

**Virginia Code Commission
Meeting Materials
November 21, 2023**

VIRGINIA CODE COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Senate Room A - Pocahontas Building

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Meeting Minutes

Members Present: John. S. Edwards, Ward L. Armstrong, Nicole S. Cheuk, James Leftwich, Ryan McDougle, Christopher R. Nolen, Steven G. Popp, Charles S. Sharp, Amigo R. Wade, Wren M. Williams

Member Present Electronically: Richard E. Gardner

Members Absent: Malfourd W. Trumbo

Staff Present: Holly Trice, Anne Bloomsburg, Joanne Frye, Andrew Kubicanek, Division of Legislative Services; Maryanne Horch, Senate Technology

Call to order: Senator Edwards, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Richard E. Gardner requested to attend the meeting virtually pursuant to the "Virginia Code Commission Policy for Electronic Meetings Held under § 2.2-3708.3 of the Code of Virginia." That request was granted. A quorum of the commission was present in person.

Welcome and Introduction of New Member: Chair Edwards introduced and welcomed back member, Senator Ryan McDougle.

Review and Approval of December 5, 2022, Meeting Minutes: Chair Edwards asked for a motion to approve the draft December 5, 2022, meeting minutes. A motion was made, properly seconded, and a roll call vote was conducted. The motion carried.

Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Ward Armstrong	1			
Nicole Cheuk	1			
Richard Gardiner	1			
James Leftwich	1			
Ryan McDougle	1			
Christopher R. Nolan	1			
Steven Popp	1			
Charles S. Sharp	1			
Malfourd W. Trumbo				1
Amigo R. Wade	1			
Wren Williams	1			
John Edwards	1			

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Report on 2023 Code Commission Bills: Holly Trice, Registrar of Regulations, reported on the three bills the Commission sponsored that were enacted during the 2023 Session of the General Assembly. These chapters were cc 506, 507 and 455.

Bills Referred to the Code Commission from 2023 Legislative Session: Amigo Wade, Director of DLS, presented Chapters 506 and 507 of the 2023 Acts of Assembly, bills referred to the Commission, which require the Commission to convene and continue the work of the public notice workgroup. Director Wade discussed the scope, composition, and schedule of the work group.

Senator McDougle asked about the content of Senate Bill 859 and requested the work group to discuss language added to the 2023 Session bill language.

Report on Section 1 Bills and Enactment Clauses Assigned Code of Virginia Numbers: Ms. Trice presented those § 1 bills and enactment clauses that the executive subcommittee determined needed to be codified, including changes made to text to conform to the Code of Virginia.

Chair Edwards asked Ms. Trice to explain generally what a § 1 bill was and Ms. Trice explained the threshold for codifying a § 1 bill.

Virginia Code Commission Planned Oversight 2023: Ms. Trice informed the Commission on the Code of Virginia update from Lexis Nexis. Ms. Trice gave the Commission a timeline review of the communication between DLS, DLAS, and LexisNexis regarding data transfers between the three entities.

Chair Edwards thanked all parties involved for the improved process this year.

2023 Work Plan Draft Administrative Law Advisory Committee: Eric Page, ALAC member presented the ALAC work plan to the Commission, including the Committee's (i) executive review process monitoring and (ii) update to Hearing Officer Deskbook, which the Committee does every two years; this year's update should be out in November.

Other Business - Expiring Terms of ALAC Members: Eric Page said that all members are expiring this year, and all have also agreed to serve again at the Commission's pleasure. Mr. Page affirmed that this is a particularly diverse group, which contributes to lively discussions and generally good work. Brief biographies of members were provided in the materials.

A motion was made, properly seconded, and a roll call vote was conducted. The motion carried.

Vote to reappoint ALAC members	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Ward Armstrong	1			
Nicole Cheuk	1			
Richard Gardiner	1			
James Leftwich	1			
Ryan McDougle	1			

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Christopher R. Nolan	1			
Steven Pops	1			
Charles S. Sharp	1			
Malfourd W. Trumbo				1
Amigo R. Wade	1			
Wren Williams	1			
John Edwards	1			
Total	11			1

Other Business - Expiring Terms of Nonlegislative Members of Commission: Ms. Trice stated that Nicole Cheuk's, Malfourd Trumbo's and Charles Sharp's appointments were set to expire on June 30, 2023. However, the Senate Committee on Rules had already met in April 2023 during the reconvened session and reappointed these members to another 4-year term.

Other Business - Antiquated Statutes Concerning Church and Cemetery Trustees: Mr. Armstrong brought to the Commission the concern about certain Code of Virginia titles that are antiquated and "a mess" in regards to cemetery trustees and church trustees. For example, the work he was doing concerned personal property of the church, but there was no mention of personal property in the titles he was discussing; only real property. Delegate Williams "seconded" Mr. Armstrong's observations on the specific statutes. Chair Edwards asked Director Wade if DLS could look at the statutes Mr. Armstrong brought up to the Commission. Delegate Leftwich offered to reach out to certain individuals regarding the issue.

Chair Edwards asked for a work group to be convened to study this. Mr. Armstrong and Delegate Williams offered to serve on it.

Public comment: Senator Edwards opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment in the room or online.

Adjourn: Chair Edwards asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made, properly seconded, and a vote was conducted. The motion carried.

Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

VIRGINIA CODE ANNOTATED

	2024 PRICES				2022/2023 PRICES			
	STATE (6 Replacement Volumes)	PRIVATE	STATE (5 Replacement Volumes)	PRIVATE (5 Replacement Volumes)	STATE (4 Replacement Volumes)	PRIVATE	STATE (5 Replacement Volumes)	PRIVATE (5 Replacement Volumes)
SUPPLEMENT	\$232.00	\$299.75	\$255.00	\$332.00	\$266.50	\$355.25	\$243.50	\$316.25
INDEX	\$122.75	\$130.50	\$122.75	\$130.50	\$122.75	\$130.50	\$117.50	\$124.50
VOLUMES (EACH)	\$66.25	\$82.50	\$66.25	\$82.50	\$66.25	\$82.50	\$63.25	\$78.75
VOLUME 11	\$50.25	\$66.25	\$50.25	\$66.25	\$50.25	\$66.25	\$48.00	\$63.25
VOLUME 11 SUPP	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$16.25	\$16.25
ADVANCE CODE		\$100.25		\$100.25		\$100.25		\$95.50
SERVICE								
TOTAL	\$814.25	\$1108.75	\$776.25	\$1058.50	\$721.50	\$1011.25	\$741.00	\$1009.50

(STATE GOVERNMENT PRICING FOR PURCHASES OUTSIDE OF THE CODE COMMISSION PURCHASE)

The proposed price increase above reflects a **5%** increase.

Vol	Title	Subject	Edition	BV	23 CS	%	New RV Est.	Replacement Candidates
1	1-2.2	Gen. Prov., Adm. of Govt.	2022	1324	198	15.0%		split 2 Part 1 and 2 Part 2
1A	3.2	Agriculture	2023	628	0	0.0%		
1B	4.1-6.2	Alcoholic Bev. -- Financial Institutions	2021	999	146	14.6%		
2	8.01	Civil Remedies & Procedure	2015	1386	312	22.5%	1570	
2A	8.1-8.11	UCC	2015	1029	30	2.9%		
2B	9-10.1	Commissions -- Conservation	2023	774	0	0.0%		
3	11-14.1	Contracts to Corporations	2021	771	38	4.9%		
3A Part 1	15.2 Part 1	Counties, Cities, and Towns	2018	916	278	30.3%	714	
3A Part 2	15.2 Part 2	Counties, Cities, and Towns	2018	511	135	26.4%		
3B	16.1-17.1	Courts	2020	775	210	27.1%		
4	18.2	Crimes	2021	1197	188	15.7%		
4A	19.2	Criminal Procedure	2022	954	95	10.0%		
4B	20, 21	Domestic Relations, Drainage	2016	722	190	26.3%		
5	22.1, 23	Education -- Eminent Domain	2021	780	250	32.1%		
5A	24.2-28.2	Elections - Fiduciaries	2023	768	0	0.0%		
5B*	29.1-32.1	Wildlife to Health	2018	939	442	47.1%	1112	Recod of Title 32.1? 6
6	33.2-37.2	Highways -- Mental Health	2019	1005	328	32.6%	1105	
6A	38.2	Insurance	2020	1345	160	11.9%		
6B	40.1-45.1	Labor & Employment -- Mines & Mining	2021	655	62	9.5%		
7	46.2	Motor Vehicles	2022	1228	134	10.9%		
7A	47.1 - 53.1	Notaries to Prisons	2020	815	136	16.7%		
7B	54.1	Professions	2023	973	0	0.0%		
8	55.1-57	Property -- Religious & Charitable Matt	2022	1381	152	11.0%		
8A	58.1	Taxation	2022	1421	180	12.7%		
9	59.1-62.1	Trade -- Waters	2019	1303	358	27.5%	1457	split 9 Part 1 and 9 Part 2
9A	63.2-64.2	Welfare -- Wills Trusts & Estates	2023	986	0	0.0%		
9B	65.2-67	Workers' Compensation -- Energy	2017	784	96	12.2%		
10		Tables	2015	691	114	16.5%		
11		Rules	2023	1303	n/a	n/a		
12		Index	2023	n/a	n/a	n/a		
13		Index	2023	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Const.		Consts.	2020	385	29	7.5%		

2023 RV's:
1A, 2B,
5A, 7B,
9A

LEO1		LEO/UPL	2002	631	80	12.7%	
LEO2		LEO/UPL	2013	955	166	17.4%	

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Virginia Code Commission Local Public Notice Requirements Work Group Recommendations

A. Summary of Activities

SB 1151 (2023) and HB 2161 (2023) provide for the Virginia Code Commission to convene a work group to continue review of the notice requirements throughout the Code of Virginia. The Local Public Notice Requirements Work Group (Work Group), consisting of individuals representing local government entities and print media (**Tab A**) was reconvened to continue this work. The Work Group developed the following objectives:

1. Review comments and suggestions for revision offered by the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. (LGA) in response to amendments made by SB 1151 and HB 2161.
2. Develop consensus on changes to previously adopted language relating to the frequency and length of time that notices are required to be published.
3. Develop consensus regarding the amount of information required in descriptive notices located in Title 15.2.
4. Continue the review of the remaining notice provisions contained in Title 15.2.
5. Review Senate Bill SB 859 (2023).

The Work Group met a total of five times over the course of the interim. Two subgroups were formed to assist in working through the Work Group's objectives. The Timing and Intended Language Subgroup, consisting of Susan Wineland, Phyllis Errico, Bruce Potter, and Michelle Gowdy, focused on the comments provided by the LGA relating to frequency and length of time that notices are required to be published. The Descriptive Information Subgroup, consisting of Adam Kinsman, Aimee Siebert, Michelle Gowdy, and Andrew Clark, focused on continuing to develop consensus on the descriptive information requirements. The subgroups worked directly with stakeholders to develop options that were brought back to the full Work Group for review. The Work Group achieved consensus on recommendations that are being offered to the Code Commission for adoption.

B. Recommendations relating to the timing and frequency of notice.

Comments received from the LGA and other local government entities and stakeholders indicated that the 2023 amendments that sought to standardize the frequency and length of time for publication of notices implemented by Senate Bill SB 1151 and HB 2161 created unintended consequences and were problematic to enforce. To alleviate the problems, the Work Group reached consensus on the recommendations that follow.

The Work Group recommends increasing the number of days the first notice must appear before the meeting or intended action in the case of notices included in Groups 2 and 3. For Group 2 notices, the number of days would increase from 14 to 28 days, with the publication of the

second notice appearing at least two days after the first notice. For notices in Group 3, the number of days would increase from 21 to 35 days, with the publication of the second and third notices appearing at least two days after the previous notice.

The Work Group recommends the deletion of all language in the covered notices requiring subsequent notices to be published at specific times (e.g. ". . .with the second notice appearing no more than 14 days before . . .") to eliminate confusion and establish more uniformity.

The Work Group recommends amending § 15.2-2506 to remove the requirement that the notice of consideration of a budget include a brief synopsis of such budget and replace it with a requirement that the notice include a summary of the total revenues and expenditures for each appropriated fund and the current and proposed real estate and personal property tax levies.

A draft containing sample Code sections incorporating the recommended changes is attached as **Tab B**.

C. Recommendations relating to descriptive information required in certain notices.

The Work Group recommends amending the language of § 15.2-1427, which covers adopting, amending, and repealing ordinances, to (i) remove the requirement for the publication of a descriptive notice and (ii) require notice of an intention to propose, amend, or repeal an ordinance to be advertised by reference at least twice, with the first notice appearing no more than 28 days prior to the date of the meeting referenced in the notice.

The Work Group recommends removing descriptive notice and timing of notice provisions contained in §§ 15.2-107, 15.2-201, 15.2-202, 15.2-903, 15.2-2101, 15.2-2114, 15.2-2506, 15.2-2507, 15.2-5136, and 15.2-5704 and replacing such provisions with a reference to the notice requirements of § 15.2-1427.

The Work Group recommends amending the language of § 15.2-2204, which covers zoning ordinances and planning-related actions, to remove the requirement that a notice of the adoption or amendment of an ordinance or plan be published once a week for two successive weeks and replace it with a requirement that such notice be published twice, with the first notice appearing no more than 28 days before the date of the meeting referenced in the notice.

The Work Group recommends removing descriptive notice and timing of notice provisions contained in §§ 15.2-2270, 15.2-2271, 15.2-2272, and 15.2-2506 and replacing such provisions with a reference to the notice requirements of § 15.2-2204.

A draft incorporating the recommended changes is attached as (**Tab C**).

D. Recommendations relating to SB 859 (2023).

SB 859 would remove the requirement for a local public body to publish notice of a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website (eVA) if the local public body chooses not to publish such notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the contract is to be performed. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology, which voted to pass it by indefinitely with

a letter to the Code Commission requesting that its Local Public Notice Work Group review the legislation and provide recommendations.

Section 2.2-4302.2 establishes the process for competitive negotiation and includes a similar public notice process that differs when it comes to required posting on eVA. A local public body is required to post an RFP on eVA if the local public body has elected not to publish notice of the RFP in a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the contract is to be performed. SB 859 would essentially make the publication requirements for RFPs mirror the publication requirements for Invitations to Bid (ITBs) by removing the requirement for the local public body to post on eVA if electing not to publish in the newspaper.

During discussion, the Work Group learned that the City of Virginia Beach requested this legislation with the objective of advertising RFPs to a wider group of potential vendors. Representatives from the City of Virginia Beach informed the Work Group that the city no longer wishes to pursue the legislation. The consensus of the Work Group is that the current construction of the publication requirements strike the appropriate balance.

The Work Group recommends that no action be taken on SB 859.

