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SUBJECT: Tentative Scheduled Proposed Regulation Workgroups

Happy New Year! It is time to begin the process of updating to the 2018 Virginia Codes. The tentative schedule (attached) has been approved by the Board of Housing and Community Development with the intent to approve a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) at their meeting in March 2019. To that end, we have developed the following tentative schedule of workgroup meetings so that you can get them on your calendar. Two meetings are planned for each workgroup during the **proposed phase** of the regulatory process for the purpose of discussing proposed code changes. Also note that there may be additional single-issue committees formed at a later date. Please note that meetings will evolve over the course of the process and this tentative schedule is meant only as a guide.

A separate workgroup schedule will be developed for the **final phase** of the regulatory process anticipated to begin early 2020.

Again, we will be utilizing the online code development system ([cdpVA](#)) to submit and track changes and for information related to the regulatory process including meeting information. New this cycle is a requirement for a resiliency impact statement for each proposal. Governor Northam's Executive Order 24, requires the code update process to consider resiliency and the inclusion of a resiliency impact statement will allow a report to be generated that summarizes the impact of the code update related to resiliency. Please be sure to use the online system as your primary source of information as the schedule is tentative and may change. We encourage everyone to check cdpVA beginning February 18, 2019 for the most up to date information. We will not meet until after the General Assembly and have attempted to avoid dates that conflict with known conferences and/or holidays. The following workgroups and tentative dates are:



Workgroup 1: Administrative provisions of VCC, VMC, VRC and SFPC regulations; VADR/ADTAC regulations (amusement rides); VCS/BCAAC (certification requirements); IBSR (modular buildings); MHSR (manufactured housing); Related Laws; Manufactured Housing Licensing and Transaction Recovery Fund Regulations and, other state agency's regulations for functional design.

1st Meeting: March 26, 2019

2nd Meeting: July 10, 2019

Workgroup 2: Technical provisions of VCC, VMC, VRC and SFPC (IBC, IFC, IEBC and IPMC and other model codes).

1st Meeting: April 10, 2019

2nd Meeting: July 24, 2019

Workgroup 3: Residential provisions of the VCC, including IRC model code, trades and energy provisions.

1st Meeting: May 15, 2019

2nd Meeting: August 7, 2019

Workgroup 4: Technical trade provisions of the VCC, including IPC, IMC, IFGC and NEC.

1st Meeting: June 5, 2019

2nd Meeting: August 21, 2019

Special Workgroup (Fire Code Edits): In addition to the regular workgroup meetings, DHCD will hold two special full-day meetings for the purpose of reviewing recommended changes from the FSB subworkgroup to the SFPC edits in Chapters 20-67.

1st Meeting: May 23, 2019

2nd Meeting: August 14, 2019

Known issues that have been either carried over or identified since the last cycle include:

- Residential Use Groups (Accessory Dwelling Units, Assisted Living, etc.)
- VRC Rafter Ties: clarify how rafter kickers are to be installed; change to other approved methods?
- VRC: DWV Primerless Glue
- VCC FSA Elevator Lobbies: FSAEL construction requirements reference deleted elevator lobby section.
- VRC Wind Speeds: update Virginia amendments to correlate with new IRC ultimate wind speed map
- VRC N1102.4.1: Include list of acceptable air barrier materials and standards (similar to C402.5.1.2)
- VRC qualifications for duct blaster testing by installing contractor
- VMC: Certification of damaged electrical components
- VCC: Panic hardware for electric rooms (correlation between NEC And IBC)



- VRC: Clarify the requirements for installation of smoke detectors in existing R-5 occupancies when work is being performed (VRC section 314.2.2)
- VRC: Clarification of state amendment regarding sprinkler requirements for ALFs in R-5 structures (310.6)
- VCC: Clarification of occupancy limitations/restrictions of I-1 Condition 1 and Condition 2. Coordination of USBC and DSS licensing regulations.
- VCC: Review corridor rating reduction for I-1
- USBC/IFC: Correlate definition of Ambulatory Health Care Facility
- VRC: Whole House Mechanical Ventilation – Continue discussion/clarification with energy subworkgroup.

Virginia is a national leader in the development of construction related codes, due primarily to the involvement of all stakeholder groups. Your input is essential to the success of Virginia code development process. DHCD staff looks forward to working with all of you during this code update cycle!

As always, do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns. Email sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov or by phone 804-371-7150.

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Attachments

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