



# Virginia Register of Regulations

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**TITLE 13. HOUSING**

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Notice of Suspension of Regulatory Process and  
Additional Public Comment Period**

Title of Regulation: 13VAC5-51. Virginia Statewide Fire  
Prevention Code.

Statutory Authority: § 27-97 of the Code of Virginia.

Public Comment Deadline: December 22, 2010.

# Regulations

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to § 2.2-4007.06 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Housing and Community Development is suspending certain provisions of the final Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (13VAC5-51) published in 27:2 VA.R. 183-217 September 27, 2010, and is soliciting additional comments on changes made to these specific provisions between publication of the proposed regulations and publication of the final regulations. The specific provisions are set forth below.

The additional 30-day comment period ends on December 22, 2010. Written comment regarding these specific provisions may be submitted to the agency contact listed below.

## 13VAC5-51-81 P 5

5. Child day centers, assisted living facilities and adult day care centers licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services based on licensed capacity as follows:

- 5.1. \$50 for 1 to 8.
- 5.2. \$75 for 9 to 20.
- 5.3. \$100 for 21 to 50.
- 5.4. \$200 for 51 to 100.
- 5.5. \$400 for 101 or more.

## 13VAC5-51-131 E and F

E. Change Section 315.1 to read:

315.1. General. Storage shall be in accordance with this section.

F. Change Section 315.2 to read:

315.2. Storage in buildings. Storage of materials in buildings shall be orderly and stable. Storage of combustible materials shall be separated from heaters or heating devices by distance or shielding so that ignition cannot occur.

## 13VAC5-51-133 C, H, and J

C. Add exception to Section 503.2.1 to read:

Exception: Fire apparatus access roads exclusively serving single family dwelling or townhouse developments that are fully sprinklered as provided for in Sections R313.1 or R313.2 of the International Residential Code shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 18 feet (5486 mm), exclusive of shoulders.

H. Add Sections 507.3.1 and 507.3.2 to read:

507.3.1. Fire flow requirements for fully sprinklered residential developments. Notwithstanding Section 103.1.2, the fire flow requirements in Table B105.1 of Appendix B of the IFC, as modified by Section 507.3.2, shall be permitted to be used for determining fire flow in single family dwelling and townhouse developments which

are fully sprinklered as provided for in Sections R313.1 or R313.2 of the International Residential Code.

507.3.2. Modifications to Table B105.1. The first six rows of columns five and six of Table B105.1 of Appendix B of the IFC shall be modified as shown below for the use of Table B105.1 in Section 507.3.1.

<u>Type 5-B</u>	<u>Fire-flow (gallons per minute)</u>
<u>0-5000</u>	<u>1000</u>
<u>5001-7200</u>	<u>1250</u>
<u>7201-8200</u>	<u>1500</u>
<u>8201-9500</u>	<u>1750</u>
<u>9501-11300</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>11301-13000</u>	<u>2250</u>

J. Add Section 507.5.1.1 to read:

507.5.1.1. Fire hydrant requirements for fully sprinklered residential developments. Notwithstanding Section 103.1.2, the number and distribution of fire hydrants in Table C105.1 of Appendix C of the IFC shall be permitted to be used in single family dwelling and townhouse developments which are fully sprinklered as provided for in Sections R313.1 or R313.2 of the International Residential Code, with the spacing and distances of fire hydrants indicated in Table C105.1 increased by 100%.

## 13VAC51-133.5 D

D. Change Section 609.3.3.2 to read:

609.3.3.2. Cleaning. Hoods, grease-removal devices, fans, ducts and other appurtenances shall be cleaned at intervals necessary to prevent the accumulation of grease based upon a written and posted cleaning schedule that shall be established and maintained on the premises by the owner or operator of the ventilation system. The schedule shall be originated by the owner or operator of the ventilation system based upon criteria particular to the cooking operation. Cleanings shall be recorded and the records shall state the extent, time and date of cleaning.

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## Notice of Suspension of Regulatory Process and Additional Comment Period

Title of Regulation: 13VAC5-63. Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Statutory Authority: § 36-98 of the Code of Virginia.

Public Comment Deadline: December 22, 2010.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to § 2.2-4007.06 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Housing and Community Development is suspending certain provisions of the final Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (13VAC5-63) published in 27:2 VA.R. 217-342 September 27, 2010, and is soliciting additional comments on changes made to these specific provisions between publication of the proposed regulations and publication of the final regulations. The specific provisions are set forth below.

The additional 30-day comment period ends on December 22, 2010. Written comment regarding these specific provisions may be submitted to the agency contact listed below.

