

# 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

**Regulation becomes effective**  
(unless it is suspended or 25+ people request an additional public comment period).

**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)

  
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