Colorado Rulemaking Process: Deadlines and Timelines

Start Permanent Rules:

File Notice of proposed rulemaking

Deadline: 15th or end of month

Notice published in Register 25th of same month or 10th of following month *

Agency makes proposed Rules available — Minimum 5 days

Minimum 20 days

Hold Rulemaking Hearing

File proposed Rules with OPRRR

OPRRR may request cost-benefit analysis — Minimum 20 days

If requested, Agency files cost-benefit analysis — Minimum 5 days

Maximum 180 days from **last** hearing to adopt rules or terminate rulemaking

Continue Permanent Rules:

Adopt Rules

Request AG Opinion

AG Issues Opinion

File Adopted Rule with SOS and OLLS

Deadline: 15th or end of month

Rule published in Register 25th of same month or 10th of following month *

Maximum 20 days TOTAL to request AG Opinion, receive AG Opinion and file rule with SOS and OLLS

Minimum 20 days after publication, rule becomes effective

Rule published in CCR on effective date

* **NOTE:** The Colorado Register is published twice per month.
Filings from the 1st through the 15th will publish on the 25th of the same month.
Filings from the 16th through the end of the month will publish on the 10th of the following month.

Start Emergency Rules:

Adopt Rules

Request AG Opinion

AG Issues Opinion

File Adopted Rule with SOS and OLLS

Deadline: 15th or end of month

Notice published in Register 25th of same month or 10th of following month *

Maximum 20 days TOTAL to request AG Opinion, receive AG Opinion and file rule with SOS and OLLS

Rule becomes effective on adoption or later date as stated in the rule

Rule published in CCR as close to effective date as possible

Deadline: Emergency rules expire 120 days after adoption date.
Exceptions:
PUC rules 210 days
WQCC rules 1 year

Rule removed from CCR after expiration if not replaced or superseded by new Perm or Emer Rule

Rulemaking Agency
SOS = Secretary of State
AG = Attorney General
OLLS = Office of Legislative Legal Services
OPRRR = Office of Policy, Research, and Regulatory Reform

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