

2024 Virginia Building Code Development Cycle

Code Proposal Tracker (as of 7/14/26)

Proposal Number	Summary	Proponent	BHCD Action
FP105.3.1-24	Deletes the requirement for fire officials to notify DHCD when new technical assistants are hired. (USBC Part I companion proposal B105.2-24; USBC Part III companion proposal PM104.4-24)	DHCD Staff	Approved as Submitted
FP112.1-24	Clarifies that the written request for appeals is not considered to be complete and filed until the fee levied by the local governing body is paid. [USBC Part I companion proposal B119.5(1)-24; USBC Part III companion proposal PM107.5-24]	DHCD Staff	Approved as Submitted
FP112.5-24	Clarifies that the reaffirmation of a prior code decision does not constitute a new application of code subject to appeal. (USBC companion proposal B119.5-24)	Andrew Milliken	Approved as Submitted
FP112.5(1)-24	Clarifies that any person aggrieved by the local enforcing agency's application of the SFPC or the refusal to grant a modification to the provisions of the SFPC may appeal to the LBFPCA.	DHCD Staff	Approved as Submitted
FP202-24	Adds “boats and watercraft” to the definition of Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles” with the intent of addressing boats and watercraft being converted to a food preparation type vehicle.	Gerry Maiatico	Approved as Submitted
FP307.2-24	Exempts prescribed fires conducted by Virginia Certified Prescribed Burn Managers from the permitting requirements.	John Miller	Approved as Submitted
FP405.5-24	Adds new definition of “Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP)” and requires building management to coordinate the development of a PEEP in consultation with occupants with special needs and other high-risk populations, upon request.	Elizabeth Bennett-Parker	Approved as Submitted

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FP501.5-24	Prohibits the occupancy and operation of any portion of a building or structure prior to the fire code official's approval of the required fire service features.	Andrew Milliken	Approved as Submitted
FP807.2-24	Clarifies that combustible decorative materials on doors are subject to the same regulations and limitations applied to walls and ceilings. Proposal adds a fifth exception allowing sprinklered buildings to have combustible decorative materials on exit access doors, provided the materials cover no more than 50% of the door surface and do not interfere with door operation.	Andrew Milliken	Approved as Submitted
FP901.6.3-24	Requires records of all system inspections, tests and maintenance to be kept on the premises or other approved location for not less than 3 years and be made available for the fire code official upon request.	Andrew Milliken	Approved as Submitted
FP904.2.2.1-24	Requires a plan approved by the authority having jurisdiction prior to any changes to the cookline, hood or suppression system.	Lee Stoermer	Approved as Submitted
FP1208(1)-24	Creates a new SFPC section for electric vehicle charging systems. The proposal requires EV charging systems to be operated and maintained consistent with the building code, product listing, and manufacturer instructions; requires disconnects, emergency disconnects, and shutoffs to be maintained and identified; requires impact protection where subject to vehicle or physical damage; and requires posted emergency procedures at charging stations. The provisions of this proposal (1208.3 through 1208.5) do not apply to one- and two-family dwellings.	Andrew Milliken	Approved as Submitted

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FP3303.1-24	Allows the fire official to determine when projects warrant the need for development, implementation and maintenance of an approved, written site safety plan.	Ronald Clements	Approved as Submitted
FP4101.9-24	Correlates existing Virginia amendments related to tents, membrane structures, and cooking operations with new requirements in the 2024 International Fire Code.	Andrew Milliken	Approved as Submitted
FP5001.7-24	Deletes without substitution operational requirements for Group B teaching and research laboratories in Section 5107 to eliminate confusion with requirements in Chapter 38.	Andrew Milliken	Approved as Submitted
FP6112-24	Adds new definition of “LP-Gas Marketer” and related requirements.	Lee Stoermer	Approved as Submitted
B103.7-24	Correlates the USBC with § 36-98.1 of the Code of Virginia. Some changes were a result of HB285 and HB1425 during the 2024 General Assembly (GA) session and some were from previous GA sessions.	DHCD Staff	Approved as Submitted
B105.2-24	Deletes the requirement for building officials to notify DHCD when new technical assistants are hired. (SFPC companion proposal FP105.3.1-24; USBC Part III companion proposal PM104.4-24)	DHCD Staff	Approved as Submitted
B108.2-24	Clarifies that the permit exemption for mechanical appliance replacements applies only when there is no change in refrigerant classification.	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted
B109.1-24	Clarifies that construction documents for one-and two-family dwellings may have floor plans reversed.	David Beahm	Approved as Submitted
B110.6-24	Allows the building official to grant one or more permit extensions upon request, regardless of whether the request is in writing.	David Beahm	Approved as Submitted
B115.2-24	Provides the building official with flexibility to determine the appropriate party for issuing Notices of Violation.	Ronald Clements	Approved as Submitted

