Standard regulatory process: Basic outline

**Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA)**

Agency submits NOIRA for executive branch review.
Agency is authorized by Governor to submit NOIRA for publication.
NOIRA is published in *The Virginia Register of Regulations*.
Submit your comment during the 30-day public comment period.

**Proposed regulation**

Agency considers public comment and submits proposed regulation.
Governor approves proposed regulation.
Proposed regulation is published in the *Register* and notification is sent to all registered Town Hall users.
Submit your comment during the 60-day public comment period.

**Final regulation**

Agency/board considers public comment and adopts final regulation.
Governor approves final regulation.
Final regulation is published in the *Register* and email notification sent to registered public Town Hall users.
30-day final adoption period begins

For more information, visit the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall at townhall.virginia.gov

A regulatory stage is announced as follows:

An automatic email notification is sent to registered Town Hall users.

Ten days later, a regulatory stage is published in *The Virginia Register of Regulations*, the official publication of legal record for regulations in Virginia.

When the stage is published in the *Register*, a public comment forum opens on the Town Hall and remains open through the end of the public comment period.

Source: Sections 2.2-4006 through 2.2-4017 of the Code of Virginia (Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act)