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**TO:** DHCD Stakeholders

**FROM:** Cindy Davis, Deputy Director  
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**DATE:** December 15, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Tentative Scheduled Proposed Regulation Workgroups

It is time to begin the process of updating to the 2015 Virginia Codes. We anticipate that process will begin early next year and have tentatively created a schedule of meeting dates and a list topics carried over from last cycle so that you can put them on your radar. Two meetings are planned for each workgroup during the **proposed** regulation part of the process to discuss issues identified as problematic along with code changes that have been submitted. Also note that depending on topic and/or complexity, there may be additional single-issue committees formed at a later date. This list will evolve over the course of the process and this list is meant only as a starting point.

Please be aware that the schedule may change and we encourage everyone to check the website beginning February 2016 for the most up to date information. We will not meet until after the General Assembly and have attempted to avoid dates that conflict with known conferences and/or holidays.

Finally, DHCD will be implementing a new online system for submitting code changes that we hope to have up and running before the end of January. As with any new system, we know there will be a learning curve and technical challenges, so we ask your patience as we venture into the new frontier of online code submittals.

**Workgroup 1:** Administrative provisions of VCC, VMC, VRC and SFPC regulations; VADR/ADTAC regulations (amusement rides); VCS/BCAAC (certification requirements; IBSR (modular buildings); MHSR (manufactured housing); Related Laws; Manufactured Housing Licensing and Transaction Recovery Fund Regulations and, other state agency's regulations for functional design.

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: March 23, 2016**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: July 7, 2016**

### Pending Issues:

- VCC Admin: Billboard upgrades. Proposal received.
- VCC Admin: Asbestos – clarification of responsibilities.
- VCC Admin: Historic Building definition correlation between codes.
- VCC Admin: Electrical Appliance and Electrical Equipment related to exemptions.
- VCC Admin: Conveyor system exemption.
- VCC Admin: The term International Building Code or IBC means VCC where used in this code. Proposal received.
- VCC Admin: Review appeal language for “Building Official’s Decision”
- VCC Admin: Mandated Inspections (Visual vs. Testing)
- VCC: Tiny Houses.
- VADR/ADTAC: Discussion on various issues.



- VCC: Crawl space inspection. Proposal received.
- VRC: Add Group R-5 to several sections. Proposal received.

**Workgroup 2:** Technical provisions of VCC, VMC, VRC and SFPC (IBC, IFC, IEBC and IPMC and other model codes).

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: April 6, 2016**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: July 20, 2016**

**Pending Issues:**

- VCC: Furniture sprinkler exception for S-1. Proposal received.
- VCC: Correlation of care facility requirements.
- VRC: Stairway enclosures. Proposal received.
- VRC: Reconfigured space definition. Proposal received.
- VRC: Change Work area to Progressive compliance method. Proposal received.
- VCC/VRC: Educational (college) testing and research labs – from sub-workgroup.
- VCC: Residential code-mezzanine correlation issues. Proposal received.
- VCC: Limited area sprinkler systems. Proposal received.
- VCC: Ambulatory health care facilities. Proposal received.
- VCC: Occupied roofs. Proposal received.
- VMC: Edits removing non-enforceable provisions.
- SFPC: Edits removing non-enforceable provisions.
- SFPC: Section 1029.5 maintaining emergency escape windows. Proposal received.
- SFPC: Address usages. Proposal received. Note: Correlate with final SFPC draft.
- SFPC: Notification for fire protection system work. Proposal received.
- SFPC: Parking fuel trucks in residential areas; sub-workgroup.
- SFPC: Maintenance of fire doors. Proposal received.

**Workgroup 3:** Residential provisions of the VCC, including IRC model code, trades and energy provisions.

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: May 10, 2016**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: August 3, 2016**

**Pending Issues:**

- VCC: Crawl space inspection. Proposal received.
- VCC: Whole house ventilation. Carry-over from 2012 cycle.
- DHCD Stakeholders Memo
- VCC: R301.2 Wind speed design requirement.
- VCC: Underfloor protection. Carry-over from 2012 cycle.
- VCC: Energy – Blower door testing.
- VCC: Modification factor in span tables to permit the use of No. 2 SYP.

**Workgroup 4:** Technical trade provisions of the VCC, including IPC, IMC, IFGC and NEC.

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: June 1, 2016**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: August 17, 2016**

**Pending Issues:**

- IFGC/IRC: CSST – electrical bonding. Proposal received.
- IPC/IRC: Tracer wire. Proposal received.