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B115.2(2)-24	Clarifies that electronic service is an acceptable method for delivering Notices of Violation.	Ronald Clements	Approved as Submitted
B118.4-24	Updates legacy terminology related to “unsafe buildings”, removes outdated notes, clarifies how orders to vacate are to be issued, and consolidates the requirements for posting of placards.	Ronald Clements	Approved as Submitted
B119.5-24	Clarifies that the reaffirmation of a prior code decision does not constitute a new application of code subject to appeal. (SFPC companion proposal FP112.5-24)	Ronald Clements	Approved as Submitted
B119.5(1)-24	Clarifies that the written request for appeals is not considered to be complete and filed until the fee levied by the local governing body is paid. (SFPC companion proposal FP112.1-24)	Eric Mays	Approved as Submitted
B202-24	Adds a new definition for “Dead End Corridor”.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
B302.1-24	Relocation of existing provisions related to day support and day treatment facilities, for correlation purposes.	Gerald Hackworth Jr	Approved as Submitted
B406.2.7-24	Adds new requirements for electric vehicle charging systems, including the installation of emergency shutoff controls, provisions for impact protection, and the posting of emergency procedures. (SFPC companion proposal FP1208-24)	Ernest Little	Approved as Submitted
B406.2.7(1)-24	Requires electric vehicle charging system equipment to be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2750 (in addition to UL 2202), and parking garages with electric vehicle charging stations to comply with sections 6.4 and 6.5 of NFPA 88A.	Andrew Milliken	Approved as Submitted
B407.4.1.1-24	Deletes exiting Virginia amendment related to special locking arrangements, aligning with the 2024 International Building Code requirements.	Eric Mays	Approved as Submitted

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B509.1-24	Adds Lithium-ion and lithium metal battery storage to the Incidental Uses table and requires compliance with Section 320 of the International Fire Code.	Andrew Milliken	Approved as Submitted
B1006.2.1(1)-24	Deletes an existing Virginia exception to the requirements for egress based on occupant load and common path of egress travel distance. Similar provisions are now covered in the 2024 International Building Code.	Daniel Willham	Approved as Submitted
B1006.3.4-24	Allows four story R 2 occupancy buildings to be served by a single exit when established criteria are met.	HBAV and Lyle Solla-Yates	Approved as Submitted
B1110.20-24	Adds new requirements for baby diaper changing tables in Groups A, B, E, M, R-1, and in highway rest stops.	Elizabeth Bennett-Parker	Approved as Submitted
B3005.4-24	Deletes existing Virginia amendments related to elevator machine rooms, control rooms, control spaces, and machinery spaces, aligning with the 2024 International Building Code requirements.	Ronald Clements	Approved as Submitted
B3301.1-24	Deletes fire safety operation and maintenance provisions from the VCC and VEBC and clarifies that fire safety plans may be required by the fire code official in accordance with the SFPC.	Ronald Clements	Approved as Submitted
B3500(1)-24	Updates ASTM E329 02 referenced standard to the current edition, ASTM E329 25a (Standard Specification for Agencies Engaged in Construction Inspection, Testing, or Special Inspection).	William Hinson	Approved as Submitted
RB311-24	Clarifies that all habitable spaces, including habitable spaces in detached accessory structures, must be provided with a compliant means of egress.	Kyle Kratzer	Approved as Submitted
RB314.3-24	Relocates existing provisions for improved code readability and alignment with the structure of the 2024 International Residential Code.	Kyle Kratzer	Approved as Submitted