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1 **Group 2 Samples**

2 **§ 15.2-2606. Public hearing before issuance of bonds.**

3 A. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special, but subject to
4 subsection B of this section, before the final authorization of the issuance of any bonds by a
5 locality, the governing body of the locality shall hold a public hearing on the proposed bond issue.
6 Notice of the hearing shall be published ~~once a week for two successive weeks~~ twice in a
7 newspaper published or having general circulation in the locality, with the first notice appearing
8 no more than ~~14~~28 days before the hearing. The publication of the second notice shall appear at
9 least two days after the first notice. The notice shall (i) state the estimated maximum amount of
10 the bonds proposed to be issued, (ii) state the proposed use of the bond proceeds, and if there is
11 more than one use, state the proposed uses for which more than 10 percent of the total bond
12 proceeds is expected to be used, and (iii) specify the time and place of the hearing at which persons
13 may appear and present their views. ~~The hearing shall not be held less than six nor more than 21~~
14 ~~days after the date the second notice appears in the newspaper.~~

15 B. No notice or public hearing shall be required for (i) bonds which have been approved
16 by a majority of the voters of the issuing locality voting on the issuance of such bonds or (ii)
17 obligations issued pursuant to §§ [15.2-2629](#), [15.2-2630](#) or [15.2-2643](#).

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19 **§ 15.2-2653. Contesting issuance of bonds; notice and hearing; service on member of**
20 **governing body, etc.**

21 Any person, corporation, or association desiring to contest the issuance of any bonds
22 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, or any other law, general or special, shall proceed by
23 filing a motion for judgment within thirty days after the filing of the resolution or ordinance
24 authorizing the issuance of the bonds with the circuit court having jurisdiction over the issuer, or
25 in contesting the validity of a petition for or the results of a referendum, within thirty days after

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26 the date that the result of the election for the issuance of the bonds is certified, in the court having
27 jurisdiction as provided in § 15.2-2651. For bonds which are not authorized pursuant to a
28 referendum, or for which the authorizing resolution or ordinance is not required to be filed with
29 the circuit court, the contestant shall proceed by filing a motion for judgment within thirty days
30 after the adoption of the authorizing resolution or ordinance. Upon the filing of a motion for
31 judgment, the court shall fix a time and place for hearing the proceeding and shall enter an order
32 requiring the publication of the motion for judgment or a summary of it approved by the court,
33 together with the order setting forth the time and place of the hearing, ~~once a week for two~~
34 ~~consecutive weeks~~ twice in a newspaper published or having general circulation in the jurisdiction
35 where the issuer is located, with the first notice appearing no more than 14 28 days before the
36 hearing. ~~The date fixed for the hearing shall not be sooner than ten days after the date the second~~
37 ~~publication of the motion for judgment or summary and the order appears in the newspaper.~~ The
38 publication of the second notice shall appear at least two days after the first notice. In addition to
39 such publication, the plaintiff shall secure personal service on at least one member of the governing
40 body of the issuer.

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42 **Group 3 Sample**

43 **§ 15.2-5156. Hearing; notice.**

44 A. An ordinance or resolution creating a community development authority shall not be
45 adopted or approved until a public hearing has been held by the governing body on the question
46 of its adoption or approval. Notice of the public hearing shall be published ~~once a week for three~~
47 ~~successive weeks~~ three times in a newspaper of general circulation within the locality, with the
48 first notice appearing no more than 24 35 days before the hearing. The publication of the second
49 and third notice shall appear at least two days after the previous notice. The petitioning landowners

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50 shall bear the expense of publishing the notice. ~~The hearing shall not be held sooner than ten days~~
51 ~~after completion of publication of the notice.~~

52 B. After the public hearing and before adoption of the ordinance or resolution, the local
53 governing body shall mail a true copy of its proposed ordinance or resolution creating the
54 development authority to the petitioning landowners or their attorney in fact. Unless waived in
55 writing, any petitioning landowner shall have thirty days from mailing of the proposed ordinance
56 or resolution in which to withdraw his signature from the petition in writing prior to the vote of
57 the local governing body on such ordinance or resolution. If any signatures on the petition are so
58 withdrawn, the local governing body may pass the proposed ordinance or resolution only upon
59 certification by the petitioners that the petition continues to meet the requirements of § 15.2-5152.
60 If all petitioning landowners waive the right to withdraw their signatures from the petition, the
61 local governing body may adopt the ordinance or resolution upon compliance with the provisions
62 of subsection A and any other applicable provisions of law.

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64 **General Sample**

65 **§ 58.1-3321. Effect on rate when assessment results in tax increase; public hearings;**
66 **referendum.**

67 A. When any annual assessment, biennial assessment, or general reassessment of real
68 property by a county, city, or town would result in an increase of one percent or more in the total
69 real property tax levied, such county, city, or town shall reduce its rate of levy for the forthcoming
70 tax year so as to cause such rate of levy to produce no more than 101 percent of the previous year's
71 real property tax levies, unless subsection B is complied with, which rate shall be determined by
72 multiplying the previous year's total real property tax levies by 101 percent and dividing the
73 product by the forthcoming tax year's total real property assessed value. An additional assessment
74 or reassessment due to the construction of new or other improvements, including those

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75 improvements and changes set forth in § 58.1-3285, to the property shall not be an annual
76 assessment or general reassessment within the meaning of this section, nor shall the assessed value
77 of such improvements be included in calculating the new tax levy for purposes of this section.
78 Special levies shall not be included in any calculations provided for under this section.

79 B. The governing body of a county, city, or town may, after conducting a public hearing,
80 which shall not be held at the same time as the annual budget hearing, increase the rate above the
81 reduced rate required in subsection A if any such increase is deemed to be necessary by such
82 governing body.

83 C. Notice of any public hearing held pursuant to this section shall be given at least seven
84 days before the date of such hearing by the publication of a notice in (i) at least one newspaper of
85 general circulation in such county or city and (ii) a prominent public location at which notices are
86 regularly posted in the building where the governing body of the county, city, or town regularly
87 conducts its business, ~~except that such notice shall be given at least 14 days before the date of such~~
88 ~~hearing in any year in which neither a general appropriation act nor amendments to a general~~
89 ~~appropriation act providing appropriations for the immediately following fiscal year have been~~
90 ~~enacted by April 30 of such year.~~ Additionally, in a county, city, or town that conducts its
91 reassessment more than once every four years, the notice for any public hearing held pursuant to
92 this section shall be published on a different day and in a different notice from any notice published
93 for the annual budget hearing. Any such notice shall be at least the size of one-eighth page of a
94 standard size or a tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement shall be in a type
95 no smaller than 18-point. The notice described in clause (i) shall not be placed in that portion, if
96 any, of the newspaper reserved for legal notices and classified advertisements. The notice
97 described in clauses (i) and (ii) shall be in the following form and contain the following
98 information, in addition to such other information as the local governing body may elect to include:

99 NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

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100 The (name of the county, city or town)proposes to increase property tax levies.

101 1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional
102 assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total
103 assessed value of real property by __ percent.

104 2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy
105 the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of
106 real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be ____ \$ per \$100 of assessed value. This
107 rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

108 3. Effective Rate Increase: The (name of the county, city or town)proposes to adopt a tax
109 rate of ____ \$ per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the
110 proposed rate would be ____ \$ per \$100, or__ (name of the county, city or town) \$ \$ percent . This
111 difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase."

112 Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than
113 the above percentage.

114 4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and
115 changes in other revenues, the total budget of (name of the county, city or town) will exceed last
116 year's by __ (name of the county, city or town) percent.

117 A public hearing on the increase will be held on(date and time) at (meeting place).

118 D. All hearings shall be open to the public. The governing body shall permit persons
119 desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony within such reasonable time limits as
120 shall be determined by the governing body.

121 E. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to the assessment of public service
122 corporation property by the State Corporation Commission.

123 F. Notwithstanding other provisions of general or special law, the tax rate for taxes due on
124 or before June 30 of each year may be fixed on or before May 15 of that tax year.

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SENATE BILL NO. _____ HOUSE BILL NO. _____

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-107, 15.2-201, 15.2-202, 15.2-903, 15.2-1201, 15.2-1427, 15.2-
2 2101, 15.2-2114, 15.2-2204, 15.2-2270, 15.2-2271, 15.2-2321, 15.2-2506, 15.2-2507, 15.2-5136,
3 15.2-5704, and 30-140 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local government; descriptive
4 information required in certain public notices.

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

6 **1. That §§ 15.2-107, 15.2-201, 15.2-202, 15.2-903, 15.2-1201, 15.2-1427, 15.2-2101, 15.2-2114, 15.2-
7 2204, 15.2-2270, 15.2-2271, 15.2-2321, 15.2-2506, 15.2-2507, 15.2-5136, 15.2-5704, and 30-140 of the
8 Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 **§ 15.2-107. Advertisement and enactment of certain fees and levies.**

10 All levies and fees imposed or increased by a locality pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 21 (§
11 15.2-2100 et seq.) or 22 (§ 15.2-2200 et seq.) shall be adopted by ordinance. The advertising requirements
12 of subsection F of § 15.2-1427, or § 15.2-2204, as appropriate, shall apply, ~~except as modified in this~~
13 ~~section.~~

14 ~~The advertisement shall include the following:~~

15 ~~1. The time, date, and place of the public hearing.~~

16 ~~2. The actual dollar amount or percentage change, if any, of the proposed levy, fee or increase.~~

17 ~~3. A specific reference to the Code of Virginia section or other legal authority granting the legal
18 authority for enactment of such proposed levy, fee, or increase.~~

19 ~~4. A designation of the place or places where the complete ordinance, and information concerning
20 the documentation for the proposed fee, levy or increase are available for examination by the public no
21 later than the time of the first publication.~~

22 **§ 15.2-201. Charter elections; subsequent procedure; procedure when bill not introduced or
23 fails to pass in General Assembly.**

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24 A locality may provide for holding an election to be conducted as provided in § 24.2-681 et seq.
25 of Title 24.2 to determine if the voters of the locality desire that it request the General Assembly to grant
26 to the locality a new charter or to amend its existing charter. At least ~~ten~~seven days prior to the holding
27 of such election, ~~the text or an informative summary of the new charter or amendment desired shall be~~
28 published in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality public notice shall be given in accordance
29 with § 15.2-1427.

30 If a majority of the voters voting in such election vote in favor of such request, the locality shall
31 transmit two certified copies of the results of such election together with the publisher's affidavit and the
32 new charter or the amendments to the existing charter, to one or more members of the General Assembly
33 representing such locality for introduction as a bill in the succeeding session of the General Assembly.

34 If a bill incorporating such charter or amendments is not introduced at the succeeding session of
35 the General Assembly, the approval of the voters for such charter or amendments shall be void. If, at such
36 session, members of the General Assembly fail to enact or pass by indefinitely and do not carry over such
37 a bill incorporating such charter or amendments, the charter or amendments shall again be presented to
38 the voters for their approval or submitted to a public hearing pursuant to § 15.2-202 before reintroduction
39 in the General Assembly.

40 **§ 15.2-202. Public hearing in lieu of election; procedure when bill not introduced or fails to**
41 **pass in General Assembly.**

42 In lieu of the election provided for in § 15.2-201, a locality requesting the General Assembly to
43 grant to it a new charter or to amend its existing charter may hold a public hearing with respect thereto, at
44 which citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard to determine if the citizens of the locality desire that
45 the locality request the General Assembly to grant to it a new charter, or to amend its existing charter.
46 Public notice shall be given in accordance with § 15.2-1427 at least seven days' notice of the time and
47 place of such hearing and the text or an informative summary of the new charter or amendment desired
48 shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality. Such~~The~~ public hearing may be
49 adjourned from time to time, and upon the completion thereof, the locality may request, in the manner

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50 provided in § 15.2-201, the General Assembly to grant the new charter or amend the existing charter and
51 the provisions of § 15.2-201 shall be applicable thereto.

52 If a bill incorporating such charter or amendments is not introduced at the succeeding session of
53 the General Assembly, the authority of the locality to request such charter or amendments by reason of
54 such public hearing shall thereafter be void. If at such session members of the General Assembly fail to
55 enact and do not carry over or pass by indefinitely a bill incorporating such charter or amendments, the
56 charter or amendments may again be submitted to a public hearing in lieu of an election as provided
57 hereinabove before reintroduction in the General Assembly.

58 The locality requesting a new or amended charter shall provide with such request a publisher's
59 affidavit showing that the public hearing was advertised and a certified copy of the governing body's
60 minutes showing the action taken at the advertised public hearing.

61 **§ 15.2-903. Ordinances taxing and regulating "automobile graveyards," "junkyards," and**
62 **certain vacant and abandoned property.**

63 A. Any locality may adopt ordinances imposing license taxes upon and otherwise regulating the
64 maintenance and operation of places commonly known as automobile graveyards and junkyards and may
65 prescribe fines and other punishment for violations of such ordinances.

66 No such ordinance shall be adopted until after notice ~~in accordance with § 15.2-1427 of the~~
67 ~~proposed ordinance~~ has been published ~~once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper having~~
68 ~~general circulation in the locality. The ordinance need not be advertised in full, but may be advertised by~~
69 ~~reference. Every such advertisement shall contain a descriptive summary of the proposed ordinance and a~~
70 ~~reference to the place or places within the locality where copies of the proposed ordinance may be~~
71 ~~examined.~~

72 As used in this section the terms "automobile graveyard" and "junkyard" have the meanings
73 ascribed to them in § 33.2-804.

74 B. The Counties of Bedford, Campbell, Caroline, Fauquier, Rockbridge, Shenandoah, Tazewell,
75 Warren and York may adopt an ordinance imposing the screening of automobile graveyards and

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76 junkyards, unless screening is impractical due to topography, as set forth in § 33.2-804. Any such
77 ordinance may apply to any automobile graveyard or junkyard within the boundaries of such county
78 regardless of the date on which any such automobile graveyard or junkyard may have come into existence,
79 notwithstanding the provisions of § 33.2-804.

80 C. The City of Newport News may adopt an ordinance imposing screening or landscape screening
81 for retail or commercial properties that have been vacant or abandoned for more than three years within
82 designated areas consistent with the city's comprehensive plan.

83 **§ 15.2-1201. County boards of supervisors vested with powers and authority of councils of**
84 **cities and towns; exceptions.**

85 The boards of supervisors of counties are hereby vested with the same powers and authority as the
86 councils of cities and towns by virtue of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia or the acts of
87 the General Assembly passed in pursuance thereof. However, with the exception of ordinances expressly
88 authorized under Chapter 13 of Title 46.2, no ordinance shall be enacted under authority of this section
89 regulating the equipment, operation, lighting or speed of motor-propelled vehicles operated on the public
90 highways of a county unless it is uniform with the general laws of the Commonwealth regulating such
91 equipment, operation, lighting or speed and with the regulations of the Commonwealth Transportation
92 Board adopted pursuant to such laws. Nothing in this section shall be construed to give the boards of
93 supervisors any power to control or exercise supervision over signs, signals, marking or traffic lights on
94 any roads constructed and maintained by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. No powers or
95 authority conferred upon the boards of supervisors of counties solely by this section shall be exercised
96 within the corporate limits of any incorporated town except by agreement with the town council.

