

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia, relating to adoption of ordinances*  
3 *and resolutions.*

4 [S 409]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 15.2-1427. Adoption of ordinances and resolutions generally; amending or repealing ordinances.

9 A. Unless otherwise specifically provided for by the Constitution or by other general or special law,  
10 an ordinance may be adopted by majority vote of those present and voting at any lawful meeting.11 B. On final vote on any ordinance or resolution, the name of each member of the governing body  
12 voting and how he voted shall be recorded; *however, votes on all ordinances and resolutions adopted*  
13 *prior to February 27, 1998, in which an unanimous vote of the governing body was recorded, shall be*  
14 *deemed to have been validly recorded.* The governing body may adopt an ordinance or resolution by a  
15 recorded voice vote unless otherwise provided by law, or any member calls for a roll call vote. An  
16 ordinance shall become effective upon adoption or upon a date fixed by the governing body.17 C. All ordinances or resolutions heretofore adopted by a governing body shall be deemed to have  
18 been validly adopted, unless some provision of the Constitution of Virginia or the Constitution of the  
19 United States has been violated in such adoption.20 D. An ordinance may be amended or repealed in the same manner, or by the same procedure, in  
21 which, or by which, ordinances are adopted.22 E. An amendment or repeal of an ordinance shall be in the form of an ordinance which shall become  
23 effective upon adoption or upon a date fixed by the governing body, but, if no effective date is  
24 specified, then such ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.25 F. In counties, except as otherwise authorized by law, no ordinance shall be passed until after  
26 descriptive notice of an intention to propose the ordinance for passage has been published once a week  
27 for two successive weeks prior to its passage in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county.  
28 The second publication shall not be sooner than one calendar week after the first publication. The  
29 publication shall include a statement either that the publication contains the full text of the ordinance or  
30 that a copy of the full text of the ordinance is on file in the clerk's office of the circuit court of the  
31 county or in the office of the county administrator; or in the case of any county organized under the  
32 form of government set out in Chapter 5, 7 or 8 of this title, a statement that a copy of the full text of  
33 the ordinance is on file in the office of the clerk of the county board. Even if the publication contains  
34 the full text of the ordinance, a complete copy shall be available for public inspection in the offices  
35 named herein.36 In counties, emergency ordinances may be adopted without prior notice; however, no such ordinance  
37 shall be enforced for more than sixty days unless readopted in conformity with the provisions of this  
38 Code.

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

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