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RB318.7.6-24	Updates stairway landing provisions by incorporating changes from the ongoing 2027 International Residential Code development process to improve clarity and consistency.	Andrew Clark (HBAV)	Approved as Submitted
RB322.3.6-24	Allows the installation of elevator shaft enclosures in Coastal A Zones and Coastal High Hazard Areas, provided they are designed in accordance with ASCE 24.	Corian Carney	Approved as Submitted
RB339-24	Allows compliance with Appendix BL Hemp -Lime (Hempcrete) Construction as an alternative to the technical provisions of the Virginia Residential Code.	Scott McStacy	Approved as Submitted
EC-C402.1.6(1)-24	Limits the use of Appendix CD to buildings in Groups F, S, and U that are not designed or equipped to heat the interior to more than 60° F or to cool the interior other than by fans or natural ventilation.	William Penniman	Approved as Submitted
EC-C402.5.2-24	Exempts data centers, and other rooms or spaces where the primary function is to house server cabinets from the minimum skylight fenestration area requirements.	DeAnthony Pierce	Approved as Submitted
EC-C403.7.4.1-24	Exempts qualifying individual nontransient dwelling units in Groups R 2 and R 3 from the requirement to provide air energy recovery ventilation systems.	Joseph Willis	Approved as Submitted
REC-R402.1.2(3)-24	Adds a compliance alternative for insulating ceilings/roofs, while maintaining equivalence with the current prescriptive requirements.	Jason Vandever	Approved as Submitted
M403.3.1.1-24	Deletes the ventilation requirements for dressing rooms within retail stores, sales floors, and showroom floors for consistency with ASHRAE 62.1.	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted
M504.4-24	Clarifies that required backdraft dampers for dryer exhaust ducts must be installed at the duct termination, aligning the provision with the International Residential Code.	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted

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M506.3.2.5-24	Removes the option for water spray testing of grease ducts and requires a light test using lamps with a minimum output of 1600 lumens, replacing the previous requirement for 100 watt lamps.	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted
M507.1-24	Editorial cleanup to correct issues stemming from the development of the 2024 International Mechanical Code.	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted
M508.2-24	Restores the requirement limiting makeup air introduced directly into the exhaust hood cavity to not more than 10 percent of the hood exhaust airflow rate, correcting an omission from the 2018 code development cycle.	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted
M607.6.2.2-24	Deletes the Virginia amendments addressing radiation dampers listed as static dampers, which are now addressed in the model code.	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted
M1103.1-24	Updates the requirements for communicating and noncommunicating spaces to address concerns related to the flammability of A2L refrigerants.	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted
M1103.1(1)-24	Updates Table 1103.1 to correct errors in the 2024 International Mechanical Code related to Refrigerant Concentration Limits (RCLs) and Lower Flammability Limits (LFLs).	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted
M1109.2.5-24	Corrects limitations that were inadvertently introduced in a prior code cycle, and restores the intended application of exceptions for refrigerant piping and shaft requirements.	Greg Johnson	Approved as Submitted
M-FG310.2-24	Eliminates the use of non-arc resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) and permits only arc resistant jacketed CSST to be installed. (VRC companion proposal RM-FG2411.2-24)	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted
M-FG407.2-24	Requires pipe hooks, straps, bands, brackets, and hangers used to support gas piping to be made of metal.	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted

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RE3702.14-24	Clarifies that branch-circuits can be shared between a dwelling unit and its accessory dwelling unit (ADU).	Kyle Kratzer	Approved as Submitted
RE3705.6-24	Updates Table E3705.6 to include 10 ampere standard fuses and inverse time circuit breakers, aligning it with the requirements of NFPA 70 2023, Section 240.6.	Joseph Willis	Approved as Submitted
RM-FG2411.2-24	Eliminates the use of non-arc resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) and permits only arc resistant jacketed CSST to be installed. (VFGC companion proposal M-FG310.2-24)	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted
RM-FG2415.7-24	Clarifies that the exception exempting black steel piping from protection against physical damage applies only to piping with a wall thickness of Schedule 40 or greater.	Dennis Hart	Approved as Submitted
RM-FG2442.3-24	Clarifies that return air may be shared between a dwelling unit and its accessory dwelling unit (ADU).	Kyle Kratzer	Approved as Submitted
RP2903.10.1-24	Clarifies that a water service shutoff valve may be shared between a dwelling unit and its accessory dwelling unit (ADU).	Kyle Kratzer	Approved as Submitted
EB102.2-24	Updates the scoping provisions to include alteration, change of occupancy, addition, and relocation (in addition to rehabilitation) activities, and deletes “construction” for accuracy and alignment with the International Existing Building Code.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
EB102.2.2-24	Overhauls and relocates existing emergency escape and rescue opening requirements to new Section 307.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
EB103.9-24	Provides clarification on the types of licensed professionals permitted to prepare elevation certificates, consistent with DPOR regulations and FEMA guidelines.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted

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EB202-24	Updates the definition of “change of occupancy” to include electrical requirements in special occupancies as one of the triggers.	Eric Mays	Approved as Submitted
EB202(1)-24	Updates the definition of “change of occupancy” to include “change of use” as one of the conditions that constitutes a change of occupancy.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
EB307-24	Adds three new sections to Chapter 3 to serve as placeholders for future provisions.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
EB401.1-24	Updates the scoping provisions to include repairs, alterations, additions, and change of occupancy (in addition to rehabilitation), and deletes “construction” for accuracy and alignment with the International Existing Building Code.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
EB403.1-24	Clarifies that existing accessible elements and features may be removed, provided that the building or facility complies with the accessibility requirements for new construction after their removal.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
EB506.2-24	Requires replacement plumbing fixtures to comply with the maximum water flow and consumption limits applicable to new construction.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
EB702.2-24	Clarifies the applicability of Chapter 7 to projects involving the creation of or conversion to building types or features regulated by Chapter 4 of the VCC.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
EB706.2-24	Provides additional flexibility in meeting building height and area requirements for Group R 2 occupancies protected throughout with an NFPA 13 automatic sprinkler system.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
EB801.2-24	Clarifies when elevator cars sized to accommodate ambulance stretchers are required for vertical additions.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted

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EB805.2.1.1-24	Exempts additions from blower door testing requirements and permits verification of building envelope tightness through visual inspection.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
EB901.1-24	Updates the scoping provisions to include repairs, alterations, additions, change of occupancy, rehabilitation, and relocation for alignment with the International Existing Building Code.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
PM104.4-24	Deletes the requirement for code officials to notify DHCD when new technical assistants are hired. (USBC Part I companion proposal B105.2-24; SFPC companion proposal FP105.3.1-24)	DHCD Staff	Approved as Submitted
PM105.2-24	Specifies the methods by which notices of violation are to be issued, aligning the process with the VCC.	Matthew Mertz	Approved as Submitted
PM106.8-24	Clarifies that emergency demolitions of unsafe structures may be authorized under this section when an imminent danger of collapse is present and life is endangered.	Michelle Throckmorton	Approved as Submitted
PM107.5-24	Clarifies that the written request for appeals is not considered to be complete and filed until the fee levied by the local governing body is paid. [USBC Part I companion proposal B119.5(1)-24; SFPC companion proposal FP112.1-24]	DHCD Staff	Approved as Submitted
PM202-24	Adds “vacant and” to condition #3 of the “unsafe structure” definition, correcting an omission from a previous code development cycle.	Ronald Clements	Approved as Submitted
PM302.5-24	Clarifies that it is the rodents, not the structures, that must be exterminated.	Matthew Mertz	Approved as Submitted
PM303.2-24	Adds new maintenance requirements specific to swimming pool power safety covers and spa or hot tub lockable safety covers similar to those for barriers.	Ronald Clements	Approved as Submitted