97 In the County of Fairfax an ordinance may be adopted by the board of supervisors under this
98 section after a ~~descriptive~~ notice of intention to propose the same for passage has been published once a
99 week for two successive weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county. After the
100 enactment of such ordinance by the board of supervisors, no publication of the ordinance shall be required
101 and such ordinance shall become effective upon adoption or upon a date fixed by the board of supervisors.

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102 **§ 15.2-1427. Adoption of ordinances and resolutions generally; amending or repealing**
103 **ordinances.**

104 A. Unless otherwise specifically provided for by the Constitution or by other general or special
105 law, an ordinance may be adopted by majority vote of those present and voting at any lawful meeting.

106 B. On final vote on any ordinance or resolution, the name of each member of the governing body
107 voting and how he voted shall be recorded; however, votes on all ordinances and resolutions adopted prior
108 to February 27, 1998, in which an unanimous vote of the governing body was recorded, shall be deemed
109 to have been validly recorded. The governing body may adopt an ordinance or resolution by a recorded
110 voice vote unless otherwise provided by law, or any member calls for a roll call vote. An ordinance shall
111 become effective upon adoption or upon a date fixed by the governing body.

112 C. All ordinances or resolutions heretofore adopted by a governing body shall be deemed to have
113 been validly adopted, unless some provision of the Constitution of Virginia or the Constitution of the
114 United States has been violated in such adoption.

115 D. An ordinance may be amended or repealed in the same manner, or by the same procedure, in
116 which, or by which, ordinances are adopted.

117 E. An amendment or repeal of an ordinance shall be in the form of an ordinance which shall
118 become effective upon adoption or upon a date fixed by the governing body, but, if no effective date is
119 specified, then such ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

120 F. In counties, except as otherwise authorized by law, no ordinance shall be passed until after
121 ~~descriptive~~ notice of an intention to propose the ordinance for passage ~~has been published once a week~~
122 ~~for two successive weeks~~ is advertised by reference twice, with the first notice ~~appearing~~ being published
123 no more than ~~14~~ 28 days prior to the ~~intended passage of the ordinance~~ date of the meeting referenced in
124 the notice, in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county. ~~The second publication shall not be~~
125 ~~sooner than one calendar week after the first publication.~~ The publication of the second notice shall appear
126 at least two days after the first notice. The publication shall include a statement ~~either that the publication~~
127 ~~contains the full text of the ordinance or~~ that a copy of the full text of the ordinance is on file in the clerk's

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128 office of the circuit court of the county or in the office of the county administrator; or in the case of any
129 county organized under the form of government set out in Chapter 5, 7 or 8 of this title, a statement that a
130 copy of the full text of the ordinance is on file in the office of the clerk of the county board. ~~Even if the~~
131 ~~publication contains the full text of the ordinance, a complete copy shall be available for public inspection~~
132 ~~in the offices named herein.~~

133 In counties, emergency ordinances may be adopted without prior notice; however, no such
134 ordinance shall be enforced for more than sixty days unless readopted in conformity with the provisions
135 of this Code.

136 G. In towns, no tax shall be imposed except by a two-thirds vote of the council members.

137 **§ 15.2-2101. Ordinance proposing grant of franchise, etc., to be advertised.**

138 A. Before granting any franchise, privilege, lease or right of any kind to use any public property
139 described in § 15.2-2100 or easement of any description, for a term in excess of five years, except in the
140 case of and for a trunk railway, the city or town proposing to make the grant shall ~~advertise a descriptive~~
141 ~~give notice of the ordinance proposing to make the grant in accordance with § 15.2-1427~~~~once a week for~~
142 ~~two successive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the city or town.~~ The ~~descriptive~~-notice
143 ~~of the ordinance~~ may also be advertised as many times in such other newspaper or newspapers, published
144 outside the city, town or Commonwealth, as the council may determine. ~~The advertisement shall include~~
145 ~~a statement that a copy of the full text of the ordinance is on file in the office of the clerk of the city or~~
146 ~~town council.~~

147 B. The advertisement shall invite bids for the franchise, privilege, lease or right proposed to be
148 granted in the ordinance. The bids shall be in writing and delivered upon the day and hour named in the
149 advertisement and shall be opened in public session and marked for identification by the person designated
150 in the advertisement to receive such bids. The cost of the required advertisement shall be paid by the city
151 or town which shall be reimbursed by the person to whom the grant is made. The city or town shall have
152 the right to reject any and all bids and shall reserve this right in the advertisement.

153 **§ 15.2-2114. Regulation of stormwater.**

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154 A. Any locality, by ordinance, may establish a utility or enact a system of service charges to
155 support a local stormwater management program consistent with Article 2.3 (§ 62.1-44.15:24 et seq.) of
156 Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 or any other state or federal regulation governing stormwater management.
157 Income derived from a utility or system of charges shall be dedicated special revenue, may not exceed the
158 actual costs incurred by a locality operating under the provisions of this section, and may be used only to
159 pay or recover costs for the following:

160 1. The acquisition, as permitted by § 15.2-1800, of real and personal property, and interest therein,
161 necessary to construct, operate and maintain stormwater control facilities;

162 2. The cost of administration of such programs;

163 3. Planning, design, engineering, construction, and debt retirement for new facilities and
164 enlargement or improvement of existing facilities, including the enlargement or improvement of dams,
165 levees, floodwalls, and pump stations, whether publicly or privately owned, that serve to control
166 stormwater;

167 4. Facility operation and maintenance, including the maintenance of dams, levees, floodwalls, and
168 pump stations, whether publicly or privately owned, that serve to control stormwater;

169 5. Monitoring of stormwater control devices and ambient water quality monitoring;

170 6. Contracts related to stormwater management, including contracts for the financing, construction,
171 operation, or maintenance of stormwater management facilities, regardless of whether such facilities are
172 located on public or private property and, in the case of private property locations, whether the contract is
173 entered into pursuant to a stormwater management private property program under subsection J or
174 otherwise; and

175 7. Other activities consistent with the state or federal regulations or permits governing stormwater
176 management, including, but not limited to, public education, watershed planning, inspection and
177 enforcement activities, and pollution prevention planning and implementation.

178 B. The charges may be assessed to property owners or occupants, including condominium unit
179 owners or tenants (when the tenant is the party to whom the water and sewer service is billed), and shall

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180 be based upon an analysis that demonstrates the rational relationship between the amount charged and the
181 services provided. Prior to adopting such a system, a public hearing shall be held after giving notice as
182 required by charter or ~~by publishing a descriptive notice as provided in § 15.2-1427 once a week for two~~
183 ~~successive weeks prior to adoption in a newspaper with a general circulation in the locality. The second~~
184 ~~publication shall not be sooner than one calendar week after the first publication.~~ However, prior to
185 adoption of any ordinance pursuant to this section related to the enlargement, improvement, or
186 maintenance of privately owned dams, a locality shall comply with the notice provisions of § 15.2-1427
187 and hold a public hearing.

188 C. A locality adopting such a system shall provide for full waivers of charges to the following:

189 1. A federal, state, or local government, or public entity, that holds a permit to discharge
190 stormwater from a municipal separate storm sewer system, except that the waiver of charges shall apply
191 only to property covered by any such permit; and

192 2. Public roads and street rights-of-way that are owned and maintained by state or local agencies,
193 including property rights-of-way acquired through the acquisitions process.

194 D. A locality adopting such a system shall provide for full or partial waivers of charges to any
195 person who installs, operates, and maintains a stormwater management facility that achieves a permanent
196 reduction in stormwater flow or pollutant loadings or other such other facility, system, or practice whereby
197 stormwater runoff produced by the property is retained and treated on site in accordance with a stormwater
198 management plan approved pursuant to Chapter 3.1 (§ 62.1-44.2 et seq.) of Title 62.1. The locality shall
199 base the amount of the waiver in part on the percentage reduction in stormwater flow or pollutant loadings,
200 or both, from pre-installation to post-installation of the facility. No locality shall provide a waiver to any
201 person who does not obtain a stormwater permit from the Department of Environmental Quality when
202 such permit is required by statute or regulation.

203 E. A locality adopting such a system may provide for full or partial waivers of charges to
204 cemeteries, property owned or operated by the locality administering the program, and public or private
205 entities that implement or participate in strategies, techniques, or programs that reduce stormwater flow

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206 or pollutant loadings, or decrease the cost of maintaining or operating the public stormwater management
207 system.

208 F. Any locality may issue general obligation bonds or revenue bonds in order to finance the cost
209 of infrastructure and equipment for a stormwater control program. Infrastructure and equipment shall
210 include structural and natural stormwater control systems of all types, including, without limitation,
211 retention basins, sewers, conduits, pipelines, pumping and ventilating stations, and other plants, structures,
212 and real and personal property used for support of the system. The procedure for the issuance of any such
213 general obligation bonds or revenue bonds pursuant to this section shall be in conformity with the
214 procedure for issuance of such bonds as set forth in the Public Finance Act (§ 15.2-2600 et seq.).

215 G. In the event charges are not paid when due, interest thereon shall at that time accrue at the rate,
216 not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by law, determined by the locality until such time as the
217 overdue payment and interest are paid. Charges and interest may be recovered by the locality by action at
218 law or suit in equity and shall constitute a lien against the property, ranking on a parity with liens for
219 unpaid taxes. The locality may combine the billings for stormwater charges with billings for water or
220 sewer charges, real property tax assessments, or other billings; in such cases, the locality may establish
221 the order in which payments will be applied to the different charges. No locality shall combine its billings
222 with those of another locality or political subdivision, including an authority operating pursuant to Chapter
223 51 (§ 15.2-5100 et seq.) of Title 15.2, unless such locality or political subdivision has given its consent by
224 duly adopted resolution or ordinance.

225 H. Any two or more localities may enter into cooperative agreements concerning the management
226 of stormwater.

227 I. For purposes of implementing waivers pursuant to subdivision C 1, for property where two
228 adjoining localities subject to a revenue sharing agreement each hold municipal separate storm sewer
229 permits, the waiver shall also apply to the property of each locality and of its school board that is accounted
230 for in that locality's municipal separate storm sewer program plan, regardless of whether such property is
231 located within the adjoining locality.

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232 J. Any locality that establishes a system of charges pursuant to this section may establish a public-
233 private partnership program, to be known as a stormwater management private property program, in order
234 to promote cost-effectiveness in reducing excessive stormwater flow or pollutant loadings or in making
235 other stormwater improvements authorized pursuant to this section. A locality that opts to establish a
236 stormwater management private property program pursuant to this subsection shall:

237 1. Promote awareness of the location, quantity, and timing of reductions or other improvements
238 that it determines appropriate under this program;

239 2. Seek the voluntary participation of property owners;

240 3. Accept the participation of property owners on both an individual and a group basis by which
241 multiple owners may collaborate on improvements and allocate among the multiple owners any payments
242 made by the locality;

243 4. Enter into contracts at its discretion to secure improvements on terms and conditions that the
244 locality deems appropriate, including by making payments to property owners in excess of the value of
245 any applicable waivers pursuant to subsections D and E; and

246 5. Require appropriate operation and maintenance of the contracted improvements.

247 K. Any locality that establishes a stormwater management private property program pursuant to
248 subsection J may procure reductions and improvements in accordance with the Public-Private Education
249 Facilities and Infrastructure Act (§ 56-575.1 et seq.) or other means, as appropriate. Subsection J shall not
250 be interpreted to limit the authority of a locality to secure reductions of excessive stormwater flow or
251 pollutant loadings or other stormwater improvements by other means.

252 **§ 15.2-2204. Advertisement of plans, ordinances, etc.; joint public hearings; written notice**
253 **of certain amendments.**

254 A. Plans or ordinances, or amendments thereof, recommended or adopted under the powers
255 conferred by this chapter need not be advertised in full, but may be advertised by reference. Every such
256 advertisement shall identify the place or places within the locality where copies of the proposed plans,
257 ordinances or amendments may be examined.

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258 The local planning commission shall not recommend nor the governing body adopt any plan,
259 ordinance or amendment thereof until notice of intention to do so has been published ~~once a week for two~~
260 ~~successive weeks~~ twice in some newspaper published or having general circulation in the locality, with
261 the first notice appearing no more than ~~14~~ 28 days before the ~~intended adoption date of the meeting~~
262 ~~referenced in the notice~~; however, the notice for both the local planning commission and the governing
263 body may be published concurrently. The notice shall specify the time and place of hearing at which
264 persons affected may appear and present their views. The local planning commission and governing body
265 may hold a joint public hearing after public notice as set forth in this subsection. If a joint hearing is held,
266 then public notice as set forth in this subsection need be given only by the governing body. ~~As used in this~~
267 ~~subsection, "two successive weeks" means that such notice shall be published at least twice in such~~
268 ~~newspaper, with not less than six days elapsing between the first and second publication. The publication~~
269 ~~of the second notice shall appear at least two days after the first publication.~~ In any instance in which a
270 locality has submitted a correct and timely notice request to such newspaper and the newspaper fails to
271 publish the notice, or publishes the notice incorrectly, such locality shall be deemed to have met the notice
272 requirements of this subsection so long as the notice was published in the next available edition of a
273 newspaper having general circulation in the locality. After enactment of any plan, ordinance or
274 amendment, further publication thereof shall not be required.

275 B. When a proposed amendment of the zoning ordinance involves a change in the zoning map
276 classification of 25 or fewer parcels of land, then, in addition to the advertising as required by subsection
277 A, the advertisement shall include the street address or tax map parcel number of the parcels subject to
278 the action. Written notice shall be given by the local planning commission, or its representative, at least
279 five days before the hearing to the owner or owners, their agent or the occupant, of each parcel involved;
280 to the owners, their agent or the occupant, of all abutting property and property immediately across the
281 street or road from the property affected, including those parcels that lie in other localities of the
282 Commonwealth; and, if any portion of the affected property is within a planned unit development, then to
283 such incorporated property owner's associations within the planned unit development that have members

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284 owning property located within 2,000 feet of the affected property as may be required by the commission
285 or its agent. However, when a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance involves a tract of land not
286 less than 500 acres owned by the Commonwealth or by the federal government, and when the proposed
287 change affects only a portion of the larger tract, notice need be given only to the owners of those properties
288 that are adjacent to the affected area of the larger tract. Notice sent by registered or certified mail to the
289 last known address of such owner as shown on the current real estate tax assessment books or current real
290 estate tax assessment records shall be deemed adequate compliance with this requirement. If the hearing
291 is continued, notice shall be remailed. Costs of any notice required under this chapter shall be taxed to the
292 applicant.

