

Public Guide to the Standard Regulatory Process

Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA)

Agency submits NOIRA on Town Hall for executive branch review by the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB), Cabinet Secretary, the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM), and Governor.

NOIRA is published in the *Virginia Register of Regulations* which begins a 30-day public comment period including a public comment forum on the Town Hall.



Proposed stage

Agency considers public comment and approves proposed regulation.
Agency submits proposed stage on Town Hall for executive branch review by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), DPB, Cabinet Secretary, ORM and Governor.

Proposed regulation is published in the *Register* which begins a 60-day public comment period including a public comment forum on the Town Hall.



Final stage

Agency considers public comment and adopts final regulation.
Executive branch review by OAG (sometimes), DPB, Cabinet Secretary, ORM, and Governor.
Final regulation is published in the *Register*.
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 becomes viewable on Town Hall and available for public comment as follows:

A regulatory stage first becomes viewable on Town Hall at the point it is submitted to DPB for review.

An email notification is sent to Town Hall registered public users five days before a regulatory stage is published in the *Virginia Register of Regulations*, the official publication of legal record for regulations in Virginia.

On the day a stage is published in the *Register*, a public comment period begins and a public comment forum opens on the Town Hall.

Sources: Sections 2.2-4006 through 2.2-4017 of the Code of Virginia (Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act) and Office of Regulatory Management Procedures (2022) to implement Executive Order 19 (2022)



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