

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-2223 of the Code of Virginia, relating to comprehensive plan; social*
 3 *determinants of health.*

4 [H 257]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-2223 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 15.2-2223. Comprehensive plan to be prepared and adopted; scope and purpose.**

9 A. The local planning commission shall prepare and recommend a comprehensive plan for the physical
 10 development of the territory within its jurisdiction and every governing body shall adopt a comprehensive
 11 plan for the territory under its jurisdiction.

12 In the preparation of a comprehensive plan, the commission shall make careful and comprehensive
 13 surveys and studies of the existing conditions and trends of growth, and of the probable future requirements
 14 of its territory and inhabitants. The comprehensive plan shall be made with the purpose of guiding and
 15 accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the territory which will, in accordance
 16 with present and probable future needs and resources, best promote the health, safety, morals, order,
 17 convenience, prosperity and general welfare of the inhabitants, including the elderly and persons with
 18 disabilities.

19 The comprehensive plan shall be general in nature, in that it shall designate the general or approximate
 20 location, character, and extent of each feature, including any road improvement and any transportation
 21 improvement, shown on the plan and shall indicate where existing lands or facilities are proposed to be
 22 extended, widened, removed, relocated, vacated, narrowed, abandoned, or changed in use as the case may be.

23 B. 1. As part of the comprehensive plan, each locality shall develop a transportation plan that designates a
 24 system of transportation infrastructure needs and recommendations that include the designation of new and
 25 expanded transportation facilities and that support the planned development of the territory covered by the
 26 plan and shall include, as appropriate, but not be limited to, roadways, bicycle accommodations, pedestrian
 27 accommodations, railways, bridges, waterways, airports, ports, freight corridors, and public transportation
 28 facilities. The plan shall recognize and differentiate among a hierarchy of roads such as expressways,
 29 arterials, and collectors. In developing the plan, the locality shall take into consideration how to align
 30 transportation infrastructure and facilities with affordable, accessible housing and community services that
 31 are located within the territory in order to facilitate community integration of the elderly and persons with
 32 disabilities. The Virginia Department of Transportation shall, upon request, provide localities with technical
 33 assistance in preparing such transportation plan.

34 2. The transportation plan shall include a map that shall show road and transportation improvements,
 35 including the cost estimates of such road and transportation improvements from the Virginia Department of
 36 Transportation, taking into account the current and future needs of residents in the locality while considering
 37 the current and future needs of the planning district within which the locality is situated.

38 3. The transportation plan, and any amendment thereto pursuant to § 15.2-2229, shall be consistent with
 39 the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Statewide Transportation Plan developed pursuant to § 33.2-353,
 40 the Six-Year Improvement Program adopted pursuant to subsection B of § 33.2-214, and the location of
 41 routes to be followed by roads comprising systems of state highways pursuant to subsection A of § 33.2-208.
 42 The locality shall consult with the Virginia Department of Transportation to assure such consistency is
 43 achieved. The transportation plan need reflect only those changes in the annual update of the Six-Year
 44 Improvement Program that are deemed to be significant new, expanded, or relocated roadways.

45 4. Prior to the adoption of the transportation plan or any amendment to the transportation plan, the locality
 46 shall submit such plan or amendment to the Department for review and comment. The Department shall
 47 conduct its review and provide written comments to the locality on the consistency of the transportation plan
 48 or any amendment to the provisions of subdivision 1. The Department shall provide such written comments
 49 to the locality within 90 days of receipt of the plan or amendment, or such other shorter period of time as may
 50 be otherwise agreed upon by the Department and the locality.

51 5. The locality shall submit a copy of the adopted transportation plan or any amendment to the
 52 transportation plan to the Department for informational purposes. If the Department determines that the
 53 transportation plan or amendment is not consistent with the provisions of subdivision 1, the Department shall
 54 notify the Commonwealth Transportation Board so that the Board may take appropriate action in accordance
 55 with subsection F of § 33.2-214.

56 6. If the adopted transportation plan designates corridors planned to be served by mass transit, as defined

57 in § 33.2-100, a portion of its allocation from (i) the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority distribution
58 specified in subdivision B 1 of § 33.2-2510, (ii) the commercial and industrial real property tax revenue
59 specified in § 58.1-3221.3, and (iii) the secondary system road construction program, as described in Article
60 5 (§ 33.2-351 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 33.2, may be used for the purpose of utility undergrounding in the
61 planned corridor, if the locality matches 100 percent of the state allocation.

62 7. Each locality's amendments or updates to its transportation plan as required by subdivisions 2 through 5
63 shall be made on or before its ongoing scheduled date for updating its transportation plan.

64 C. The comprehensive plan, with the accompanying maps, plats, charts, and descriptive matter, shall show
65 the locality's long-range recommendations for the general development of the territory covered by the plan. It
66 may include, but need not be limited to:

67 1. The designation of areas for various types of public and private development and use, such as different
68 kinds of residential, including age-restricted, housing; business; industrial; agricultural; mineral resources;
69 conservation; active and passive recreation; public service; flood plain and drainage; and other areas;

70 2. The designation of a system of community service facilities such as parks, sports playing fields, forests,
71 schools, playgrounds, public buildings and institutions, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities,
72 community centers, waterworks, sewage disposal or waste disposal areas, and the like;

73 3. The designation of historical areas and areas for urban renewal or other treatment;

74 4. The designation of areas for the implementation of reasonable measures to provide for the continued
75 availability, quality, and sustainability of groundwater and surface water;

76 5. A capital improvements program, a subdivision ordinance, a zoning ordinance and zoning district maps,
77 mineral resource district maps and agricultural and forestal district maps, where applicable;

78 6. The location of existing or proposed recycling centers;

79 7. The location of military bases, military installations, and military airports and their adjacent safety
80 areas; and

81 8. The designation of corridors or routes for electric transmission lines of 150 kilovolts or more.

82 D. The comprehensive plan shall include the designation of areas and implementation of measures for the
83 construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of affordable housing, which is sufficient to meet the current and
84 future needs of residents of all levels of income in the locality while considering the current and future needs
85 of the planning district within which the locality is situated.

86 E. The comprehensive plan shall consider strategies to provide broadband infrastructure that is sufficient
87 to meet the current and future needs of residents and businesses in the locality. To this end, local planning
88 commissions may consult with and receive technical assistance from the Center for Innovative Technology,
89 among other resources.

90 F. The comprehensive plan is encouraged to consider strategies to address resilience. As used in this
91 subsection, "resilience" means the capability to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from
92 significant multi-hazard threats with minimum damage to social well-being, health, the economy, and the
93 environment.

94 G. *The comprehensive plan is encouraged to utilize relevant and available data and research related to*
95 *social determinants of health, as defined in § 32.1-23.6, to consider how the adopted plan will impact the*
96 *locality's overall public health and access to health care services.*