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PM309.1-24	Clarifies that it is the rodents and the insects, not the structures, that must be exterminated.	Matthew Mertz	Approved as Submitted
PM602.2(2)-24	Adjusts heating and cooling periods, increases HVAC transition flexibility, aligns commercial and residential heating requirements, clarifies enforcement authority, and removes obsolete language.	DHCD Staff	Approved as Submitted
PM606.1-24	Requires platform lifts, wheelchair lifts, and moving walks to be maintained, tested and inspected in accordance with ASME A17.1 and ASME A18.1.	Shahriar Amiri	Approved as Submitted
B105.1-24	Clarifies that a building official's appointment is not "permanent" as they can be removed with cause.	Ronald Clements	Approved as Submitted
B105.2.1-24	Deletes the minimum qualification requirements for technical assistants.	Kyle Kratzer	Approved as Submitted
B113.6-24	Requires all written notices of defective work to reference the USBC section that serves as the basis for the defects. Currently, the USBC section is only required to be referenced upon request of the permit holder.	Andrew Clark (HBAV)	Approved as Submitted
B907.5.2.1.2-24	Requires fire alarm systems in all Group A occupancies where ambient noise exceeds 105 dBA to reduce or turn off sources of ambient noise.	Richard Gordon	Approved as Submitted
EC-C405.15-24	Deletes Section C405.15 (of the 2024 IECC) Renewable energy systems, including its subsections.	Steven Shapiro	Approved as Submitted
REC-R404.2-24	Deletes the interior lighting control provisions that require the installation of automatic shutoff controls, such as occupancy sensors, vacancy sensors, door switches, programmable time switches, or countdown timers.	Andrew Clark (HBAV)	Approved as Submitted

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E2701.1.1(1)-24	Limits the requirements for GFCI protection of basement receptacles to unfinished portions or areas of the basement not intended as habitable rooms. Currently, all basement receptacles must be GFCI protected.	Andrew Clark (HBAV)	Approved as Submitted
M1109.3.2-24	Adds an exception from the ventilation shaft requirements when the refrigeration systems are serving only a single dwelling or sleeping unit and the refrigeration piping is continuous without fittings in the shaft.	Thomas Deary	Approved as Submitted
RE3901.4.2(1)-24	Reinstates the 2017 NEC requirements for receptacles at island and peninsular countertops and work surfaces. Requires at least one receptacle to be installed at each island or peninsula and allows receptacles to be installed below the countertop.	Andrew Clark (HBAV)	Approved as Submitted
EB801.3-24	Allows the addition of one story atop an existing high-rise building without requiring a fire service access elevator, when the existing building cannot accommodate a fire service access elevator.	Allison Cook	Approved as Submitted
FP1208-24	Adds new requirements for electric vehicle charging systems, including the installation of emergency shutoff controls, provisions for impact protection, and the posting of emergency procedures. (USBC companion proposal B406.2.7-24)	Ernest Little	Disapproved
FP107.12.1-24	Requires the Board to consider adjustment of the SFMO inspection fees each cycle, based on a report submitted by the SFMO. Requires the Board to provide a written explanation to SFMO and Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) if fees are not adjusted.	Greg Cavalli	Disapproved

