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TO: Virginia Code Development Stakeholders

FROM: Jeff Brown, Deputy Director of Building and Fire Regulation 

DATE: April 1, 2025

SUBJECT: 2024 Code Development Cycle

On March 10th, the Board of Housing and Community Development approved Notices of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRAs) to begin the 2024 Code Development Cycle and update the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC), Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR), Amusement Device Regulations (VADR), Certification Standards (VCS), and Manufactured Housing Safety Regulations (MHSR).

On April 1, 2025, Virginia's online code development system ([cdpVA](#)) opened for submission of code change proposals for the 2024 Code Development Cycle and we will continue utilizing cdpVA for posting important information related to the Code Development Cycle (CDC). In accordance with Board policy, the final phase of the regulatory update process will be reserved for any necessary editorial corrections to the proposed regulations, so please submit any code change proposals as early as possible to ensure that they will be able to be considered for the 2024 Virginia Codes. The tentative deadline for submission of code change proposals for the 2024 CDC is October 1, 2025.

Study Groups and Sub-Workgroups will begin meeting in June and Workgroup meetings to discuss individual code change proposals will begin in July (tentative schedule attached). Based on feedback from stakeholders, stakeholder meetings for the 2024 CDC will be in-person whenever possible. Base documents for the 2024 Virginia regulations are currently being developed and will be posted in cdpVA as soon as they are completed, prior to the first general workgroup meetings in July. Additional information will be provided as it is available.

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

c: Bryan Horn, Director

Attachments: Tentative Stakeholder Meeting Dates
Tentative 2024 Code Development Cycle Schedule



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**2024 Code Development Cycle
Study Group, Sub-Workgroup and Workgroup
Tentative Meeting Dates**

April 1, 2025:	cdpVA opens for submission of code change proposals for the 2024 cycle
June 2025:	Initial Meetings of Study Groups (Single Exit Stair SG; Expediting Permits & COs SG) and Sub-Workgroups (Energy SWG; Statewide Fire Prevention Code SWG)
July 2025:	1 st Combined Workgroup (USBC/SFPC/VADR/IBSR/MHSR/VCS)
September 2025:	Combined Workgroup (USBC/SFPC/VADR/IBSR/MHSR/VCS)
October 1, 2025:	Last day cdpVA will be open for submission of code change proposals for the 2024 Code Development Cycle (Tentative Date)
November 2025:	Final Combined Workgroup (USBC/SFPC/VADR/IBSR/MHSR/VCS)

NOTE: Please note that all meeting dates and deadlines are tentative. Tentative schedules and meeting dates should only be used as a guide. Meetings may evolve over the course of the process and additional meetings will be added as needed. The most up-to-date meeting information for all Study Group, Sub-Workgroup and General Stakeholder Workgroup meetings will be posted on [cdpVA](#) when available.

2024 Regulatory Cycle Schedule (Tentative)

March 10, 2025	Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD) to approve the Notices of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRAs) for 2024 USBC, SFPC, IBSR, VADR, MHSR, and VCS. Provide Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) notice of intent to publish NOIRA, after BHCD approval
April 1, 2025	cdpVA (Virginia's online code development process platform) officially opens for submission of code change proposals
April 11, 2025	NOIRAs entered in Town Hall
May 2, 2025	Obtain Office of Attorney General (OAG) and Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) NOIRA approvals
May 14, 2025	Deadline for submittal of NOIRAs for June 2 nd publishing
June 2, 2025	Publishing of NOIRAs in VA Register (180-day public comment period in Town Hall)
June 11, 2025	Submit public hearing notice to VA Register for June 30 th publishing
June 30, 2025	Public hearing notice published in VA Register (Provide 30-day notice to VFSB of Public Hearing date)
July 14, 2025	Public hearing prior to publishing proposed regulations. Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) members to sit with BHCD for public hearing on SFPC
June – October 2025	Sub-Workgroup (Energy and SFPC), Study Groups, and General Workgroup meetings on issues and proposals
October 1, 2025	cdpVA proposal submission cut-off for 2024 Code Development Cycle
December 2, 2025	End of 180-day NOIRA (Town Hall) comment period

March 30, 2026	BHCD's Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee (SFPCDC) meets to consider base document for SFPC and any proposals for the proposed regulation. BHCD's Codes and Standards Committee (CSC) meets to consider base documents for USBC, IBSR, VADR, MHSR, and VCS and any proposals for proposed regulations and to review the recommendations of the SFPCDC
June 2026	Provide notice to VFSB and SFPCDC of September meeting
September 13, 2026	BHCD's SFPCDC meets to review proposed regulation for SFPC. BHCD's CSC meets to review proposed regulations for SFPC as recommended by SFPCDC and to review proposed regulations for USBC, IBSR, VADR, MHSR, and VCS. Immediately following committee meetings, BHCD meets to consider approval of proposed regulations for USBC, SFPC, IBSR, VADR, MHSR, and VCS
September 2026	Proposed regulations submitted in Town Hall
October 2026	Obtain statutory authority letter from OAG and ORM approval of proposed regulations
November 2026	Proposed regulations for USBC, SFPC, IBSR, VADR, MHSR, and VCS published in VA Register. Public hearing date published with the regulations
November - December 2026	60-day public comment period on proposed regulations for USBC, SFPC, IBSR, VADR, MHSR, and VCS
November 2026	Submit public hearing notice to VA Register
December 2026	Public hearing notice published in VA Register (Provide 30-day notice to VFSB of Public Hearing date); Provide notice to the VFSB of the public hearing date
January 2027	Public hearing for USBC, SFPC, IBSR, VADR, MHSR, and VCS (VFSB members to sit with BHCD for public hearing on SFPC)

February 2027	Notification to VFSB of March joint meeting
March 2027	<p>BHCD's SFPCDC meets to review final regulation for SFPC. BHCD's CSC meets to review final regulation for SFPC as recommended by SFPCDC and to review final regulations for USBC, IBSR, VADR, MHSR, and VCS.</p> <p>Immediately following Committee meetings, the joint meeting of VFSB and BHCD to consider the final regulation for SFPC followed by BHCD to consider approval of final regulations for the USBC, SFPC, IBSR, VADR, MHSR, and VCS</p>
April 2027	Obtain statutory authority letter from OAG for final regulations and obtain approval from the ORM and the Governor to publish the final regulations
May 2027	Final Regulations submitted in Town Hall
June 2027	Final Regulations approved by ORM and OAG
July 2027	Final regulations for 2024 USBC, SFPC, IBSR, VADR, MHSR, and VCS published in Virginia Register
October 2027	2024 USBC, SFPC, IBSR, VADR, MHSR and VCS become effective (pending any petitions received during the 30-day final adoption period following the publishing of the final regulations)