

# Amendments to 24 VAC 30-200 et seq. Vegetation Control Regulation

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# Reason for Regulatory Changes

**Changes made to §33.1-371.1 (Selective pruning permits) in 2006 by General Assembly**

- **Gives Commissioner authority over selective pruning on ALL highways in Commonwealth**
- **Commissioner to delegate administration of requirements to certain localities**
- **Requires additional measures be made in dealing with local beautification projects**

# Proposed Amendments to Regulation

- **Changes in “Definitions”**
  - Several definitions eliminated
  - “Inspector” definition modified
  - New definitions for “local beautification project” and “local government official”
- Text amended to reflect requirements for inspector *or* local government official
- Language added allowing access to medians for relocating vegetation
- New section added establishing appeals process for local government and sign owner (permittee)
- Sets out commissioner’s responsibility to consult with VDOT horticulturalists and landscape architects.
- Must render a determination within 30-days.

## Next Step

**Attorney General's Office concurs that the amendments are exempt from the requirements of the full Administrative Process Act**

- **Plan to request CTB approval at next meeting of the revised regulation**
- **If approval granted, revised regulation becomes effective November 2007**

**Questions?**