293 When a proposed amendment of the zoning ordinance involves a change in the zoning map
294 classification of more than 25 parcels of land, or a change to the applicable zoning ordinance text
295 regulations that decreases the allowed dwelling unit density of any parcel of land, then, in addition to the
296 advertising as required by subsection A, the advertisement shall include the street address or tax map
297 parcel number of the parcels as well as the approximate acreage subject to the action. For more than 100
298 parcels of land, the advertisement may instead include a description of the boundaries of the area subject
299 to the changes and a link to a map of the subject area. Written notice shall be given by the local planning
300 commission, or its representative, at least five days before the hearing to the owner, owners, or their agent
301 of each parcel of land involved, provided, however, that written notice of such changes to zoning
302 ordinance text regulations shall not have to be mailed to the owner, owners, or their agent of lots shown
303 on a subdivision plat approved and recorded pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 (§ [15.2-2240](#) et seq.)
304 where such lots are less than 11,500 square feet. One notice sent by first class mail to the last known
305 address of such owner as shown on the current real estate tax assessment books or current real estate tax
306 assessment records shall be deemed adequate compliance with this requirement, provided that a
307 representative of the local commission shall make affidavit that such mailings have been made and file
308 such affidavit with the papers in the case. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as to invalidate

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309 any subsequently adopted amendment or ordinance because of the inadvertent failure by the representative
310 of the local commission to give written notice to the owner, owners or their agent of any parcel involved.

311 The governing body may provide that, in the case of a condominium or a cooperative, the written
312 notice may be mailed to the unit owners' association or proprietary lessees' association, respectively, in
313 lieu of each individual unit owner.

314 Whenever the notices required hereby are sent by an agency, department or division of the local
315 governing body, or their representative, such notices may be sent by first class mail; however, a
316 representative of such agency, department or division shall make affidavit that such mailings have been
317 made and file such affidavit with the papers in the case.

318 A party's actual notice of, or active participation in, the proceedings for which the written notice
319 provided by this section is required shall waive the right of that party to challenge the validity of the
320 proceeding due to failure of the party to receive the written notice required by this section.

321 C. When a proposed comprehensive plan or amendment thereto; a proposed change in zoning map
322 classification; or an application for special exception for a change in use or to increase by greater than 50
323 percent of the bulk or height of an existing or proposed building, but not including renewals of previously
324 approved special exceptions, involves any parcel of land located within one-half mile of a boundary of an
325 adjoining locality of the Commonwealth, then, in addition to the advertising and written notification as
326 required by this section, written notice shall also be given by the local commission, or its representative,
327 at least 10 days before the hearing to the chief administrative officer, or his designee, of such adjoining
328 locality.

329 D. When (i) a proposed comprehensive plan or amendment thereto, (ii) a proposed change in
330 zoning map classification, or (iii) an application for special exception for a change in use involves any
331 parcel of land located within 3,000 feet of a boundary of a military base, military installation, military
332 airport, excluding armories operated by the Virginia National Guard, or licensed public-use airport then,
333 in addition to the advertising and written notification as required by this section, written notice shall also
334 be given by the local commission, or its representative, at least 30 days before the hearing to the

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335 commander of the military base, military installation, military airport, or owner of such public-use airport,
336 and the notice shall advise the military commander or owner of such public-use airport of the opportunity
337 to submit comments or recommendations.

338 E. The adoption or amendment prior to July 1, 1996, of any plan or ordinance under the authority
339 of prior acts shall not be declared invalid by reason of a failure to advertise or give notice as may be
340 required by such act or by this chapter, provided a public hearing was conducted by the governing body
341 prior to such adoption or amendment. Every action contesting a decision of a locality based on a failure
342 to advertise or give notice as may be required by this chapter shall be filed within 30 days of such decision
343 with the circuit court having jurisdiction of the land affected by the decision. However, any litigation
344 pending prior to July 1, 1996, shall not be affected by the 1996 amendment to this section.

345 F. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special, the City of Richmond may
346 cause such notice to be published in any newspaper of general circulation in the city.

347 G. When a proposed comprehensive plan or amendment of an existing plan designates or alters
348 previously designated corridors or routes for electric transmission lines of 150 kilovolts or more, written
349 notice shall also be given by the local planning commission, or its representative, at least 10 days before
350 the hearing to each electric utility with a certificated service territory that includes all or any part of such
351 designated electric transmission corridors or routes.

352 H. When any applicant requesting a written order, requirement, decision, or determination from
353 the zoning administrator, other administrative officer, or a board of zoning appeals that is subject to the
354 appeal provisions contained in § [15.2-2311](#) or [15.2-2314](#), is not the owner or the agent of the owner of the
355 real property subject to the written order, requirement, decision or determination, written notice shall be
356 given to the owner of the property within 10 days of the receipt of such request. Such written notice shall
357 be given by the zoning administrator or other administrative officer or, at the direction of the administrator
358 or officer, the requesting applicant shall be required to give the owner such notice and to provide
359 satisfactory evidence to the zoning administrator or other administrative officer that the notice has been
360 given. Written notice mailed to the owner at the last known address of the owner as shown on the current

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361 real estate tax assessment books or current real estate tax assessment records shall satisfy the notice
362 requirements of this subsection.

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364 This subsection shall not apply to inquiries from the governing body, planning commission, or
365 employees of the locality made in the normal course of business.

366 **§ 15.2-2270. Vacation of interests granted to a locality as a condition of site plan approval.**

367 Any interest in streets, alleys, easements for public rights of passage, easements for drainage, and
368 easements for a public utility granted to a locality as a condition of the approval of a site plan may be
369 vacated according to either of the following methods:

370 1. By a duly executed and acknowledged written instrument of the owner of the land which has
371 been or is to be developed in accordance with the site plan, declaring the interest or interests to be vacated,
372 provided the governing body or authorized agent of the locality where the land lies consents to the
373 vacation. The instrument shall be recorded in the same clerk's office wherein is recorded the written
374 instrument describing the interest in real property to be vacated. The execution and recordation of the
375 instrument shall operate to divest all public rights in, and to reinvest the owner with the title to the interests
376 which formerly were held by the governing body; or

377 2. By ordinance of the governing body in the locality in which the property which is the subject of
378 an approved site plan lies, provided that no interest shall be vacated in an area in which facilities, for
379 which bonding is required pursuant to §§ 15.2-2241 through 15.2-2245, have been constructed.

380 The ordinance shall not be adopted until after notice has been given as required by § 15.2-2204.

381 ~~The notice shall clearly describe the interest of the governing body to be vacated by reference to the~~
382 ~~recorded instrument on which it was created and state the time and place of the meeting of the governing~~
383 ~~body at which the adoption of the ordinance will be voted upon.~~ Any person may appear at the meeting
384 for the purpose of objecting to the adoption of the ordinance. An appeal from the adoption of the ordinance
385 may be filed within thirty days of the adoption of the ordinance with the circuit court having jurisdiction
386 of the land over which the governing body's interest is located. Upon appeal, the court may nullify the

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387 ordinance if it finds that the owner of the property, which has been developed or is to be developed in
388 accordance with the approved site plan, will be irreparably damaged. If no appeal from the adoption of
389 the ordinance is filed within the time above provided or if the ordinance is upheld on appeal, a certified
390 copy of the ordinance of vacation may be recorded in the clerk's office of any court in which the instrument
391 creating the governing body's interest is recorded.

392 The execution and recordation of an ordinance of vacation shall operate to destroy the effect of the
393 instrument which created the governing body's interest so vacated and to divest all public rights in and to
394 the property and vest title in the streets, alleys, easements for public rights of passage, easements for
395 drainage, and easements for a public utility as may be described in, and in accordance with, the ordinance
396 of vacation.

397 **§ 15.2-2271. Vacation of plat before sale of lot therein; ordinance of vacation.**

398 Where no lot has been sold, the recorded plat, or part thereof, may be vacated according to either
399 of the following methods:

400 1. With the consent of the governing body, or its authorized agent, of the locality where the land
401 lies, by the owners, proprietors and trustees, if any, who signed the statement required by § 15.2-2264 at
402 any time before the sale of any lot therein, by a written instrument, declaring the plat to be vacated, duly
403 executed, acknowledged or proved and recorded in the same clerk's office wherein the plat to be vacated
404 is recorded and the execution and recordation of such writing shall operate to destroy the force and effect
405 of the recording of the plat so vacated and to divest all public rights in, and to reinvest the owners,
406 proprietors and trustees, if any, with the title to the streets, alleys, easements for public passage and other
407 public areas laid out or described in the plat; or

408 2. By ordinance of the governing body of the locality in which the property shown on the plat or
409 part thereof to be vacated lies, provided that no facilities for which bonding is required pursuant to §§
410 15.2-2241 through 15.2-2245 have been constructed on the property and no facilities have been
411 constructed on any related section of the property located in the subdivision within five years of the date
412 on which the plat was first recorded.

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413 The ordinance shall not be adopted until after notice has been given as required by § 15.2-2204.
414 ~~The notice shall clearly describe the plat or portion thereof to be vacated and state the time and place of~~
415 ~~the meeting of the governing body at which the adoption of the ordinance will be voted upon.~~ Any person
416 may appear at the meeting for the purpose of objecting to the adoption of the ordinance. An appeal from
417 the adoption of the ordinance may be filed within thirty days of the adoption of the ordinance with the
418 circuit court having jurisdiction of the land shown on the plat or part thereof to be vacated. Upon appeal
419 the court may nullify the ordinance if it finds that the owner of the property shown on the plat will be
420 irreparably damaged. If no appeal from the adoption of the ordinance is filed within the time above
421 provided or if the ordinance is upheld on appeal, a certified copy of the ordinance of vacation may be
422 recorded in the clerk's office of any court in which the plat is recorded.

423 The execution and recordation of the ordinance of vacation shall operate to destroy the force and
424 effect of the recording of the plat, or any portion thereof, so vacated, and to divest all public rights in and
425 to the property and reinvest the owners, proprietors and trustees, if any, with the title to the streets, alleys,
426 and easements for public passage and other public areas laid out or described in the plat.

427 **§ 15.2-2272. Vacation of plat after sale of lot.**

428 In cases where any lot has been sold, the plat or part thereof may be vacated according to either of
429 the following methods:

430 1. By instrument in writing agreeing to the vacation signed by all the owners of lots shown on the
431 plat and also signed on behalf of the governing body of the locality in which the land shown on the plat
432 or part thereof to be vacated lies for the purpose of showing the approval of the vacation by the governing
433 body. In cases involving drainage easements or street rights-of-way where the vacation does not impede
434 or alter drainage or access for any lot owners other than those lot owners immediately adjoining or
435 contiguous to the vacated area, the governing body shall only be required to obtain the signatures of the
436 lot owners immediately adjoining or contiguous to the vacated area. The word "owners" shall not include
437 lien creditors except those whose debts are secured by a recorded deed of trust or mortgage and shall not

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438 include any consort of an owner. The instrument of vacation shall be acknowledged in the manner of a
439 deed and filed for record in the clerk's office of any court in which the plat is recorded.

440 2. By ordinance of the governing body of the locality in which the land shown on the plat or part
441 thereof to be vacated lies on motion of one of its members or on application of any interested person. The
442 ordinance shall not be adopted until after notice has been given as required by § 15.2-2204. ~~The notice~~
443 ~~shall clearly describe the plat or portion thereof to be vacated and state the time and place of the meeting~~
444 ~~of the governing body at which the adoption of the ordinance will be voted upon.~~ Any person may appear
445 at the meeting for the purpose of objecting to the adoption of the ordinance. An appeal from the adoption
446 of the ordinance may be filed within thirty days with the circuit court having jurisdiction of the land shown
447 on the plat or part thereof to be vacated. Upon appeal the court may nullify the ordinance if it finds that
448 the owner of any lot shown on the plat will be irreparably damaged. If no appeal from the adoption of the
449 ordinance is filed within the time above provided or if the ordinance is upheld on appeal, a certified copy
450 of the ordinance of vacation may be recorded in the clerk's office of any court in which the plat is recorded.

451 Roads within the secondary system of highways may be vacated under either of the preceding
452 methods and the action will constitute abandonment of the road, provided the land shown on the plat or
453 part thereof to be vacated has been the subject of a rezoning or special exception application approved
454 following public hearings required by § 15.2-2204 and provided the Commissioner of Highways or his
455 agent is notified in writing prior to the public hearing, and provided further that the vacation is necessary
456 in order to implement a proffered condition accepted by the governing body pursuant to §§ 15.2-2297,
457 15.2-2298 or 15.2-2303 or to implement a condition of special exception approval. All abandonments of
458 roads within the secondary system of highways sought to be effected according to either of the preceding
459 methods before July 1, 1994, are hereby validated, notwithstanding any defects or deficiencies in the
460 proceeding; however, property rights which have vested subsequent to the attempted vacation are not
461 impaired by such validation. The manner of reversion shall not be affected by this section.

462 **§ 15.2-2321. Adoption of road improvements program.**

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463 Prior to adopting a system of impact fees, the locality shall conduct an assessment of road
464 improvement needs benefiting an impact fee service area and shall adopt a road improvements plan for
465 the area showing the new roads proposed to be constructed and the existing roads to be improved or
466 expanded and the schedule for undertaking such construction, improvement or expansion. The road
467 improvements plan shall be adopted as an amendment to the required comprehensive plan and shall be
468 incorporated into the capital improvements program or, in the case of the counties where applicable, the
469 six-year plan for secondary highway construction pursuant to § 33.2-331.

470 The locality shall adopt the road improvements plan after holding a duly advertised public hearing
471 ~~in accordance with § 15.2-2204. The public hearing notice shall identify the impact fee service area or~~
472 ~~areas to be designated, and shall include a summary of the needs assessment and the assumptions upon~~
473 ~~which the assessment is based, the proposed amount of the impact fee, and information as to how a copy~~
474 ~~of the complete study may be examined. A copy of the complete study shall be available for public~~
475 ~~inspection and copying at reasonable times prior to the public hearing.~~

476 The locality at a minimum shall include the following items in assessing road improvement needs
477 and preparing a road improvements plan:

478 1. An analysis of the existing capacity, current usage and existing commitments to future usage of
479 existing roads, as indicated by (i) current and projected service levels, (ii) current valid building permits
480 outstanding, and (iii) approved and pending site plans and subdivision plats. If the current usage and
481 commitments exceed the existing capacity of the roads, the locality also shall determine the costs of
482 improving the roads to meet the demand. The analysis shall include any off-site road improvements or
483 cash payments for road improvements accepted by the locality and shall include a plan to fund the current
484 usages and commitments that exceed the existing capacity of the roads.

