Development of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, the Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations and the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations

Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) initiates 30 day public comment period (PROPOSED PHASE BEGINS AT END OF NOIRA STAGE)

DHCD staff develops base documents

Individual code change proposals are vetted through stakeholder workgroup meetings

Sub-workgroups and study groups meet on special topics

Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD) conducts a public hearing

BHCD conducts joint public hearing with Fire Services Board (FSB) for Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC)

DHCD staff compiles public comments and code change proposals

BHCD considers individual code change proposals and base documents

BHCD’s Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee reviews proposals for the SFPC

BHCD’s Codes and Standards Committee reviews all proposals

DHCD staff prepares proposed regulations

BHCD approves proposed regulations

Proposed regulations are published in the Virginia Register initiates 60 day public comment period

Joint public hearing with FSB for SFPC

BHCD conducts a public hearing

FINAL PHASE BEGINS (AT END OF PROPOSED STAGE)

DHCD staff prepares final regulations

Joint meeting of BHCD and FSB to review final SFPC

BHCD approves final regulations

Subsequent to approval by the Governor’s Office, final regulations are published in the Virginia Register

NEW REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE PUBLISHED IN THE VIRGINIA REGISTER

NOTE: This flowchart is only intended to provide the general sequence of included steps in a typical code development cycle