ARC 0778D

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT[661]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to the department

The Department of Public Safety hereby rescinds Chapter 1, "The Department," Iowa Administrative Code, and adopts a new Chapter 1 with the same title.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 17A.3 and Executive Order 10.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 80 and section 17A.3.

Purpose and Summary

Pursuant to Executive Order 10, the Department hereby rescinds Chapter 1 and adopts a new chapter in lieu thereof. The chapter establishes how the Department is organized and where offices are located, as well as how the public may make submissions or requests for information. This chapter also outlines the construction of the Department's rules.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 30, 2026, as **ARC 0608D**. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 20, 2026
- October 21, 2026

No one attended the public hearings. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the Department on November 4, 2026.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 7—Chapter 2504.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on December 30, 2026.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Rescind 661—Chapter 1 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 1
THE DEPARTMENT

661—1.1(17A) Organization. The department of public safety is administered by a commissioner who is appointed consistent with Iowa Code section 80.2. The duties of the department shall be allocated consistent with Iowa Code section 80.4.

661—1.2(17A) Offices.

1.2(1) Office. The principal office for the department is that of the commissioner in the State Public Safety Headquarters Building in the Capitol Complex in Des Moines. Its mailing address is the Department of Public Safety, State Public Safety Headquarters Building, 215 East 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. The principal offices of the divisions of the department are also located in the State Public Safety Headquarters Building.

1.2(2) Addresses of district headquarters, fire marshals, radio stations and other offices located outside the principal headquarters may be obtained at the department's principal office.

661—1.3(17A) Methods by which and location where the public may obtain information or make submissions or requests. Persons wishing to obtain information from, report information to, or make submissions to the department may contact any of the offices in rule 661—1.2(17A).

661—1.4(17A) Construction of rules. All of the rules of the commissioner and the department are promulgated to describe the department and its procedure, to elaborate on or define some statutory language and to regulate some activities. Iowa Code chapter 4 is hereby adopted by reference so as to apply when construing these rules. When the words "statutes" or "general assembly" appear in Iowa Code chapter 4, it is intended the words "rules" and "commissioner" are to be inserted in lieu thereof. Iowa Code chapter 4 is adopted by reference at least so far as is applicable and not inconsistent with the intent of these rules or repugnant to the context of these rules.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.3.

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