### 13VAC5-63-210 M 68 and M 69

#### 68. Change Section E3802.4 to read:

E3802.4 In unfinished basements. Where type SE or NM cable is run at angles with joists in unfinished basements, cable assemblies containing two or more conductors of sizes 6 AWG and larger and assemblies containing three or more conductors of sizes 8 AWG and larger shall not require additional protection where attached directly to the bottom of the joists. Smaller cables shall be run either through bored holes in joists or on running boards. NM cable installed on the wall of an unfinished basement shall be permitted to be installed in a listed conduit or tubing or shall be protected in accordance with Table E3802.1. Conduit or tubing shall be provided with a suitable insulating bushing or adapter at the point the where cable enters the raceway. The NM or SE cable sheath shall extend through the conduit or tubing and into the outlet or device box not less than 1/4 inch (6.4 mm). The cable shall be secured within 12 inches (305 mm) of the point where the cable enters the conduit or tubing. Metal conduit, tubing, and metal outlet boxes shall be connected to an equipment grounding conductor.

#### 69. Change Section E3902.11 to read:

E3902.11 Arc-fault protection of bedroom outlets. All branch circuits that supply 120-volt, single phase, 15-ampere and 20-ampere outlets installed in bedrooms shall be protected by a combination type arc-fault circuit interrupter installed to provide protection of the branch circuit.

#### Exceptions:

1. Where a combination AFCI is installed at the first outlet to provide protection for the remaining portion of

the branch circuit, the portion of the branch circuit between the branch-circuit overcurrent device and such outlet shall be wired with metal outlet and junction boxes and RMC, IMC, EMT or steel armored cable. Type AC meeting the requirements of Section E3908.8.

2. AFCI protection is not required for a branch circuit supplying only a fire alarm system where the branch circuit is wired with metal outlet and junction boxes and RMC, IMC, EMT or steel armored cable Type AC meeting the requirements of Section E3908.8.

### 13VAC5-63-240 E, L, and Q

#### E. Change Section 903.2.3 of the IBC to read:

903.2.3 Group E. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group E occupancies as follows:

1. Throughout all Group E fire areas greater than 20,000 square feet (1858 m<sup>2</sup>) in area.

2. Throughout every portion of educational buildings below the lowest level of exit discharge serving that portion of the building.

Exception: An automatic sprinkler system is not required in any area below the lowest level of exit discharge serving that area where every classroom throughout the building has at least one exterior exit door at ground level.

#### L. Change Item 1 of Section 906.1 of the IBC to read:

906.1 General. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in occupancies and locations as required by the International Fire Code.

1. In Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, R-1, R-4, and S occupancies.

[ Exceptions Exception ]: [ 1. ] Group R-2 occupancies [ In Group A, B, and E occupancies equipped throughout with quick-response sprinklers, portable fire extinguishers shall be required only in locations specified in Items 2 through 6-2. ] In Group I-3 occupancies, portable fire extinguishers shall be permitted to be located at staff locations and the access to such extinguishers shall be permitted to be locked.

#### Q. Change Section 911.1.3 of the IBC to read:

911.1.3 Size. The fire command center shall be a minimum of 96 square feet (9 m<sup>2</sup>) in area with a minimum dimension of eight feet (2438 mm).

Exception: Where it is determined by the building official, after consultation with the fire chief, that specific building characteristics require a larger fire command center, the building official may increase the minimum required size of the fire command center up to 200 square feet (19 m<sup>2</sup>) in area with a minimum dimension of up to 10 feet (3048 mm).

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13VAC5-63-245 B

B. Change Section 1005.1 of the IBC to read:

1005.1 Minimum required egress width. The means of egress width shall not be less than required by this section. The total width of means of egress in inches (mm) shall not be less than the total occupant load served by the means of egress multiplied by 0.3 inches (7.62 mm) per occupant for stairways and by 0.2 inches (5.08 mm) per occupant for other egress components. The width shall not be less than specified elsewhere in this code. Multiple means of egress shall be sized such that the loss of any one means of egress shall not reduce the available capacity to less than 50% of the required capacity. The maximum capacity required from any story of a building shall be maintained to the termination of the means of egress.

Exceptions:

1. Means of egress complying with Section 1028.

2. For occupancies other than Groups H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4 and I-2, in buildings equipped with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2, the total width of means of egress in inches (mm) shall not be less than the total occupant load served by the means of egress multiplied by 0.2 inches (5.08 mm) per occupant for stairways and by 0.15 inches (3.81 mm) per occupant for other egress components.

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