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FP601.2-24	Gives the fire official specific authority to require disconnection of a utility (electric, gas, etc.) when the utility is related to a condition that is deemed hazardous or unsafe.	Gerry Maiatico	Disapproved
FP906.1-24	Requires portable fire extinguishers in group R-2 occupancies and deletes an existing Virginia amendment which exempts groups A, B and E occupancies from the requirement to provide portable fire extinguishers, if the buildings are equipped throughout with quick response sprinklers (Companion USBC Proposal B906.1-24)	Paul Messplay	Disapproved
FP4106.1.3-24	Adds a new definition of “utilities” and new requirements for Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles with the intent of ensuring they remain mobile and are not utilized as permanent structures.	Gerry Maiatico	Disapproved
B101.2(1)-24	Incorporates non-mandatory International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) Appendices CH, CI, CJ, RD, RI, RK, and RL, making them mandatory in Virginia.	Joseph Wages	Disapproved
B101.2(2)-24	Incorporates non-mandatory IECC Appendix RE, which requires electric vehicle ready and electric vehicle capable infrastructure for charging in new residential construction, and makes those provisions mandatory in Virginia.	Angela Navarro	Disapproved
B103.5-24	Removes the building official’s authority to require certificates of functional design (public water supply systems, wastewater treatment and disposal systems, and solid waste facilities) prior to permit issuance.	David Beahm	Disapproved
B107.1-24	Allows fees charged by building departments to exceed the actual cost of enforcement by up to 10 percent.	David Beahm	Disapproved
B109.2-24	Adds several exceptions to the provisions related to the review and approval of construction documents.	David Beahm	Disapproved

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B109.3.1-24	Adds provisions for “deferred submittals”, similar to the provisions in the 2024 International Building Code.	Duru Meric	Disapproved
B109.4-24	Adds time limitations for the review and approval of permit applications by the building official and requires the acceptance of third-party plan review reports from approved individuals or agencies when the timeframes cannot be met. Conflicts with B109.2-24.	Paul Milde	Disapproved
B109.4(1)-24	Exempts construction documents for non-structural rooftop electrical equipment from plan review requirements when the permit application and plans are submitted by a licensed contractor or a Registered Design Professional. Requires permit issuance within two weeks of submission of the plans.	Anthony Smith	Disapproved
B113.7-24	Adds third-party inspection requirements specific to rooftop-mounted photovoltaic (PV) systems installed on one- and two-family dwellings and accessory structures.	Andrew Clark (HBAV)	Disapproved
B434-24	Adds new definition and requirements for bomb shelters.	Michael McCabe	Disapproved
B706.3-24	Allows fire walls to be constructed of any materials permitted by the building type of construction. Currently, they must be constructed out of noncombustible materials, except for buildings of Type V construction.	Shahriar Amiri	Disapproved
B903.2.1.2-24	Requires installation of an automatic sprinkler system in Group A-2 occupancies with an occupant load of 100 or more. Reducing the existing occupant load threshold from 299 to 99.	Richard Gordon	Disapproved

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B906.1-24	Requires portable fire extinguishers in group R-2 occupancies and deletes an existing Virginia amendment which exempts groups A, B and E occupancies from the requirement to provide portable fire extinguishers, if the buildings are equipped throughout with quick response sprinklers (Companion SFPC Proposal FP906.1-24)	Morgan Hurley	Disapproved
B907.2.1.1-24	Requires fire alarm systems in all Group A occupancies where ambient noise exceeds 105 dBA to reduce or turn off sources of ambient noise.	Richard Gordon	Disapproved
B917.1-24	Adds a new definition for “Emergency Management Coordinator” and requires mass notification risk analyses for certain university campuses to be approved by this coordinator.	Gregg Black	Disapproved
B917.1.1-24	Adds a new definition for “Emergency Management Coordinator” and requires the building official to consult with this coordinator when a mass notification system is required.	Gregg Black	Disapproved
B918.1-24	Changes the responsibility for installation of in-building two-way emergency responder communication coverage systems from the locality to the building owner.	Matthew Bonifant	Disapproved
B918.2-24	Adds requirements applicable to voluntary installations of in-building two-way emergency responder communication systems.	Matthew Bonifant	Disapproved
B1006.3.4(1)-24	Increases the maximum number of stories allowed for Group R-2 occupancies with a single exit, from three stories to six stories.	Andrew Clark (HBAV)	Disapproved