485 2. The projected need for and costs of construction of new roads or improvement or expansion of
486 existing roads attributable in whole or in part to projected new development. Road improvement needs
487 shall be projected for the impact fee service area when fully developed in accord with the comprehensive
488 plan and, if full development is projected to occur more than 20 years in the future, at the end of a 20-year

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489 period. The assumptions with regard to land uses, densities, intensities, and population upon which road
490 improvement projections are based shall be presented.

491 3. The total number of new service units projected for the impact fee service area when fully
492 developed and, if full development is projected to occur more than 20 years in the future, at the end of a
493 20-year period. A "service unit" is a standardized measure of traffic use or generation. The locality shall
494 develop a table or method for attributing service units to various types of development and land use,
495 including but not limited to residential, commercial and industrial uses. The table shall be based upon the
496 ITE manual (published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers) or locally conducted trip generation
497 studies, and consistent with the traffic analysis standards adopted pursuant to § 15.2-2222.1.

498 **§ 15.2-2506. Publication and notice; public hearing; adjournment; moneys not to be paid out**
499 **until appropriated.**

500 ~~A brief synopsis of the budget that, except in the case of the school division budget, shall be for~~
501 ~~informative and fiscal planning purposes only, shall be published once in a newspaper having general~~
502 ~~circulation in the locality affected, and notice given of one or more public hearings, at least seven days~~
503 ~~prior to the date set for hearing, at which any citizen of the locality shall have the right to attend and state~~
504 ~~his views thereon. Notice of one or more public hearings shall be given in accordance with § 15.2-1427.~~
505 The notices shall, at a minimum, include a summary of the total revenues and expenditures for each
506 appropriated fund and the current and proposed real estate and personal property tax levies. Any locality
507 not having a newspaper of general circulation may in lieu of the foregoing notice provide for notice by
508 written or printed handbills, posted at such places as it may direct. The hearing shall be held at least seven
509 days prior to the approval of the budget as prescribed in § 15.2-2503. With respect to the school division
510 budget, which shall include the estimated required local match, such hearing shall be held at least seven
511 days prior to the approval of that budget as prescribed in § 22.1-93. With respect to the budget of a
512 constitutional officer, if the proposed budget reduces funding of such officer at a rate greater than the
513 average rate of reduced funding for other agencies appropriated through such locality's general fund,
514 exclusive of the school division, the locality shall give written notice to such constitutional officer at least

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515 14 days prior to adoption of the budget. If a constitutional officer determines that the proposed budget
516 cuts would impair the performance of his statutory duties, such constitutional officer shall make a written
517 objection to the local governing body within seven days after receipt of the written notice and shall deliver
518 a copy of such objection to the Compensation Board. The local governing body shall consider the written
519 objection of such constitutional officer. The governing body may adjourn such hearing from time to time.
520 The fact of such notice and hearing shall be entered of record in the minute book.

521 In no event, including school division budgets, shall such preparation, publication, and approval
522 be deemed to be an appropriation. No money shall be paid out or become available to be paid out for any
523 contemplated expenditure unless and until there has first been made an annual, semiannual, quarterly, or
524 monthly appropriation for such contemplated expenditure by the governing body, except that funds
525 appropriated in a county having adopted the county executive form of government for multiyear capital
526 projects and outstanding grants may be carried over from year to year without being reappropriated.

527 **§ 15.2-2507. Amendment of budget.**

528 A. Any locality may amend its budget to adjust the aggregate amount to be appropriated during
529 the current fiscal year as shown in the currently adopted budget as prescribed by § 15.2-2504. However,
530 any such amendment which exceeds one percent of the total expenditures shown in the currently adopted
531 budget must be accomplished by publishing a notice of a meeting and a public hearing in accordance with
532 ~~§ 15.2-1427 once in a newspaper having general circulation in that locality at least seven days prior to the~~
533 ~~meeting date. The notice shall state the governing body's intent to amend the budget and include a brief~~
534 ~~synopsis of the proposed budget amendment.~~ Any local governing body may adopt such amendment at
535 the advertised meeting, after first providing a public hearing during such meeting on the proposed budget
536 amendments.

537 B. Pursuant to the requirements of §§ 15.2-1609.1, 15.2-1609.7, 15.2-1636.8, and 15.2-1636.13
538 through 15.2-1636.17 every county and city shall appropriate as part of its annual budget or in amendments
539 thereto amounts for salaries, expenses and other allowances for its constitutional officers that are not less
540 than those established for such offices in the locality by the Compensation Board pursuant to applicable

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541 law or, in the event of an appeal pursuant to § 15.2-1636.9, by the circuit court in accordance with the
542 provisions of that section.

543 **§ 15.2-5136. Rates and charges.**

544 A. The authority may fix and revise rates, fees and other charges (which shall include, but not be
545 limited to, a penalty not to exceed 10 percent on delinquent accounts, and interest on the principal), subject
546 to the provisions of this section, for the use of and for the services furnished or to be furnished by any
547 system, or streetlight system in King George County, or refuse collection and disposal system or facilities
548 incident thereto, owned, operated or maintained by the authority, or facilities incident thereto, for which
549 the authority has issued revenue bonds as authorized by this chapter. Such rates, fees and charges shall be
550 so fixed and revised as to provide funds, with other funds available for such purposes, sufficient at all
551 times (i) to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the system or systems, or facilities incident
552 thereto, for which such bonds were issued, including reserves for such purposes and for replacement and
553 depreciation and necessary extensions, (ii) to pay the principal of and the interest on the revenue bonds as
554 they become due and reserves therefor, and (iii) to provide a margin of safety for making such payments.
555 The authority shall charge and collect the rates, fees and charges so fixed or revised.

556 B. The rates for water (including fire protection) and sewer service (including disposal) shall be
557 sufficient to cover the expenses necessary or properly attributable to furnishing the class of services for
558 which the charges are made. However, the authority may fix rates and charges for the services and
559 facilities of its water system sufficient to pay all or any part of the cost of operating and maintaining its
560 sewer system (including disposal) and all or any part of the principal of or the interest on the revenue
561 bonds issued for such sewer or sewage disposal system, and may pledge any surplus revenues of its water
562 system, subject to prior pledges thereof, for such purposes.

563 C. Rates, fees and charges for the services of a sewer or sewage disposal system shall be just and
564 equitable, and may be based upon:

565 1. The quantity of water used or the number and size of sewer connections;

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566 2. The number and kind of plumbing fixtures in use in the premises connected with the sewer or
567 sewage disposal system;

568 3. The number or average number of persons residing or working in or otherwise connected with
569 such premises or the type or character of such premises;

570 4. Any other factor affecting the use of the facilities furnished; or

571 5. Any combination of the foregoing factors.

572 However, the authority may fix rates and charges for services of its sewer or sewage disposal
573 system sufficient to pay all or any part of the cost of operating and maintaining its water system, including
574 distribution and disposal, and all or any part of the principal of or the interest on the revenue bonds issued
575 for such water system, and to pledge any surplus revenues of its water system, subject to prior pledges
576 thereof, for such purposes.

577 D. Water and sewer rates, fees and charges established by any authority shall be fair and
578 reasonable. An authority may charge fair and reasonable rates, fees, and charges to create reserves for
579 expansion of its water and sewer or sewage disposal systems. Such rates, fees, and charges shall be
580 reviewed by the authority periodically and shall be adjusted, if necessary, to assure that they continue to
581 be fair and reasonable. However, any authority may charge and collect rates, fees, and charges to create a
582 reserve fund for reasonable expansion of its water, sewer, or sewage disposal system. Nothing herein shall
583 affect existing contracts with bondholders which are in conflict with any of the foregoing provisions.

584 E. Rates, fees and charges for the service of a streetlight system shall be just and equitable, and
585 may be based upon:

586 1. The portion of such system used;

587 2. The number and size of premises benefiting therefrom;

588 3. The number or average number of persons residing or working in or otherwise connected with
589 such premises;

590 4. The type or character of such premises;

591 5. Any other factor affecting the use of the facilities furnished; or

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592 6. Any combination of the foregoing factors.

593 However, the authority may fix rates and charges for the service of its streetlight system sufficient
594 to pay all or any part of the cost of operating and maintaining such system.

595 F. The authority may also fix rates and charges for the services and facilities of a water system or
596 a refuse collection and disposal system sufficient to pay all or any part of the cost of operating and
597 maintaining facilities incident thereto for the generation or transmission of power and all or any part of
598 the principal of or interest upon the revenue bonds issued for any such facilities incident thereto, and to
599 pledge any surplus revenues from any such system, subject to prior pledges thereof, for such purposes.
600 Charges for services to premises, including services to manufacturing and industrial plants, obtaining all
601 or a part of their water supply from sources other than a public water system may be determined by gauging
602 or metering or in any other manner approved by the authority.

603 G. No rates, fees or charges shall be fixed under subsections A through F of this section or under
604 subdivision 10 of § 15.2-5114 until after a public hearing at which all of the users of the systems or
605 facilities; the owners, tenants or occupants of property served or to be served thereby; and all others
606 interested have had an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates, fees and charges. After the
607 adoption by the authority of a resolution setting forth the preliminary schedule or schedules fixing and
608 classifying such rates, fees and charges, notice of a public hearing ~~in accordance with § 15.2-1427, setting~~
609 ~~forth the proposed schedule or schedules of rates, fees and charges,~~ shall be published ~~once a week for~~
610 ~~two successive weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area to be served by such systems~~
611 ~~or facilities, with the first notice appearing no more than 14 days before the hearing.~~ The hearing may be
612 adjourned from time to time. A copy of the notice shall be mailed to the governing bodies of all localities
613 in which such systems or facilities or any part thereof is located. After the hearing the preliminary schedule
614 or schedules, either as originally adopted or as amended, shall be adopted and put into effect.

615 H. A copy of the schedule or schedules of the final rates, fees and charges fixed in accordance with
616 subsection G shall be kept on file in the office of the clerk or secretary of the governing body of each
617 locality in which such systems or any part thereof is located, and shall be open to inspection by all

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618 interested parties. The rates, fees or charges so fixed for any class of users or property served shall be
619 extended to cover any additional properties thereafter served which fall within the same class, without the
620 necessity of a hearing or notice. Any increase in any rates, fees or charges under this section shall be made
621 in the manner provided in subsection G. Any other change or revision of the rates, fees or charges may be
622 made in the same manner as the rates, fees or charges were originally established as provided in subsection
623 G.

624 I. No rates, fees or charges established, fixed, changed or revised before January 1, 2013, by any
625 authority pursuant to this section or to subdivision 10 of § 15.2-5114 shall be invalidated because of any
626 defect in or failure to publish or provide any notice required under this section or any predecessor
627 provision.

628 **§ 15.2-5704. Powers of authority.**

629 Each authority shall be deemed to be performing essential governmental functions providing for
630 the public health and welfare, and is authorized and empowered:

- 631 1. To have existence for such term of years as specified by the participating localities;
- 632 2. To adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;
- 633 3. To adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;
- 634 4. To maintain an office at such place or places as it may designate;
- 635 5. To sue and be sued;
- 636 6. To acquire, purchase, lease as lessee, construct, reconstruct, improve, extend, operate and
637 maintain parks within, or partly within and partly outside, one or more of the participating localities; to
638 acquire by gift, purchase or the exercise of the right of eminent domain lands or rights in land or water
639 rights in connection therewith; and to sell, lease as lessor, transfer or dispose of any property or interest
640 therein acquired by it; however, the power of eminent domain shall not extend beyond the geographical
641 limits of the localities composing the authority;
- 642 7. To regulate the uses of all lands and facilities under control of the authority;

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643 8. To locate and operate a retail fee-based electric vehicle charging station on property under the
644 jurisdiction of the authority; to provide that the use of such station is restricted to the employees of the
645 locality, authority, and authorized visitors; and to install signage that provides notice of such restriction;

646 9. To issue revenue bonds and revenue refunding bonds of the authority, such bonds to be payable
647 solely from revenues derived from the use of the facilities or the furnishing of park services;

648 10. To accept grants and gifts from the localities forming or thereafter joining the authority, the
649 Commonwealth, the federal government or any other governmental bodies or political subdivisions, and
650 from any other person;

651 11. To enter into contracts with the federal government, the Commonwealth, any political
652 subdivision, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or with any other person providing for or relating
653 to the furnishing of park services or facilities;

654 12. To contract with any municipality, county, person or any public authority or political
655 subdivision of this or any adjoining state, on such terms as the authority shall deem proper, for the
656 construction, operation and maintenance of any park which is partly in this Commonwealth and partly in
657 such adjoining state;

658 13. To exercise the same rights for acquiring property for the construction or improvement,
659 maintenance or operation of a park as the locality or localities by which such authority is created may
660 exercise. The governing body of any participating locality, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law,
661 general or special, is authorized and empowered to transfer jurisdiction over, to lease, lend, grant or convey
662 to the authority, upon the request of the authority, upon such terms and conditions as the governing body
663 of such locality may agree with the authority as reasonable and fair, real or personal property as may be
664 necessary or desirable in connection with the acquisition, construction, improvement, operation or
665 maintenance of a park, including public roads and other property already devoted to public use.
666 Agreements may be entered into by the authority with the Commonwealth, or any agency acting on behalf
667 of the Commonwealth, for the acquisition of any lands or property, owned or controlled by the
668 Commonwealth, for the purposes of construction or improvement, maintenance or operation of a park;

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669 14. In the event of annexation by a municipality not a member of the authority of lands, areas, or
670 territory served by the authority, then such authority may continue to do business, exercise its jurisdiction
671 over properties and facilities in and upon or over such lands, areas or territory as long as any bonds or
672 indebtedness remain outstanding or unpaid, or any contracts or other obligations remain in force;

673 15. To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance
674 of its duties and the execution of its powers under this chapter, including a trust agreement or trust
675 agreements securing any revenue bonds or revenue refunding bonds issued hereunder;

676 16. To do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers granted by this
677 chapter;

678 17. To borrow, at such rates of interest as the law authorizes, from the federal government or any
679 agency thereof, individuals, partnerships, or private or municipal corporations, for the purpose of
680 acquiring parklands and improvements thereon; to issue its notes, bonds or other obligations; to secure
681 such obligations by mortgage or pledge of the property and improvements being acquired and the income
682 derived therefrom; and to use any revenues and other income of the authority for payment of interest and
683 retirement of principal of such obligations provided that prior approval of the governing body of the
684 locality shall be obtained by an authority that was created by a single locality. Any locality which has
685 formed or joined an authority may lend money to the authority. The power to borrow set forth in this
686 subdivision shall be in addition to the power to issue revenue bonds and revenue refunding bonds set forth
687 in subdivision 9 and § 15.2-5712. Notes, bonds or other obligations issued under this subdivision shall not
688 be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth or of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth
689 or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth or of any political subdivision of the
690 Commonwealth; and

691 18. To adopt such rules and regulations from time to time, not in conflict with the laws of this
692 Commonwealth, concerning the use of properties under its control as will tend to the protection of such
693 property and the public thereon. No such rule or regulation shall be adopted until after ~~descriptive~~-notice
694 ~~of an intention to propose such rule or regulation for passage~~ has been published in accordance with the

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695 procedures required for the adoption of general county ordinances and emergency county ordinances as
696 set forth in § 15.2-1427, mutatis mutandis. The full text of any proposed rule or regulation shall be
697 available for public inspection and copying during regular office hours of the authority at a place
698 designated in the published notice.

