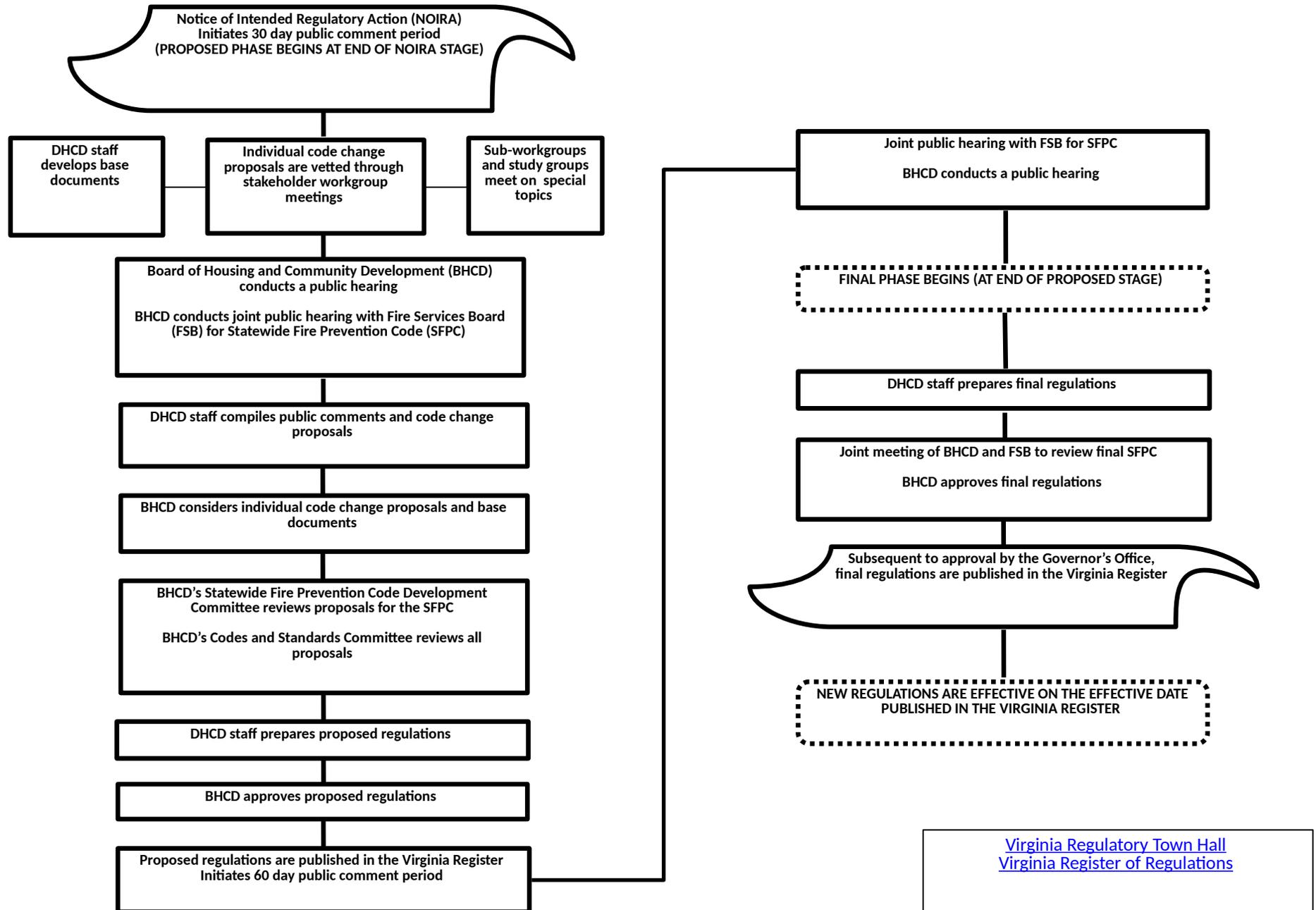# Development of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, the Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations and the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations

**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**

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