

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2223.4, relating to the*
3 *comprehensive plan; transit-oriented development.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2223.4 as follows:**

8 ***§ 15.2-2223.4. Comprehensive plan shall provide for transit-oriented development.***

9 *Beginning July 1, 2020, each city with a population greater than 20,000 and each county with a*
10 *population greater than 100,000 shall consider incorporating into the next scheduled and all subsequent*
11 *reviews of its comprehensive plan strategies to promote transit-oriented development for the purpose of*
12 *reducing greenhouse gas emissions through coordinated transportation, housing, and land use planning.*
13 *Such strategies may include (i) locating new housing development, including low-income, affordable*
14 *housing, in closer proximity to public transit options; (ii) prioritizing transit options with reduced*
15 *overall carbon emissions; (iii) increasing development density in certain areas to reduce density in*
16 *others; or (iv) other strategies designed to reduce overall carbon emissions in the locality.*

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