699 **§ 30-140. Certain political subdivisions to file report of audit; period in which report kept as**
700 **public record; when audit not required; sworn statement of exempted entities; publication of**
701 **summary of financial condition; repeal of conflicting provisions.**

702 A. Each authority, commission, district, or other political subdivision the members of whose
703 governing body are not elected by popular vote shall annually, within five months after the end of its fiscal
704 year, have an audit performed covering its financial transactions for such fiscal year according to the
705 specifications of the Auditor of Public Accounts and file with the Auditor of Public Accounts a copy of
706 the report, unless exempted in accordance with subsection B.

707 Each authority, commission, district, or other political subdivision the members of whose
708 governing body are not elected by popular vote and which is reported in the Commonwealth's
709 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as determined by the State Comptroller and the Auditor of Public
710 Accounts shall annually, within three months after the end of its fiscal year, have an audit performed
711 covering its financial transactions for such fiscal year according to the specifications of the Auditor of
712 Public Accounts and file with the Auditor of Public Accounts a copy of the report, unless exempted in
713 accordance with subsection B.

714 The Auditor of Public Accounts shall receive such reports required by this subsection and keep
715 the same as public records for a period of 10 years from their receipt.

716 B. No audit, however, shall be required for any fiscal year during which such entity's financial
717 transactions did not exceed the sum of \$25,000.

718 As used in this section, "financial transactions" shall not include financial transactions involving
719 notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness of such entity the proceeds of which are held or advanced
720 by a corporate trustee or other financial institution and not received or disbursed directly by such entity.

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721 In the event an audit is not required, the entity shall file a statement under oath certifying that the
722 transactions did not exceed such sum and, as to all transactions involving notes, bonds, or other evidences
723 of indebtedness that are exempted, the statement shall be accompanied by an affidavit from the trustee or
724 financial institution certifying that it has performed the duties required under the agreement governing
725 such transactions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Auditor of Public Accounts may require an audit if
726 he deems it to be necessary to determine the propriety of the entity's financial transactions.

727 In the case of a water and sewer authority required by a governing body to have an audit conducted
728 as specified in § 15.2-5145, the authority shall file the certified audit with the Auditor of Public Accounts.

729 At the time the report required by this section is filed with the Auditor of Public Accounts every
730 such authority, commission, district, or other political subdivision, except those exempted from the audit
731 report requirement, shall publish, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, city, or town wherein
732 the authority, commission, district, or other political subdivision is located, ~~a summary statement~~
733 ~~reflecting the financial condition of the authority, commission, district, or other political subdivision,~~
734 ~~which shall include~~ a reference to where ~~the a~~ detailed statement reflecting the financial condition of the
735 authority, commission, district, or other political subdivision may be found.

736 Any provision of law, general or special, which by its terms requires an audit that is not required
737 by this section shall be repealed to the extent of any conflict.

738 #

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Public Notice Group Levels

Group 3: Run three times with first notice appearing no more than 35 days before meeting or intended action. The publication of the second and third notice shall appear at least two days after the previous notice.

Group 2: Run twice with first notice appearing no more than 28 days before meeting or intended action. The publication of the second notice shall appear at least two days after the first notice.

Group 1: Run once at least 7 days before meeting, hearing, etc.

Abbreviations

GC=Newspaper having a general circulation

CW=Commonwealth

Legend

Orange - New language to be added/stricken in 2024

Yellow - Section amended in 2023 session/amend in 2024 with revised language

TITLE 2.2 ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT

CATCHLINE	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
2.2-4302.2 Process for competitive negotiation	Once GC	At least 10 days prior to the receipt of bids	Group 1		Not Mandatory		SB 859 recommendation will be that no change is necessary at this time

TITLE 15.2 - COUNTIES, CITIES, AND TOWNS

CATCHLINE	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
15.2-107 Advertisement and enactment fee and levies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mandatory	Requirements for advertisement of increase in fees or levies governed by 15.2-1427 or 15.2-2204 as appropriate	Descriptive notice sub workgroup struck language in this section
15.2-201 Charter elections; subsequent procedure; procedure when bill not introduced or fails to pass general assembly	Once Newspaper of GC in the locality	At least ten days prior to the holding of such election	Group 2	Time and place of hearing; Text or an informative summary of the new charter or amendment desired	Mandatory	Locality may hold election to determine if voters of locality desire that the General Assembly grant locality new charter or amend existing charter	*adding cross reference to 15.2-1427
15.2-202 Public hearing in lieu of election; procedure when bill not introduced or fails to pass in General Assembly.	Once	At least seven days prior to hearing	Group 2	Time and place of hearing; Text or an informative summary of the new charter or amendment desired	Mandatory	In lieu of election, locality can hold hearing to determine if citizens wish the locality request the General Assembly grant locality new charter or amend existing charter	*adding cross reference to 15.2-1427

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15.2-301 Petition or resolution asking for referendum; notice; conduct of election	Once a week for three consecutive weeks Newspaper having GC in the county		Group 3		Mandatory	A county may adopt one of the optional forms of government provided for in Chapters 4-8 of 15.2 after approval by voter referendum. The referendum shall be initiated by (i) a petition filed with the circuit court for the county signed by at least 10% of the voters of the county, asking that a referendum be held or (ii) a resolution passed by the board of supervisors and filed with the circuit court asking for a referendum.	Add Group 3 language
15.2-503 Referendum on election of the county chairman from the county at large; powers and duties of chairman	Once a week for three consecutive weeks Newspaper having GC in the county	Prior to the referendum	Group 3		Mandatory	Elected Board members may by resolution petition circuit court for a referendum on question of whether there should be a chairman of board elected at large	Add Group 3 language

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15.2-603 Referendum on the election of the supervisors by districts at large	Once a week for three consecutive weeks Newspaper having GC in the county		Group 3		Mandatory	Petition the circuit court of the county requesting that a referendum be held on the following questions: (i) Shall the board of supervisors be elected solely by qualified voters of each magisterial or election district, or by qualified voters of the county at large? (ii) Shall the board have in addition to members from each magisterial or election district, one member from any district elected from and representing the county at large?	Add Group 3 language

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15.2-716. Referendum for establishment of department of real estate assessments; board of equalization; general reassessments in county where department established	Once a week for three successive weeks GC in the county	Does not appear to specify	Group 3	Does not specify	Mandatory	Notice of referendum to be held on the question of whether the county shall have a department of real estate assessments	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 3 language
15.2-749 Certain referenda in certain counties	Once a week for three successive weeks GC in the county	Order issued by 8/15 for referendum November election	Group 3	Depends on the specific question for which the sense of the voters is sought	Mandatory	Generally applicable for referenda held on any question upon which is provided for by any applicable statute,	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 3 language
15.2-903 Ordinances taxing and regulating "automobile graveyards," "junkyards," and certain vacant and abandoned property	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC in the locality		Group 2	A descriptive summary of the proposed ordinance and a reference to the place(s) within the locality where copies of the ordinance may be examined	Mandatory	Locality may adopt ordinances imposing license taxes upon and otherwise regulating the maintenance and operation of places commonly known as automobile graveyards and junkyards and may prescribe fines and other punishment for violations of such ordinances.	*adding cross reference to 15.2-1427

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15.2-906 Authority to require removal, repair, etc., of buildings and other structures	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC in the locality	At least thirty days prior to the repair or removal of the building	Group 2		Mandatory	Locality may remove, repair or secure any building that might endanger the public if owner does not after reasonable notice	Add Group 2 language
15.2-907.2 Authority of locality or land bank entity to be appointed to act as a receiver to repair derelict and blighted buildings in certain limited circumstance	Once a week for four consecutive weeks Newspaper of GC		Group 3		Mandatory	Locality can enforce receiver's lien by sale of a property at public auction after a court enters an order of sale.	Change from 4 consecutive weeks to the Group 3 language
15.2-909 Authority to require removal, repair, etc., of wharves, piers, pilings, bulkheads, vessels or abandoned, obstructing or hazardous property	Once a week for two weeks Newspaper of GC in the area where such property is located.		Group 2		Mandatory	If identity of whereabouts of owner cannot be found, locality can repair wharf, pier, piling, bulkhead or remove it if provide notice	Add Group 2 language

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15.2-915.5 Disposition of firearms acquired by localities	Once At least two newspapers published and having GC in the CW	At least 30 days before the date of the auction or on which the sealed bids will be opened	Group 1	Date, time, and place of sale if by public auction or sealed bids	Mandatory	Locality can only sell firearm after surrender if owner surrendering requests in writing that firearm be offered for public sale	Removed from consideration; not included in the draft *(publish in at least one of GC in the locality where property to be sold is located)
15.2-958.3 Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing programs.	Once a week for two successive weeks A newspaper of GC in the locality	First notice appearing no more than 14 days before the hearing	Group 2		Mandatory	Ordinance to authorize contracts to provide loans for the initial acquisition and installation of clean energy, resiliency, or stormwater management improvements	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language
15.2-958.6 Financing the repair of failed septic systems	Once a week for two successive weeks A newspaper of GC in the locality	First notice appearing no more than 14 days before the hearing	Group 2		Mandatory	Ordinance to authorize contracts with property owners	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language

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15.2-1201 County boards of supervisors vested with powers and authority of councils of cities and towns; exceptions	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC in the County of Fairfax		Group 2	Descriptive notice of intention to propose the same for passage	Mandatory	In County of Fairfax, ordinance may be adopted by brd of supervisors after notice provided	*adding cross reference to 15.2-1427
15.2-1301 Voluntary economic growth-sharing agreements.	Once a week for two successive weeks A newspaper having GC in the locality	1st notice appearing no more than 14 days before the hearing	Group 2	Does not specify	Mandatory	Localities may enter into fiscal arrangements to share in the benefits of the economic growth. Terms and conditions of the revenue, tax base or economic growth-sharing agreement may be approved only after public hearing held	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language

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15.2-1427 Adoption of ordinances and resolutions generally; amending or repealing ordinances.	Once a week for two successive weeks GC in the county	Second publication no sooner than one calendar week after the first publication	Group 2	Statement either that publication contains the full text of the ordinance or that a copy of the full text of the ordinance is on file in the clerk's office of the circuit court of the county or in the office of the cnty administrator; or in the case of any county organized under the form of government set out in Chapter 5, 7 or 8, a stmt that a copy of the full text of the ordinance is on file in the office of the clerk of the county board.		An ordinance may be adopted, amended or repealed by majority vote of those present and voting at any lawful meeting.	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language
15.2-1602 Sharing of such officers by two or more units of government	Once a week for three consecutive weeks Newspaper of GC in such units of government	The three weeks prior to the election	Group 3		Mandatory	Referendum can be held on Q: "May the (names of the units of gov) share the (officer or officers), as the case may be, (naming such officers if less than all) required by Article VII, Section 4 of the Const of VA ?"	Removed from consideration; not included in draft *section lists requirements for what is to be printed on ballot, but not specifically what needs to be printed in notice publication

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15.2-1604 Appointment of deputies and employment of employees; discriminatory practices by certain officers; civil penalty	Once Newspaper having GC		Group 1	Advertisement of the employment position	Not Mandatory; Other options	Every constitutional officer shall, prior to hiring any employee, advertise such employment position either in newspaper or other options	Add Group 1 language
15.2-1647 Removal of court	Once Newspaper in the county if any, and if none, then in A newspaper having GC in the county	At least sixty days before the court is ordered to be held in a new location	Group 1		Mandatory	Must give notice that Court is moving	Removed from consideration; not included in the draft
15.2-1654 Contest of election	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper published in the county (if none, newspaper having GC in the county)	Within 10 days after the election	Group 2	Notice of the contest, stating complaint has been filed in the office of the clerk of circuit court for the county in which the election is held; time and place of taking of depositions	Mandatory	Process for when 15 or more voters submit complaint of an undue election or false return	Add Group 2 language

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15.2-1702 Referendum required prior to establishment of county police force	Once a week for three consecutive weeks GC in the county		Group 3	The ballot question & neutral statement of explanation written by the county or city attorney in English and not more than 500 words	Mandatory	County cannot establish a police force unless referendum on the question approved by the voters of the county.	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 3 language
15.2-1703 Referendum to abolish county police force	Once a week for three consecutive weeks GC in the county		Group 3		Mandatory	County cannot abolish a police force unless referendum on the question approved by the voters of the county.	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 3 language
15.2-1719 Disposal unclaimed property in possession of sheriff or police	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC in the locality		Group 2	Notice or date, time place of sale, that there will be a public display and sale of unclaimed personal property; general description of property	Mandatory	Locality may provide by ordinance for the public sale of unclaimed personal property that has been unclaimed for a period of more than 60 days	Add Group 2 language

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15.2 -1720 Localities authorized to license bicycles, electric powerassisted bicycles, mopeds, and electric personal assistive mobility devices	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC within the locality		Group 2	Location and description of the bicycle, electric-powered bicycle, moped, etc.	Mandatory	Locality has authority to sell or donate electric mobility devices to charitable organization if item has been unclaimed; can require owners of devices to obtain license, tags, prescribe fees for license, tags	Add Group 2 language
15.2-2006 Alteration and vacation of public rights-of-way; appeal from decision	At least twice Newspaper having GC in the locality	At least six days must elapse between the first and second publications	Group 2	Time and place of the hearing	Mandatory	Public rights-of-way in localities may be altered or vacated on motion of such governing bodies or on application of any person after notice of intention to do so has been published at least twice	Add Group 2 language

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15.2-2101 Ordinance proposing grant of franchise, etc. to be advertised	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the city or town		Group 2	A descriptive notice including a statement that a copy of the full text of the ordinance is on file in the office of the clerk or city council	Mandatory	Before granting franchise, privilege, lease or right or easement to public property, locality must publish a descriptive notice or the ordinance	*adding cross reference to 15.2-1427
15.2 -2105 How amendments made to franchise, etc.; notice required	For ten days Newspaper having GC in the city or town		Group 1	The proposed amendment	Mandatory	No amendment that releases the grantee, or his assignee, from the performance of any duty required by the ordinance or that authorizes an increase in the user charges to be made by such grantee or assignee shall be granted until notice of such proposed amendment has given to the public	Change to seven days from ten days

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15.2-2108.7 Public hearings on feasibility study; notice	Once a week for three consecutive weeks GC in the municipality	The last publication shall be at least three days before the first public hearing	Group 3		Mandatory	Feasibility study on providing cable television services. Governing body must schedule at least two public hearings for the purpose of allowing feasibility consultant to present the results of the feasibility study.	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 3 language
15.2- 2108.21 Ordinance cable franchises	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the locality		Group 2	A statement that a copy of the full text of the ordinance is on file with the office of the clerk of the locality.	Mandatory	Section governs procedures by which a locality may grant ordinance cable franchises.	Add Group 2 language
15.2-2114 Regulation of stormwater	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper with a GC in the locality	The second publication shall not be sooner than one calendar week after the first publication.	Group 2	Notice of the hearing as required by charter or descriptive notice	Mandatory	Any locality, by ordinance, may establish a utility or enact a system of service charges to support a local stormwater management program	*adding cross reference to 15.2-1427 *Subsect B also requires that prior to adoption of ordinance pursuant to this section related to the enlargement, improvement, or maintenance of privately owned dams, a locality shall comply with the provisions of § 15.2-1427 and hold a public hearing.

