Fast-track regulations

The fast-track process is for proposed regulations that are expected to be noncontroversial. Whether a proposed regulation is noncontroversial is determined by the process detailed on this page.

Source: Section 2.2-4012.1 of the Code of Virginia

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How a regulation is fast-tracked:

1. Fast-track regulation is adopted and submitted on the Town Hall website for executive branch review.

2. Executive branch review:
   - Office of the Attorney General
   - Department of Planning and Budget: Cabinet Secretary Governor

3. Within 14 days of approval by Governor, agency submits fast-track regulation to the Virginia Register via the Town Hall.

4. Ten days before publication in the Register:
   - Email notification is sent automatically to Town Hall registered users.

5. Fast-track regulation is published in the Register.

6. 30-day public comment period begins. Town Hall public comment forum opens.

7. If, during the public comment period, an objection to the fast-track regulation is received from:
   - Any member of the applicable standing committee of Senate,
   - Any member of the applicable standing committee of the House of Delegates,
   - Any member of the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules (JCAR), or
   - 10 or more members of the public,
   then publication of the fast-track regulation will serve as the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) and standard rulemaking process is followed to promulgate the regulation.

8. 15 days after the close of the public comment period, the regulation becomes effective.
   (unless the regulation is withdrawn or a later effective date is specified by the agency).