

DHCD Report

- Every jurisdiction should have received a link to all of the legacy codes since the inception of the USBC thru dropbox. If you have not or if you have problems with retrieving the downloads, please contact Sandi Morris.
- DHCD Staff has updated our presentation for the manufactured housing installation program and presented in Wytheville on June 1. This program will be presented in December as a continuing education training opportunity.
- USBC, VADR, and IBSR --Tentative effective date of September 4, 2018. We've received one petition on the notice of violation section of the Maintenance Code. That section was suspended and a 30-day comment period on that section resulted in the submission of a consensus proposal.
- SFPC – Petitions received. Suspension will have a 30-day public comment period when published in the VA Register (August 6). Tentative 2018-Effective date of October 16, 2018. The BHCD is scheduled to consider petitions filed to the SFPC on September 7, 2018.
- DHCD could not enter into a contract with ICC until the regulations were published in the register. Therefore, the custom Virginia Codes likely will not be available by the effective date. We have forwarded everything other than the SFPC so hopefully the Virginia books won't be too far behind the effective date. As always, DHCD will publish the official USBC regulations that contain all amendments and updates to the model codes, but custom versions may be delayed.
- DHCD recently convened a stakeholder group to discuss two issues that surfaced during the General Assembly last year...Accessory Dwelling Units and Short Term Rentals. The group came to consensus on both items.
 - Related to Short Term rentals, it was determined that based on definitions in the current USBC, renting a single family dwelling does not constitute a change of use from an R-5 to an R-1. Any desire to limit the size will be addressed during the next code update cycle.
 - Related to Accessory Dwelling Units, an exception will be added to the separation requirements in the Residential Code to not require a fire separation when certain conditions are met. Less than 1/3 the building footprint in size, includes a cased opening that permits fluid movement between single family dwelling and accessory dwelling. Ron Clements and Shahriar Amiri will develop the language that will be submitted for the next code cycle.
- DHCD is convening a stakeholder group to develop a form for use by landlords related to legislation that was passed last session related to smoke alarms in rental housing. The law is effective January, 2019.
- DHCD is participating in a stakeholder group discussing code requirements as they apply to agritourism buildings on farms. Gregg Fields and Jimmy Moss have also attending the meetings. Currently it appears that a "strawman" proposal submitted by Albemarle County is the preferred method of regulating structures. It proposes to develop a definition of "agritourism assembly building" and then define them as a "U" use group that must comply with a laundry list of life safety requirements in addition to other requirements that would be applied to any "U" use

group. The occupant load limit for this building is proposed to be from 50 to 300. Anything over 300 apparently would be considered an Assembly use group and required to comply with the code. It is unclear how they propose to make that happen. We are also not sure if they are making a recommendation to the legislature to allow the code process to consider these changes or if they are proposing all of the technical requirements to be included in legislation. We will keep you updated as things progress.

- 2018 amusement device stickers are available. Contact Holly Square holly.squares@dhcd.virginia.gov to order stickers. Be sure to order early so that you have them if/when an event comes to your jurisdiction. Please remember that the Building Official is responsible for the enforcement of the Amusement Device Regulations. Amusement device inspection seals will not be sent or given to a private third-party. The seals are jurisdiction specific and cannot be shared.
- The 2018 VAGHC is at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA November 14-16, 2018.
- BSM student Scholarship - VBCOA, VPMIA, and DHCD partnered to offer the student essay scholarship to highlight Building Code Safety Month. The scholarship was open to rising or graduating high school seniors and current first, second or third year students of a two or four-year institution. This year's essay theme was Building Codes Save Lives.

The winners provided a 1000-word or less essay that illustrated how building codes impact the student's individual and community safety. A total of five winners were selected with the 1st place winner being recognized at the ICC BSM rooftop reception in Washington DC on May 30th. Thanks to Gregg Fields, Tom Clark, Pete Mensinger and Jimmy Moss for making the trip to be there for the recognition!

1st place - \$2000 - Thea Konefal, Maggie Walker Governor's School
2nd place - \$1000 - Caroline Maloney, Freedom High School, Chantilly VA
HM - \$500 - Madilyn Abbe, Loudoun Valley High School, Purcellville, VA
Nicholas Dize, Loudoun Valley High School, Purcellville, VA
Pieruna Rossini, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

- Building Safety Month (updated 7/18/18)
The Building Safety Month Jurisdictional contest has closed. We received seven submissions total and look forward to announcing the winners during the VBCOA Annual Conference in September. Winning localities will receive a catered lunch for your office and training for up to 40 employees for just by telling us about your jurisdiction's Building Safety Month campaign! We have expanded the categories and increased the number of winners:
 - Best campaign, jurisdiction under 10 employees
 - Best campaign, jurisdiction 10 to 40 employees
 - Best campaign, jurisdiction over 40 employees

Contact rajan.engh@dhcd.virginia.gov with questions.

- Code Update Training (updated 7/18/18)
Development of the code update training is complete. The initial classroom schedule is posted and open for registration. PLEASE NOTE: dates and locations are tentative pending final action by the Board of Housing. All trade classes have received DPOR continuing education approval – remember to bring your trades or master licenses with

you to code training. With the classroom schedule open, staff are now working on moving the content into the on-line format. Courses will be available on the Learning Center for online availability in early fall. Those who expect to take the online courses are strongly encouraged to make sure their Learning Center profile is completely up to date, especially name and email address. All information in each person's Learning Center profile should exactly match that in the Online Registration System. If profiles do not match, there may be delays or errors in accurately updating online course completions. For information on logging in, accessing profile information, or registering a profile, please contact Stephen Reynolds at Stephen.reynolds@dhcd.virginia.gov or Rajan Engh at rajan.engh@dhcd.virginia.gov

- VBCA Fall Schedule (added 7/18/18)
The fall schedule is open for registration with Core being held August and November. We will have at least two separate continuing education offerings including the MHIP training for code officials in December.

- 2018 Annual Conference and hearings (updated 7/18/18)
The 2018 ICC Planning Committee has been meeting and making preparations for the 2018 Annual Conference and Group A Public Comment Hearings. The conference will be held at the Greater Richmond convention Center from October 21-23, 2018. Now is the time to book your lodging at one of the five conference hotels. Visit ICC conference webpage for more info: http://media.iccsafe.org/2018_ICC_AnCon/index.html
 - The keynote speaker has been identified....Matt Paxton, host of the television show Hoarders will be the keynote at the luncheon on Tuesday. That will be followed by an afternoon of training on the VA Maintenance Code.
 - There are some awesome events planned including a behind the scenes tour of the Virginia Capitol building and a welcome event on Sunday evening at the Train Shed.
 - Many volunteers are still needed for various committees, including the Welcome Event, Ambassadors and others. If you have any interest in helping with this exciting event, please email sandi.morris@dhcd.virginia.gov
 - Most importantly please be sure that you are listed and validated as a governmental voting member! Public Comments will be received until July 16th and all PCs will be posted on August 31.