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15.2-2204 Advertisement of plans, ordinances, etc.; joint public hearings; written notice of certain amendments.	Once a week for two successive weeks GC in the locality	1st notice appearing no more than 14 days before intended adoption	Group 2	A descriptive summary of the proposed action & reference to the place(s) where the proposed documents may be examined.	Mandatory; however City of Richmond may publish in any newspaper of general circ. in the city	Local planning commission cannot recommend and the governing body adopt any plan, ordinance or amendment until notice of intention to do so has been published	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language
15.2-2270 Vacation of interests granted to a locality as a condition of site plan approval.	Once a week for two successive weeks GC in the locality	1st notice appearing no more than 14 days before intended adoption	Group 2	Describe interest of the gov body to be vacated by reference to the recorded instrument on which it was created and state time and place of meeting of gov body at which the adoption of the ordinance will be voted upon.	Mandatory	Describes method by which an interest granted a locality may be vacated with consent of that locality	Notice must be adopted in accordance with 15.2-2204 (revised group 2 language) Cross reference to 15.2-2204 already in section; section language cleaned up

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15.2-2271 Vacation of plat before sale of lot therein; ordinance of vacation	Once a week for two successive weeks GC in the locality	1st notice appearing no more than 14 days before intended adoption	Group 2		Mandatory	Explains process to divest all public rights in, to the streets, alleys, easements for public passage and other public areas laid out in the plat and to reinvest the owners, proprietors and trustees, if any, with title	Notice must be adopted in accordance with 15.2-2204 (revised group 2 language) Cross reference to 15.2-2204 already in section; section language cleaned up
15.2-2272 Vacation of plat after sale of lot.	Once a week for two successive weeks GC in the locality	1st notice appearing no more than 14 days before intended adoption	Group 2	Describe the plat or portion to be vacated and time and place of the meeting	Mandatory	Explains method to vacate plat after sale of lot	Notice must be adopted in accordance with 15.2-2204 (revised group 2 language) Cross reference to 15.2-2204 already in section; section language cleaned up
15.2-2316.2 Localities may provide for transfer of development rights	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC in the locality		Group 2	A copy of the resolution prescribing the location of the future meeting	Mandatory	Governing body of any locality by ordinance may establish procedures, methods, and standards for the transfer of development rights within its jurisdiction.	Add cross reference to 15.2-2204 in N 1 *must follow notice and public hearing reqs of § 15.2-2204

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15.2-2321 Adoption of road improvements program	Once a week for two successive weeks GC in the locality	1st notice appearing no more than 14 days before intended adoption	Group 2	identify impact fee service area to be designated, summary of needs assessment, proposed amount of impact fee and information on how to examine complete study	Mandatory	Public hearing required before a locality adopts a road improvement plan	Added cross reference to 15.2-2204
15.2-2400 Creation of service districts	Once a week for three consecutive weeks GC in the locality	The hearing shall be no sooner than ten days after the date the second notice appears in the newspaper	Group 3		Mandatory	Creation of service districts	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 3 language
15.2-2401 Creation of service districts by court order in consolidated cities	Once a week for three consecutive weeks GC within the city	The hearing shall not be held sooner than ten days after the last publication	Group 3		Mandatory	Hearing on the question of the proposed service district	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 3 language

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15.2-2409 How notice is given; objections	Once a week for four successive weeks A newspaper of GC in the locality	2nd notice must appear at least 7 days before parties are to appear (if using notice to all parties option)	Group 3 for non-residents Group 2 for residents	Personal service to non-residents when owner's residence not known	Not Mandatory; One of multiple options		Add revised Group 3 and Group 2 language as applicable
15.2-2506 Publication and notice; public hearing; adjournment; moneys not to be paid out until appropriated.	Once or more GC in the locality	At least 7 days prior to the hearing	Group 2	Synopsis of budget	Mandatory	Hearing on budget	*adding cross reference to 15.2-1427 and cleaned up section
15.2-2507 Amendment of Budget	Once GC in the locality	At least 7 days prior to the hearing	Group 2	State governing body's intent to amend the budget with brief synopsis of proposed amendment	Mandatory	If amendment of budget exceeds 1% of total expenditures, public hearing must be held	*adding cross reference to 15.2-1427 and cleaned up section
15.2-2606 Public hearing before issuance of bonds.	Once a week for two successive weeks GC in the locality	The hearing shall not be held less than six nor more than 21 days after the date of the second notice appears in the newspaper	Group 2	(i) estimated maximum amt of bonds proposed, (ii) use of bond proceeds, if more than one use, proposed uses for which more than 10 % of total bond proceeds to be used, and (iii) time and place of the hearing	Mandatory	Before the final authorization of the issuance of any bonds by a locality, the governing body of the locality shall hold a public hearing on the proposed bond issue	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language

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15.2-2610 Request for referendum filed with court; order for election; notice	At least once Newspaper published or having GC in the locality	Not less than ten days before the election	Group 1	In the form prescribed by the court	Mandatory	Take the sense of the voters of the locality on the question of contracting the debt and issuing bonds for the purpose or purposes set forth in the resolution or ordinance.	Group 1- Change to seven days from ten days
15.2-2652 Service by publication of motion for judgment; parties' defendant	Once a week for two consecutive weeks Newspaper published or having GC in the jurisdiction where the issuer is located	The date of the hearing shall not be sooner than ten days after the date of the second publication	Group 2	The motion for judgment or summary of it approved by the court; Time and place of hearing	Mandatory	The court shall fix the time and place for hearing the proceeding and shall enter an order requiring the publication of the motion for judgment or a summary of it	Add Group 2 language
15.2-2653 Contesting issuance of bonds; notice and hearing; service on member of governing body, etc.	Once a week for two consecutive weeks GC in the jurisdiction where the issuer is located	The date of the hearing shall not be sooner than ten days after the date of the second publication	Group 2	The motion for judgment or summary of it approved by the court; Time and place of hearing	Mandatory	Upon the filing of a motion for judgment contesting issuance of bonds. the court shall fix a time and place for hearing the proceeding	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language

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15.2-2659 Investigation by governor of alleged defaults; withholding state funds from defaulting locality; payment of funds withheld	Once A daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Richmond	As soon as practicable	Group 1	Notice of the default and availability of funds	Mandatory	Gov. must investigate alleged defaults of localities	Add Group 1 language
15.2-3107 Publication of agreed boundary line	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper having GC in its locality		Group 2	State that copy of agreement is on file at office of the clerk of the gov. body which is considering the proposed agreement; descriptive summary of agreement	Mandatory	Before adopting agreement of boundary line, governing body must advertise intention to approve the agreement	Add Group 2 language

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15.2-3109 Court-ordered adjustment of boundary lines	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC in each locality		Group 2	Notice of the public hearing	Mandatory	When two localities agree a change to boundary line to provide better public services is needed but can't decide on where line should be, can petition court to enter order establishing boundary line	Add Group 2 language
15.2-3204 Notice of motion; service and publication	Once a week for four successive weeks Newspaper published in such city or town, or if none, in a newspaper having general circulation in the county whose territory is affected	At least thirty days before instituting any annexation proceeding	Group 3	Copy of the notice and ordinance, or a descriptive summary of the notice and ordinance and a reference to the place within the city or town where copies of the notice and ordinance may be examined	Mandatory	Before instituting any annexation proceeding, city or town must serve notice on the attorney for the CW, or on the county attorney, and on chairman of governing body of county wherein territory lies	Change from 4 consecutive weeks to the Group 3 language

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15.2-3205 Additional parties	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC in the city or town seeking the territory and, in the territory, sought to be annexed		Group 2	A copy of the order	Mandatory	Describes procedure to become party to annexation proceedings	Add Group 2 language
15.2-3232 Hearing before Commission on Local Government required; notice	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the county and the town	The second advertisement shall appear not less than six and not more than twenty-one days prior to the hearing	Group 2	Time and place of hearing; Summarizing the terms of proposed agreement	Mandatory	Once the town and county governing bodies have decided upon the terms of an agreement pursuant to § 15.2-3231 , the proposed agreement shall be presented to the Commission on Local Government.	Add Group 2 language

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15.2-3236 Council may enact ordinance	In at least ten issues Daily newspaper having GC in the city or town (if none, two successive issues of a weekly newspaper having GC in such city or town)		Group 3	Summary of the ordinance; reference of place in the city or town where the ordinance may be examined	Mandatory	The council may enact an ordinance defining accurately the boundary of the territory proposed to be abandoned.	Add Group 3 language Strike language 10 public places for 10 days
15.2-3242 Parties defendant and publication of such petition	Once a week for four successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the county or town		Group 3	Descriptive summary of the petition; reference of place in the city or town where the ordinance may be examined	Mandatory	County in which part of the town proposed to be abandoned shall be named as defendant to the petition	Change from 4 consecutive weeks to the Group 3 language

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15.2-3400 Voluntary settlements among local governments	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper having GC in its jurisdiction		Group 2	The governing body's intention to approve such agreement; descriptive summary of the agreement	Mandatory	Provisions required for localities to settle matters through a voluntary agreement	Add Group 2 language
15.2-3401 Referendum on contracting of debt by counties in voluntary settlement agreements	Once a week for three consecutive weeks GC in the county	The first notice must be published not more than 60 days prior to the election	Group 3		Mandatory	Before a county can contract a debt by entering into a contract for the payment as a part of the proposed voluntary annexation and immunity settlement agreement	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 3 language
15.2-3504 Publication of agreement	Once a week for four successive weeks Newspaper having GC within the locality		Group 3	A copy of the consolidation agreement or a descriptive summary and reference to a place within the locality where a copy of the agreement may be examined	Mandatory	Governing body of locality must publish consolidation agreement	Change from 4 consecutive weeks to the Group 3 language

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15.2-3521 Proposed consolidated city; notice of motion; service and publication	Once a week for four successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the localities which are parties to the agreement	At least 30 days before instituting a proceeding for the creation of a consolidated city	Group 3	A copy of the notice and consolidation agreement or a descriptive summary of the notice and list place where it can be examined	Mandatory	Requirements of counties and cities to consolidate into one city	Change from 4 consecutive weeks to the Group 3 language
15.2-3524 Time limit for intervenors	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC in the localities proposing to consolidate and counties and cities contiguous thereto		Group 2	A copy of the order	Mandatory	Court shall by order fix a time within which a voter, property owner, or other person or political subdivision may become party to proceedings to consolidate cities	Add Group 2 language
15.2-3537 Publication of consolidation agreement	Once a week for four successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the locality		Group 3	A copy of the consolidation agreement or a descriptive summary of the agreement; Reference to the place in the locality where a copy of the agreement may be examined	Mandatory	Each locality a party to consolidation agreement must publish the agreement or descriptive summary of the agreement	Change from 4 consecutive weeks to the Group 3 language

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15.2-3600 Petition for incorporation of community; appointment of special court	Once a week for four successive weeks GC in the county		Group 3	Notice of the time and place the petition would be presented; text of the petition in full; or a descriptive summary of the petition and notice that the petition may be inspected at the circuit court clerk's office	Mandatory	A petition signed by 100 voters of any community may be presented to the circuit court for the county in which such community, or the greater part thereof, is situated, requesting that the community be incorporated as a town.	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 3 language
15.2-3703 Notice of motion; service and publication; docketing	Once a week for four successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the town		Group 3	copy of the notice and ordinance or descriptive summary and where notice can be examined	Mandatory	Town must provide notice and ordinance; after publication reqs. complete, case shall be docketed for entry	Change from 4 consecutive weeks to the Group 3 language

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15.2-3803 Notice of motion; service and publication; answer or other pleading	Once a week for four successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the town and county, or counties in which the town is situated	At least 30 days before instituting a proceeding for grant of city status	Group 3	A summary of the notice and ordinance with ref to place within the town where copies of the notice and ordinance may be examined	Mandatory	Town must serve notice to county attorney or if none, attorney for the CW, of petition for city status	Change from 4 consecutive weeks to the Group 3 language
15.2-3805 Time limit for intervenors; publication of order	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC in the county and in the adjoining or adjacent counties and cities		Group 2	A copy of the order	Mandatory	Special court by order shall fix a time within which a voter, property owner or political subdivision may become a party	Add Group 2 language
15.2-3903 Notice of motion; service and publication; answer	Once a week for four successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the county seeking eligibility for city status	At least 30 days before instituting a proceeding under the provisions of this chapter	Group 3	A copy of the notice and ordinance, or a descriptive summary of the notice and ordinance and a reference to the place within the county where copies of the notice and ordinance may be examined	Mandatory	At least 30 days before instituting a proceeding to petition the court to grant order declaring city eligible for city status, a county must serve notice to attorney for the CW or on city or county attorney	Change from 4 consecutive weeks to the Group 3 language

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15.2-3905 Time limit for intervenors; publication of order	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the county and in the adjoining or adjacent counties and cities		Group 2	A copy of the order	Mandatory	Special court by order shall fix a time within which a voter, property owner or political subdivision may become a party	Add Group 2 language
15.2-3913 Public hearing on charter; notice and publication; adoption of charter by governing body	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the county	At least thirty days prior to the hearing	Group 2	Time and place of hearing; Text of the charter or an informative summary thereof	Mandatory	Upon the completion of the proposed charter the governing body shall hold a public hearing at which the citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard with respect thereto.	Add Group 2 language

