

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-2223.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to comprehensive plan; transit-oriented development.

[H 2054]

Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2223.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

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

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

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