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B1110.4-24	Expands the list of where adult changing stations are required, to include qualifying mercantile occupancies, state park campgrounds, state park visitor centers, and hospitals.	Monika Thrower	Disapproved
B1210.1.1-24	Requires installation of a hook, suitable for supporting medical equipment up to 10 lbs., near every toilet in public restrooms.	Tanya Pettus	Disapproved
B2403.6-24	Adds requirements for bird-friendly design and construction to the VCC.	William Penniman	Disapproved
B3002.4-24	Exempts elevator cars in qualifying R-2 buildings six stories or less above grade plane from the requirement to accommodate ambulance stretchers.	Lyle Solla-Yates	Disapproved
B3104.1.1-24	Allows the use of American Association of State Highway and Transportation (AASHTO) Bridge Design Specifications as an alternative method of design and construction for pedestrian walkways.	Mekonnen Gebresillasie	Disapproved
B3105.2-24	Requires “canopies” to have frames of non-combustible material, fire-retardant-treated wood, heavy timber, or 1- hour construction, similar to awnings.	Mekonnen Gebresillasie	Disapproved
B3500-24	Requires buildings to comply with ASCE/SEI 24-2024 (2021 VCC and 2024 IBC reference ASCE/SEI 24-2014), and with ASCE/SEI 7-22 including Supplements 1 and 2 (2021 VCC and 2024 IBC reference ASCE/SEI 7-22 without Supplements 1 and 2).	Mark Dreyer	Disapproved
RB301.2.1-24	Exempts removable vinyl or acrylic wind break panels at exterior balconies, decks, or porches under roofs from having to comply with the wind loading requirements.	Chase McArthur	Disapproved
RB324.7-24	Adds requirements for bird-friendly design and construction to the VRC.	William Penniman	Disapproved

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RB408.4-24	Appears to intend to prohibit self-latching crawl space doors without an internal release.	Dean Bragg	Disapproved
EC-1301-24	Deletes all the existing Virginia amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code applicable to new commercial and residential construction.	William Penniman	Disapproved
EC-C402.1.6-24	Deletes the Virginia amendment in Appendix CD which currently may be used as an alternative to the building thermal envelope provisions of the code for Groups F, S, and U.	William Penniman	Disapproved
EC-C405.17-24	Adds new provisions for electric vehicle (EV) power transfer infrastructure and requires a minimum number of EV spaces, EV capable spaces and EV ready spaces based on occupancy group.	Joseph Wages	Disapproved
EC-C405.17(1)-24	Adds new provisions for electric vehicle (EV) power transfer infrastructure and requires a minimum number of EV spaces, EV capable spaces and EV ready spaces based on occupancy group.	William Penniman	Disapproved
EC-C409-24	Intends to add an additional energy compliance path for commercial and residential buildings based on Phius' software.	William Abrahamson	Disapproved
REC-R402.1.2(1)-24	Maintains the 2021 VRC/VECC R-values and U- factors for ceiling insulation (R-49/U-0.026 in CZ 3, R-60/U-0.024 in CZs 4 & 5). The 2024 IECC reduced the R-values/increased U-factors to R-38/U-0.030 for CZ 3, and R-49/U-0.026 for CZs 4 & 5.	Eric Lacey	Disapproved
REC-R402.1.2(2)-24	Deletes the existing Virginia amendment to the wall insulation requirement and defaults to the 2024 IECC requirements (R-20 or R-13+5c.i. or R-15c.i. in CZ 3; and R-30 or R-20+5c.i. or R-13+10c.i. or R-20c.i. in CZs 4 & 5).	Eric Lacey	Disapproved