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15.2-4101 Ordinance petitioning court for town status; notice of motion	Once a week for four successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the city and adjoining county		Group 3	A copy of the notice and ordinance, or a descriptive summary of the notice and ordinance and a reference to the place within the city or adjoining county where copies of the notice and ordinance may be examined	Mandatory	Any city in CW with population of less than 50,000 people, may after fulfilling requirements of 15.2-2900, petition circuit court of city for an order granting town status to the city	Change from 4 consecutive weeks to the Group 3 language
15.2-4102 Citizen petition for town status	Once a week for four successive weeks Newspaper having GC in the city and the adjoining county		Group 3	A copy of the petition	Mandatory	Requirements for citizens to petition for town status	Change from 4 consecutive weeks to the Group 3 language

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15.2-4104 Time limit for intervenors; Publication of order	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC in the city and county		Group 2	A copy of the order	Mandatory	Special court by order fixes a time within which a qualified voter, property owner, political subdivision, or other interested party not served may become a party to proceedings instituted under this chapter	Add Group 2 language
15.2-4311 Review of districts	Once Newspaper having GC within the district		Group 1	Describing any different conditions upon which the continuation of district is stipulated	Mandatory	Districts to be reviewed no less than four years but not more than every ten years	Add Group 1 language
15.2-4313 Proposals as to land acquisition or construction within district	Once Newspaper having GC within the district		Group 1		Mandatory	Agency or political subdivision must notice to landowners within district before acquiring land in district	Add Group 1 language

CATCHLINE	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
15.2-4405 Creation of districts of local significance - public hearing	Once Newspaper having GC within the proposed district		Group 2	(C 1) State that an application for agricultural, forestal, or ag and forestal district of local significance has been submitted to the local gov. body (E)(3) Proposed modifications to those municipalities whose territory encompasses or is part of the proposed district.	Mandatory	Reqs for locality to create ag, forestal or agricultural and forestal districts of local significance	Add Group 2 language 2 notice reqs in this section: 15.2-4405 C 1 and 15.2-4405 E 3. C 1 is notice of the proposal E 3 is notice of the public hearing
15.2-4906 Public hearing and approval	Once a week for two successive weeks GC in the locality in which the facility is to be located	Not less than six days nor more than twenty-one days after the second notice appears	Group 2	(i) the name and address of the authority; (ii) the name and address (principal place of business, if any) of the party seeking financing; (iii) the maximum dollar amount of financing sought; (iv) the type of business and purpose and specific location, if known, of the facility to be financed	Mandatory	Industrial Development Authorities; where federal law requires public hearing	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language

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15.2-5136 Rates and charges	Twice GC in the area to be served by such systems or facilities	The second publication must be made at least 14 days before the date of the hearing	Group 2	Notice of the meeting setting forth the proposed schedule or schedules of rates, fees, and charges	Mandatory	Virginia Water and Waste Authorities Act; rates, fees or charges cannot be fixed until after a public hearing	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 *adding cross reference to 15.2-1427 and cleaned up section
15.2-5156 Hearing; notice	Once a week for three successive weeks GC within the locality	At least ten days before the hearing date	Group 3		Mandatory	Virginia Water and Waste Authorities Act; ordinance or resolution creating a community development authority	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 3 language
15.2-5384.1 Review of cooperative agreements	Once Newspaper of GC	At least fifteen days before the hearing date	Group 2	Notification of the application, then notice of hearing	Mandatory	Process of review of cooperative agreements for possible violation of antitrust laws	Removed from consideration; not included in draft 2 notice requirements: Once upon receipt of complete application Once no later than 15 days before public hearing

CATCHLINE	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
15.2-5403 Creation of electric authority; referendum	Once a week for two successive weeks Newspaper of GC within the governmental unit	2nd notice not sooner than one calendar week after 1st	Group 2	A copy of the ordinance	Mandatory	Process to create an electric authority	Add Group 2 language
15.2-5431.25 Rates and charges.	Twice at least six days apart GC	At least 60 days before the date of the hearing	Group 2	Notice of the hearing, setting forth the proposed schedule or schedules of rates, fees and charges	Mandatory	Virginia Wireless Service Authorities Act; rates, fees or charges cannot be fixed until after a public hearing.	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language
15.2-5431.5 Resolution creating authority to include articles of incorporation	Once Newspaper of GC in such locality	At least 30 days before the date of the hearing	Group 1	A copy of resolution creating the authority or a descriptive summary of resolution and a reference to the place within the locality where a copy of resolution can be obtained and notice of the day hearing will occur	Mandatory	Governing body of locality shall publish copy of resolution creating the authority	Add Group 1 language

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15.2-5704 Powers of Authority.	Once a week for two successive weeks GC in the county	Second publication no sooner than one calendar week after the first publication	Group 2	Descriptive notice of intention to propose rule or regulation for passage	Mandatory	Enumerates powers of authority	Cross reference to 15.2-1427 already in section; section language cleaned up
15.2-5806 Public hearings; notice; reports	Once Newspaper of GC in the locality	At least 60 days before the hearing is held	Group 1	(i) description of the site proposed to be acquired, (ii) the intended use of the site, and (iii) the date, time, and location of the public hearing	Mandatory	Public hearing is required at least 60 days prior to selecting a site for major or minor league baseball stadium	Add uniform Group 1 language to B.
15.2-7502 Public hearing required prior to creation or designation of a land bank entity	Once a week for two successive weeks GC in that locality	Not less than five nor more than twenty-one days after the second advertisement appears	Group 2	Time and place of the hearing	Mandatory	Land Bank Entities Act; required to hold hearing before creation	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language
15.2-7511 Dissolution of land bank entity	Once Newspaper of GC	At least 60 days before dissolution	Group 2		Mandatory	Requirements to dissolve a land bank entity	Removed from consideration; not included in draft

TITLE 21 - DRAINAGE, SOIL, CONSERVATION, SANITATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

SUBJECT & CITATION	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
<p>21-114 Hearing and notice thereof</p>	<p>Once a week for three consecutive weeks</p> <p>GC within the county designated by the governing body</p>	<p>At least ten days before the date of the hearing</p>	<p>Group 3</p>		<p>Mandatory</p>	<p>Sanitary Districts; hearing required before creation.</p>	<p>*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507</p> <p>Add revised Group 3 language</p>
<p>21-117.1 Abolishing sanitary districts</p>	<p>Once a week for three consecutive weeks</p> <p>GC within the county to be designated by the governing body of the county</p>	<p>At least ten days before the date of the hearing</p>	<p>Group 3</p>		<p>Mandatory</p>	<p>Sanitary Districts; hearing required before abolition.</p>	<p>*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507</p> <p>Add revised Group 3 language</p>

CATCHLINE	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
21-146 Notice of hearing on petition for creation	Once a week for three consecutive weeks GC in the proposed sanitation district	At least twenty eight days before the date of the hearing	Group 3	Petition as filed; time & place of the hearing; Statement regarding purpose of the hearing considered	Mandatory	Sanitation Districts Law; Tidal Waters; hearing required before creation.	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 3 language
21-229 Notice of hearing on petition for creation	Once a week for three consecutive weeks GC in the proposed sanitation district	At least twenty eight days prior to the date of such hearing	Group 3	Must include the petition as filed; Time and place of the hearing; Statement regarding purpose of the hearing considered	Mandatory	Sanitation Districts Law; Nontidal Waters; hearing required before creation.	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 3 language
21-393 Notice of issuance of bonds	Once a week for three successive weeks A newspaper published in the county in which the project, or some part thereof, is situated		Group 3	Stating that they propose to issue drainage bonds for the total cost of the improvement, giving the amount of the bonds to be issued, the rate of interest that they are to bear, and the time when payable	Mandatory	Issuance of bonds for drainage projects; notice of issuance required to be published & posted	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 3 language

CATCHLINE	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
21-420 How additional assessments made	Once a week for two consecutive weeks GC published in a county in which such project is located in whole or in part		Group 2		Mandatory	If additional or new assessments are levied, shall be levied only after all persons interested shall have been given full hearing	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 3 language

TITLE 22.1 - EDUCATION

SUBJECT & CITATION	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
22.1-37 Notice by commission of meeting for appointment	Once a week for four successive weeks GC in the county		Group 3	Time and place of the hearing	Mandatory	Relates to appointments made by a school board selection commission; hearing required prior to appointment.	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 3 language

TITLE 28.2 - HIGHWAYS AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

SUBJECT & CITATION	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
28.2-1302 Adoption of wetlands zoning ordinance; terms of ordinance	Once a week for two weeks GC in the county city or town		Group 2	Notice of the hearing; Specify the place or places within the town, county or city where copies of the application may be examined		Wetlands zoning ordinance; local wetlands boards	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 2 language

TITLE 30 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SUBJECT & CITATION	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
<p>30-140 Certain political subdivisions to file report of audit; period in which report kept as public record; when audit not required; sworn statement of exempted entities; publication of summary of financial condition; repeal of conflicting provisions.</p>	<p>Once GC in the county, city, or town wherein the authority, commission, district or political subdivision is located</p>	<p>At the time the report is filed with Auditor of Public Accounts</p>	<p>Group 1</p>	<p>Summary statement reflecting financial condition of authority and a reference to where a detailed statement can be found</p>	<p>Mandatory</p>	<p>Within 5 months of end of fiscal year, an audit must be performed covering financial transactions of the fiscal year for authority, district, commission, or other political subdivision</p>	<p>Cleaned up language surrounding what needs to be published</p>

TITLE 33.2 - HIGHWAYS AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

CATCHLINE	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
33.2-331 Annual meeting with county officers; six-year plan for secondary state highways; certain reimbursements required.	Once a week for two successive weeks A newspaper published in or having general circulation in the county	1st publication cannot appear more than 14 days before the hearing	Group 2		Mandatory	Governing body of each county in second state highway system may prepare a six year plan for the improvements to the secondary highway system	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 2 language
33.2-723 Assumption of district highway indebtedness by counties	Once a week for two successive weeks GC in the county	At least 30 days prior to the election	Group 2	Date of election and question to be voted on	Mandatory	Governing body may assume the payment of and pay any outstanding indebtedness of any magisterial district or districts thereof incurred for the purpose of constructing public highways	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 2 language
33.2-909 Abandonment of highway, landing, or railroad crossing; procedure.	Twice A newspaper having general circulation in the county	At least 30 days prior to the abandonment	Group 2		Not Mandatory; Other options	Governing body of any county upon petition may cause any section of the secondary state highway system, deemed to no longer be necessary for uses of secondary highway system, to be abandoned	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 2 language

CATCHLINE	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
<u>33.2-2001</u> Creation of district	Once a week for three successive weeks GC within the locality		Group 3		Mandatory	Creation of local transportation district may be created in a single locality or in two or more contiguous localities; hearing on the question required	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. <u>506</u> , <u>507</u> Add revised Group 3 language
<u>33.2-2101</u> Creation of transportation improvement district	Once a week for three consecutive weeks GC within the locality	At least ten days prior to the meeting	Group 3		Mandatory	Creation of transportation improvement district in a county; hearing on the question required.	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. <u>506</u> , <u>507</u> Add revised Group 3 language
<u>33.2-2701</u> Creation of local transportation district	Once a week for three successive weeks GC within the locality	At least ten days prior to the meeting	Group 3		Mandatory	District may be created in the City of Charlottesville and the County of Albemarle	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. <u>506</u> , <u>507</u> Add revised Group 3 language

TITLE 58.1 - TAXATION

SUBJECT & CITATION	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
58.1-3245.2 Tax increment financing	Once a week for three consecutive weeks Each GC in such county, city or town		Group 3	Time, place, and purpose of hearing; Define tax increment financing, proposed boundaries of area, and obligations to be issued to finance the project costs	Mandatory	Local governing body must hold a public hearing on the need for tax increment financing in the locality prior to adopting a tax increment financing ordinance.	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 3 language
58.1-3245.8 Adoption of local enterprise zone development taxation program	Once a week for three consecutive weeks Each GC in such county, city or town		Group 3	Time, place, and purpose of the hearing; Define local enterprise zone development taxation; indicate proposed boundaries; whether all or a specified percentage of real property/machinery or tools/or both, will be subject; and the purpose for which funds in the Local Enterprise Zone Development Fund are to be used	Mandatory	Local governing body must hold a public hearing on the need for a local enterprise zone development taxation program in the locality prior to adopting a local enterprise zone development taxation ordinance.	*amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506 , 507 Add revised Group 3 language

CATCHLINE	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
58.1-3321 Effect on rate when assessment results in tax increase; public hearings; referendum.	Once At least one newspaper of general circulation in such county or city	At least 30 days prior to the hearing.	Group 1	See endnotes for requirements	Shall <i>not</i> be placed in the classifieds section	When any annual assessment, biennial assessment, or general reassessment of real property by a county, city, or town would result in an increase of 1 percent or more in the total real property tax levied, such county, city, or town shall reduce its rate of levy for the forthcoming tax year so as to cause such rate of levy to produce no more than 101 percent of the previous year's real property tax levies	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Strike language about 14 days

TITLE 62.1 - WATERS OF THE STATE, PORTS, AND HARBORS

SUBJECT & CITATION	NUMBER/ WHERE	WHEN	SUGGESTED GROUP	WHAT TO INCLUDE	MANDATORY/ PERMISSIVE	SUBJECT MATTER/ PURPOSE	NOTES / QUERIES
62.1- 44.15:33 Authorization for more stringent ordinances. (Stormwater Management Act)	Once a week for two successive weeks A newspaper published in or having GC in the county	1st publication appearing no more than 14 days before the hearing	Group 2		Mandatory	Localities that are VSMP authorities are authorized to adopt more stringent stormwater management ordinances than those necessary to ensure compliance with the Board's minimum regulations, provided that the more stringent ordinances are based upon factual findings of local or regional comprehensive watershed management studies	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language This section is set out twice.
62.1-44:15-65 Authorization for more stringent regulations. (Erosion and Sediment Control Law)	Once a week for two successive weeks A newspaper published in or having GC in the county	1st publication appearing no more than 14 days before the hearing	Group 2		Mandatory	Locality may adopt more stringent soil erosion and sediment control ordinances than those necessary to ensure compliance with the Board's regulations, provided that the more stringent ordinances are based upon factual findings of local or regional comprehensive watershed management studies	LGA *amended by 2023 Acts, cc. 506, 507 Add revised Group 2 language This section is set out twice

Endnotes

#1 Text of notice required by § 58.1-3321:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The (name of the county, city or town) proposes to increase property tax levies.

1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by _____ percent.
2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$_____ per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
3. Effective Rate Increase: The (name of the county, city or town) proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$_____ per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$_____ per \$100, or _____ percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of (name of county, city or town) will exceed last year's by _____ percent. A public hearing on the increase will be held on (date and time) at (meeting place). Must be at least one-eighth page of a standard or tabloid sized newspaper with ad headline 18 point type or larger and placed in an area of the paper not typically used for legal and classified ads.