



2019 Legislative Changes

Bill	VA Code	Change as of July 1, 2019
HB 1698	15.2-2311	Authorizes a locality to send a zoning administrator appeal order using certified mail (was only registered mail)
HB 1913/SB 1663	15.2-2242	Allows the locality to require a sidewalk on lots being developed or subdivided if "the provision of a sidewalk [the need for which is substantial generated and reasonably required by the proposed development and] is in accordance with the locality's adopted comprehensive plan (was only could require sidewalks if on an existing street with sidewalk on each side of property)
HB 2139	15.2-2316.2	Relating to transfer of development rights, authorizes the locality to designate receiving areas/properties that shall receive development rights only from certain sending areas/properties specified by the locality. Locality may also provide for areas defined similarly to urban development areas.
HB 2141	15.2-2403	Allows the locality to contract with a broadband service provider to construct, maintain, and own communications facilities and equipment required to facilitate delivery of last-mile broadband services to unserved areas of a service district. Locality must document that less than 10 percent of units within the project area can receive broadband at time of approval.
HB 2342/SB 1373	15.2-2303.4	No local body to require any unreasonable proffer (was - request or accept an unreasonable proffer). Now allows onsite or offsite proffers that applicant deems reasonable. Also, nothing to prohibit applicant and locality discussing potential impacts of development.

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HB 2375	15.2-2285	If a locality reduced the PC review period for proposed zoning ordinance amendments to less than 100 days, then they must hold at least one public hearing on the proposed reduction and advertise accordingly.
HB 2569/SB 1094	15.2-2292	Allows an administrative process for a family day home accommodating 5-12 children. If no written objections received the ZA must issue the permit. If objections are received, they may issue or deny or send to governing body.
HB 2621 / SB 1091	15.2-2241.2	Requires a locality when giving site plan approval for solar energy equipment to require an owner, lessee etc. to enter into a written agreement to decommission - includes right of entry by locality and financial assurance
HB 2738 / SB1695	56-235.12	A public utility (water, sewer, electric or gas) may propose an Economic Development Program and acquire utility right-of-way for qualified economic development sites - to enhance the Commonwealth's infrastructure and promote a competitive business environment.
HB 2779 / SB 1785	59.1-542	The Governor may renew a five-year designation for an enterprise zone that was designated after July 1, 2005 three times (was 2). If designated prior to July 1, 2005 may renew one time (was 2).
HB 1634	15.2-1129.2	Towns (not just cities) allowed to establish one or more economic revitalization zones.

