



**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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2024 Code Development Cycle

General Information



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2024 Code Development Cycle (tentative dates)



April 1st: cdpVA opened for submission of code change proposals

June: Notices of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRAs) published

June - July: Study Groups and Sub-Workgroups begin meeting

July 14th: BHCD Public Hearing (with VFSB for SFPC)

October 8th: Deadline for submission of proposals for the 2024 CDC

July – November 2025: Stakeholder Workgroup meetings on proposals

March 2026: BHCD meets to consider proposals

September 2026: BHCD meets to consider proposed regulations

March 2027: BHCD meets to consider final regulations

October 2027: 2024 Virginia Codes Effective

codes.iccsafe.org/codes/Virginia

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Virginia and ICC Code books**



va.cdpassess.com Virginia's online code development System

Virginia DHCD



Virginia's Online Code Development Process

The cdpVA® system is Virginia's new online Code Development Process. cdpVA® allows you to create code change proposals, submit public comments and access any information about the Virginia Code Change Process. Virginia is a leader in building and fire code regulations, and stakeholder input is vital to Virginia's code development process. We encourage participation in this process through cdpVA®, and ask that you invite colleagues and peers with an interest in the Virginia Code Change Process to participate.

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HOW IT WORKS

Meeting Information

Information regarding workgroup meetings, including date, time, location and agendas, will be available through cdpVA®.

All information is listed under each workgroup, so be sure to follow the workgroups that you are most interested in, and plan to attend meetings throughout the Code Change Process.

Online Code Access

In cdpVA®, you will be able to access both the current Virginia Building Codes, as well as the International Codes.

Having both sets of online codes offers the ability to create a proposal by modifying existing state amendments to the International Codes or to change the text of the International Codes.

Need Assistance?

For information about the Virginia Code Change Process, contact:
Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
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Tutorial videos and how-to guides about cdpVA® are available online. For issues with cdpVA®, contact: cdpassess@iccsafe.org

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LINKS

[Code Development Process Flowchart](#)

[2024 Code Development Cycle Documents](#)

[2021 Code Development Cycle Documents](#)

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- Workgroup documents (agendas, meeting summaries, etc.)
- Sub-workgroup documents (agendas, meeting summaries, etc.)
- Study Group documents (agendas, meeting summaries, etc.)
- General Information (memos, schedules, process flow chart, etc.)
- 2024 Base Documents

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WORKGROUP DOCUMENTS	SINGLE EXIT STAIR STUDY GROUP
EXPEDITING PERMITS AND COS STUDY GROUP	HEATING & COOLING STUDY GROUP June 23, 2025 Heating and Cooling Study Group Meeting: Agenda Summary Documents
SFPC SUB-WORKGROUP	ENERGY SUB-WORKGROUP
MEMOS NOIRA Stakeholder Memo Code Development Cycle Stakeholder Memo - April 1, 2025 Code Development Cycle Stakeholder Memo - June 10, 2025	BASE DOCUMENTS 2024 IBSR Base Document 2024 SFPC Base Document 2024 VEBC Base Document 2024 VPMC Base Document 2024 VCC Base Document
GENERAL INFORMATION	

- All meetings are open to attendance and participation by anyone
- Review and discuss all submitted code change proposals, including all proposals and recommendations from Study Groups and Sub-Workgroups
- A workgroup recommendation is determined for each proposal and the recommendation is provided to the Board of Housing and Community Development
- Workgroup recommendations are classified as follows:

Consensus for Approval: No workgroup participant expressed opposition to the proposal

Non-Consensus: Any workgroup participant expressed opposition to the proposal

- Initial General Stakeholder Workgroup meeting(s) will be in July 2025
- Proposal Submission Deadline for the 2024 Code Development Cycle
October 8, 2025
- Final General Stakeholder Workgroup meeting(s) will be mid-November

- Study specific topics that require additional review and discussion
- Identify areas of consensus and disagreement
- Determine if code change proposals or other solutions are appropriate
- May review proposals, provide analysis, make recommendations, and/or develop code change proposals
- All code change proposals and any recommendations on code change proposals are reviewed by the General Workgroups and assigned a Workgroup recommendation prior to BHCD consideration

- Review and discuss code change proposals within their subject matter prior to the proposals being considered by the General Stakeholder Workgroup
- Address questions and concerns related to proposals to identify areas for compromise, where appropriate, in an effort to reach consensus
- May develop new code change proposals as determined appropriate
- Members may support proposals by joining the proposal as a proponent
- All code change proposals are reviewed by the General Workgroups and assigned a Workgroup recommendation prior to BHCD consideration

2024 Code Development Cycle Study Groups:

- Single Exit Stair Buildings
- Expediting Permits and Certificates of Occupancy
- Heating and Cooling
- Unsafe Structures

2024 Code Development Cycle Sub-workgroups:

- Energy
- Statewide Fire Prevention Code



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HOUSE BILL NO. 2682

Offered January 16, 2025

A BILL to require the Board of Housing and Community Development to establish a work group to identify certain changes related to the building permit and certificate of occupancy processes.

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Board of Housing and Community Development (the Board) shall establish a work group during the 2024 code development cycle to identify changes to the Uniform Statewide Building Code (13VAC5-63) to streamline the processes for reviewing and issuing building permits and certificates of occupancy and to develop recommendations for maximum timelines for review of applications and revised applications. Any code change proposals or recommendations developed by the work group shall be submitted to the Board during the 2024 code development cycle.*

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HB2682



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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:
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Board of Housing and
Community Development
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Richmond, VA 23219

February 4th, 2025

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to follow up on a recommendation made by the Councils, Cities, and Towns Subcommittee #2 regarding House Bill 2682, which was recently tabled.

The bill proposed that the Board of Housing and Community Development establish a work group to identify changes to the Uniform Statewide Building Code (13VAC5-63) to streamline the processes for reviewing and issuing building permits and certificates of occupancy.

As I understand, the Board has the authority to establish such a work group without the need for legislative action. I would greatly appreciate it if you could inform me of the process for accomplishing this and what steps need to be taken. Specifically, I would like to know what information or support you may need from my office or the General Assembly to move forward with establishing the work group and implementing the proposed changes to the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul", written over the word "Sincerely,".