



State of Rhode Island
Department of Business Regulation

Regulatory Reform: Improving the Business Climate in Rhode Island

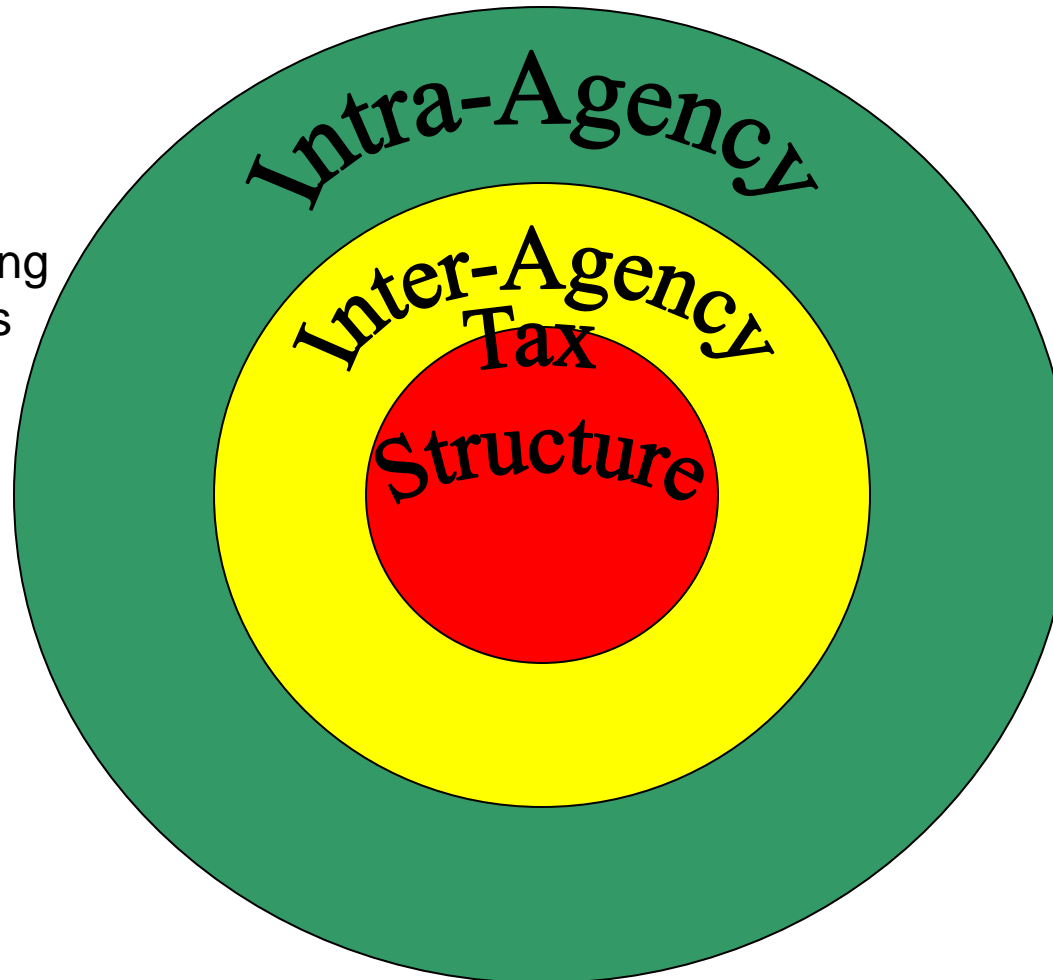
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Improving The Business Climate: The Challenges

What

- The Body of Regulations
- Licensing/Permitting Processes and Times



Who

- Intra-Agency
 - State Departments and Agencies
 - Municipal Governments
- Inter-Agency
 - Dealing with Multiple State Agencies
 - Dealing with Multiple Levels of Government



Improving The Business Climate: Our Approach

- Establish Office of Regulatory Reform (ORR)
 - Coordinate inter-agency reforms
 - Collaborate with local governments
- Detailed survey of key industries in Rhode Island
 - Fully understand where we need to focus efforts
 - Move beyond anecdote
- Develop “Model Permitting Process”
 - Pilot with 5 municipal permitting agencies
 - Rollout statewide
- Improve regulations’ management process
 - Develop balanced criteria to create/review regulations
 - Streamline legislative framework; incorporate better metrics