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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-2225 and 15.2-2226 of the Code of Virginia, relating to posting of 3 comprehensive plans.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

1. That §§ 15.2-2225 and 15.2-2226 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: 7

8 § 15.2-2225. Notice and hearing on plan; recommendation by local planning commission to 9 governing body.

10 Prior to the recommendation of a comprehensive plan or any part thereof, the local planning commission shall (i) post the comprehensive plan or part thereof that is to be considered for recommendation on a website that is maintained by the commission or on any other website on which 11 12 13 the commission generally posts information, and that is available to the public or that clearly describes 14 how the public may access information regarding the plan or part thereof being considered for recommendation, (ii) give notice in accordance with § 15.2-2204, and (iii) hold a public hearing on the 15 plan. After the public hearing, the commission may approve, amend and approve, or disapprove the 16 plan. Upon approval, the commission shall by resolution recommend the plan, or part thereof, to the 17 18 governing body and a copy shall be certified to the governing body. Any comprehensive plan or part 19 thereof approved by the commission pursuant to this section shall be posted on a website that is 20 maintained by the commission or on any other website on which the commission generally posts 21 information, and that is available to the public or that clearly describes how the public may access 22 information regarding the plan or part thereof approved by the commission and certified to the 23 governing body. Inadvertent failure to post information on a website in accordance with this section 24 shall not invalidate action taken by the local planning commission following notice and public hearing 25 as required herein.

§ 15.2-2226. Adoption or disapproval of plan by governing body.

27 After certification of the plan or part thereof, the governing body, after shall post the comprehensive 28 plan or part thereof certified by the local planning commission on a website that is maintained by the 29 governing body or on any other website on which the governing body generally posts information, and 30 that is available to the public or that clearly describes how the public may access information regarding 31 the plan or part thereof being considered for adoption. After a public hearing with notice as required by 32 § 15.2-2204, the governing body shall proceed to a consideration of the plan or part thereof and shall 33 approve and adopt, amend and adopt, or disapprove the plan. In acting on the plan or part thereof, or 34 any amendments to the plan, the governing body shall act within ninety days of the local planning 35 commission's recommending resolution. Any comprehensive plan or part thereof adopted by the governing body pursuant to this section shall be posted on a website that is maintained by the local 36 37 governing body or on any other website on which the governing body generally posts information, and 38 that is available to the public or that clearly describes how the public may access information regarding 39 the plan or part thereof adopted by the local governing body. Inadvertent failure to post information on 40 a website in accordance with this section shall not invalidate action taken by the governing body 41 following notice and public hearing as required herein.

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