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REC-R402.1.2(4)-24	Deletes the existing Virginia amendment to the wall insulation requirement and defaults to the 2024 IECC requirements (R-20 or R-13+5c.i. or R-15c.i. in CZ 3; and R-30 or R-20+5c.i. or R-13+10c.i. or R-20c.i. in CZs 4 & 5).	William Penniman	Disapproved
REC-R402.4.1.2-24	Deletes the existing Virginia amendment related to air leakage testing and the allowable leakage rate, and defaults to the 2024 IECC requirements.	Eric Lacey	Disapproved
REC-R402.4.1.2(1)-24	Deletes the existing Virginia amendment related to air leakage testing and the allowable leakage rate, and defaults to the 2024 IECC requirements.	William Penniman	Disapproved
REC-R403.14-24	Requires the installation of a ceiling fan with variable speeds and reversible direction in each bedroom.	William Penniman	Disapproved
REC-R404.1-24	Reduces the required percentage of high-efficacy luminaires to a minimum of 90% of all permanently installed luminaires. (The 2021 VRC/VECC and the 2024 IECC require all permanently installed luminaires to be high-efficacy.)	Andrew Clark (HBAV)	Disapproved
REC-R404.5-24	Requires one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses with designated parking to be provided with a minimum of one EV space, EV capable space or EV ready space; and R-2 occupancies with one space for 40 percent of the dwelling units or automobile parking spaces, whichever is less.	William Penniman	Disapproved
REC-R404.5(1)-24	Requires one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses with designated parking to be provided with a minimum of one EV space, EV capable space or EV ready space; and R-2 occupancies with one space for 40 percent of the dwelling units or automobile parking spaces, whichever is less.	Joseph Wages	Disapproved

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REC-R404.6-24	Incorporates the non-mandatory 2024 IECC Appendix NB (RB) Solar-Ready Provisions—Detached One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Townhouses, making the provisions mandatory in Virginia.	William Penniman	Disapproved
REC-R404.7-24	Incorporates the non-mandatory 2024 IECC Appendix NK (RK) Electric-Ready Residential Building Provisions, making the requirements mandatory in Virginia.	William Penniman	Disapproved
REC-R405.2-24	Removes the ability to use equipment trade-offs as part of the Simulated Building Performance compliance option.	Eric Lacey	Disapproved
REC-R405.2(1)-24	Requires that calculations for the Simulated Building Performance compliance option be based on annual site energy use, expressed in Btu or Btu per square foot of conditioned floor area, instead of annual energy cost.	William Penniman	Disapproved
REC-R405.2(2)-24	Changes the multiplier used to determine the proposed total building thermal envelope thermal conductance (TC) for compliance with the Simulated Building Performance method, reducing it from 1.15 to 1.08.	Eric Lacey	Disapproved
REC-R408.2.9-24	Deletes, without substitution, Section N1108.2.9 (R408.2.9), which is new to the 2024 IECC and allows a reduction in wall insulation when one of four qualifying conditions is met in Climate Zones 4 and 5.	Eric Lacey	Disapproved
E2701.1.1-24	Removes the option to provide provisions for the future installation of receptacles at an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, instead requiring receptacles to be installed at the time of construction.	Eric Mays	Disapproved
M15-24	Updates ASHRAE 15 and ASHRAE 34 to their most current editions, the 2024 editions. The 2024 IMC references the 2022 editions.	Thomas Deary	Disapproved

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P306.2.5-24	Limits the trench width for plastic sewer and DWV piping and requires the piping to be bedded in four inches of granular fill.	James Walls	Disapproved
P306.3.1-24	Requires backfill for plastic sewer and DWV piping to be compacted to a minimum of 85 percent Proctor density and requires compaction testing to be performed by an approved third party and approved by the engineer of record.	James Walls	Disapproved
RE3601.8-24	Requires the service disconnecting means for one-and two- family dwellings and townhouses to be installed in a readily accessible outdoor location. Installation of service disconnecting means indoors no longer allowed.	Corian Carney	Disapproved
RE3901.4.2-24	Removes the option to provide provisions for the future installation of receptacles at an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, instead requiring receptacles to be installed at the time of construction.	Joseph Willis	Disapproved
RE3902.20-24	Removes the existing Virginia amendment that exempts branch circuits requiring GFCI protection from the AFCI protection requirements.	Corian Carney	Disapproved
PM602.2(1)-24	Removes the heating and cooling date restrictions and sets a temperature range of not less than 65°F (18°C) and no more than 75°F (24°C) to be maintained throughout the year.	Honore Tchou	Disapproved