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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Housing and Community Development Members

FROM: Erik C. Johnston, Director

SUBJECT: 2018 Code Cycle, Final Regulations

Please be advised that the final regulations for the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC), Virginia Amusement Device Regulations (VADR), and the Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR) have been submitted for publication in the Virginia Register. The planned publication date for all four regulations is March 1, 2021 (Volume: 37 Issue: 14). The planned final adoption period and effective date is as follows:

USBC, SFPC, VADR, and IBSR – 30-day final adoption period

- Final adoption period March 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021
- Planned effective date of July 1, 2021

The final adoption period for the regulations begins upon publication in the Virginia Register. If petitions are filed by 25 or more persons regarding a change to a regulation made between the proposed and final phase, then upon closure of the final adoption period the regulation will be suspended. This suspension will be published in the Virginia Register which causes an additional 30-day comment period to open. Upon closure of that 30-day comment period the Board will take action on the suspended regulation(s). At that time, the Board may retain the regulations in their current form or make amendments based on petitions received.

Additional information regarding timing and upcoming meetings will be available for you at your March 15, 2021 meeting. Thank you for your continued work and dedication during this important process.

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