, obliteration, correction, or any other alteration where said alteration was reasonably detectable by a person of ordinary intelligence from a routine review of the motor vehicle title or any other title document.

(b)-(e) (No change.)

(f) The Chief Administrator may revoke or refuse to renew a dealer license where the applicant has had two or more violations of (a) and/or (b) above, which violations resulted in a suspension pursuant to (d) above.

13:21-15.7 Responsibilities of licensee

(a) (No change.)

(b) The dealer shall be responsible for the disposition of all reassignments in his or her possession.

1. (No change.)

2. All dealer reassignments shall be accounted for upon request of the Commission [personnel].

3. (No change.)

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13:21-15.9 Temporary registrations issued by licensed motor vehicle
dealers for vehicles that are to be permanently registered in New Jersey
(a) (No change.)
(b) A temporary registration shall not be issued pursuant to this section
if the motor vehicle dealer does not have in [its] his or her possession a
valid manufacturer’s statement of origin or title for the vehicle and,
if applicable, a valid dealer reassignment certificate for the vehicle.
(c)-(g) (No change.)
(h) A temporary registration is not transferable from one motor vehicle
dealer to another, nor from one vehicle to another. A temporary
registration shall not be issued by a customer, [to] another motor vehicle dealer [nor to], or any other person or entity. A temporary
registration shall not be issued for vehicles titles in the name of the
motor vehicle dealer, or for vehicles covered solely by the dealer’s
insurance policy.
(i)-(r) (No change.)
(s) A motor vehicle dealer who violates any provision of this section
shall, upon notice and an opportunity to be heard, have the privilege of
issuing temporary registrations suspended. In addition, a motor vehicle
dealer who commits such a violation may, upon notice and an
opportunity to be heard, have the motor vehicle dealer’s license
suspended or revoked, or renewal thereof refused, by the Chief
(t) (No change.)
13:21-15.10 Nonresident temporary registrations issued by licensed
motor vehicle dealers
(a) (No change.)
(b) A nonresident temporary registration shall not be issued pursuant to
this section if the motor vehicle dealer does not have in [its] his or her
possession a valid manufacturer’s statement of origin or title for the
vehicle and, if applicable, a valid dealer reassignment certificate for the vehicle.
(c) (No change.)
(d) An applicant for a nonresident temporary registration pursuant to
this section shall present proof to the motor vehicle dealer or authorized
signatory of his or her out-of-State residence and of the name of the
insurance company that is providing liability insurance coverage for the
vehicle and the insurance policy number or binder number; such proofs
shall be retained with the dealer’s copy of the temporary registration.
(e)-(g) (No change.)
(h) A nonresident temporary registration is not transferable from one
motor vehicle dealer to another, nor from one vehicle to another. A nonresident temporary registration shall not be issued by a motor vehicle
dealer to a customer, [to] another motor vehicle dealer, [nor to], or any other person or entity. A nonresident temporary registration shall not be issued for vehicles titles in the name of the motor vehicle dealer [nor to]
or for vehicles covered solely by the dealer’s insurance policy.
(i)-(q) (No change.)
(r) A motor vehicle dealer who violates any provision of this section
shall, upon notice and an opportunity to be heard, have the privilege of
issuing temporary registrations suspended. In addition, a motor vehicle
dealer who commits such a violation may, upon notice and an
opportunity to be heard, have the motor vehicle dealer’s license
suspended or revoked, or renewal thereof refused by the Chief
(s) (No change.)
13:21-15.11 Dealer plates
(a) All dealer plates shall be accounted for in a logbook or ledger, for
which the following information is listed for each dealer plate:
1. (No change.)
2. [Vehicle identification numbers (VINs)] of all vehicles to which the
plate was assigned, along with dates of assignment; and
3. The location at which the vehicle to which the plate is assigned is
garaged (if not on the dealer’s premises).
(b) The [log] logbook or ledger [in] required pursuant to (a)
above shall be maintained for at least three years.
(c) A motor vehicle dealer who fails upon the demand of the
Commission to produce the [log] logbook or ledger required pursuant to
(a) above, shall, upon notice and opportunity to be heard, be subject to
suspension or revocation of the motor vehicle dealer’s license or the
suspension or revocation of the privilege of retaining dealer plates
herefore issued or purchasing additional plates.
(d)-(g) (No change.)
13:21-15.12 New motor vehicle inspection stickers
(a) All new motor vehicle inspection stickers shall be accounted for in
consecutive order in a logbook or ledger, for which the following
information is listed for each sticker:
1.-2. (No change.)
3. The year, make, and VIN of the vehicle to which the sticker was
affixed, if applicable; and
4. (No change.)
(b) The [log] logbook or ledger [in] required pursuant to (a)
above shall be maintained for at least five years.
(c)-(d) (No change.)
(e) A motor vehicle dealer who fails upon the demand of the
Commission to produce the [log] logbook or ledger required pursuant to
(a) above or voided stickers retained pursuant to (c) above or who fails to
report, or falsely reports, the loss or theft of stickers, as required by (d)
above, shall, upon notice and opportunity to be heard, be subject to
suspension or revocation of the motor vehicle dealer’s license.
13:21-15.14 Hearings
(a)-(b) (No change.)
(c) The hearing request must be in writing, must list all contested
issues of material fact, issues of law, and mitigating circumstances that
the applicant or licensee intends to demonstrate.
(d)-(f) (No change.)
(g) Except in the case of extraordinary circumstances, it shall not be a
defense to disciplinary action based on a failure to respond to a Notice of
Proposed Disciplinary Action that the applicant or licensee [or applicant] was not present at the business address listed in the [MVC]
Commission’s records.
(h) Nothing [herein] in this subchapter shall prevent the Chief
Administrator from seeking to resolve any disciplinary matters through
informal means at any stage of disciplinary proceedings described in this
section.
13:21-15.15 Emergency disciplinary action
(a) In the event of an emergent situation, in which ongoing fraud, lack
of insurance, destruction or vacation of premises, or other circumstances
[that] would jeopardize the integrity of the Commission’s title records
and the ability to prevent traffic in stolen or fraudulently titled motor
vehicles, the Commission may immediately issue a preliminary
suspension of the dealer’s license.
(b)-(d) (No change.)