

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-2201 and 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of*  
 3 *Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2288.9, relating to affordable housing; religious*  
 4 *organizations and other nonprofit tax-exempt properties.*

5 [S 388]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That §§ 15.2-2201 and 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the**  
 9 **Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2288.9 as follows:**

10 **§ 15.2-2201. Definitions.**

11 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

12 *"501(c)(3) property tax-exempt nonprofit organization" means any organization exempt from taxation*  
 13 *pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and whose real property taxes are exempt*  
 14 *pursuant to § 58.1-3609.*

15 *"Affordable housing" means, as a guideline, housing that is affordable to households with incomes at or*  
 16 *below the area median income, provided that the occupant pays no more than thirty percent of his gross*  
 17 *income for gross housing costs, including utilities. For the purpose of administering affordable dwelling unit*  
 18 *ordinances authorized by this chapter, local governments may establish individual definitions of affordable*  
 19 *housing and affordable dwelling units including determination of the appropriate percent of area median*  
 20 *income and percent of gross income.*

21 *"Conditional zoning" means, as part of classifying land within a locality into areas and districts by*  
 22 *legislative action, the allowing of reasonable conditions governing the use of such property, such conditions*  
 23 *being in addition to, or modification of the regulations provided for a particular zoning district or zone by the*  
 24 *overall zoning ordinance.*

25 *"Designated agent" means any agent employed or authorized by a locality and designated by the*  
 26 *governing body to review and act on subdivision plats, site plans, and plans of development. "Designated*  
 27 *agent" does not include the local planning commission. However, the local planning commission may serve*  
 28 *as the designated agent of any locality with a population of 5,000 or less.*

29 *"Development" means a tract of land developed or to be developed as a unit under single ownership or*  
 30 *unified control which is to be used for any business or industrial purpose or is to contain three or more*  
 31 *residential dwelling units. The term "development" shall not be construed to include any tract of land which*  
 32 *will be principally devoted to agricultural production.*

33 *"Historic area" means an area containing one or more buildings or places in which historic events*  
 34 *occurred or having special public value because of notable architectural, archaeological or other features*  
 35 *relating to the cultural or artistic heritage of the community, of such significance as to warrant conservation*  
 36 *and preservation.*

37 *"Incentive zoning" means the use of bonuses in the form of increased project density or other benefits to a*  
 38 *developer in return for the developer providing certain features, design elements, uses, services, or amenities*  
 39 *desired by the locality, including but not limited to, site design incorporating principles of new urbanism and*  
 40 *traditional neighborhood development, environmentally sustainable and energy-efficient building design,*  
 41 *affordable housing creation and preservation, and historical preservation, as part of the development.*

42 *"Local planning commission" means a municipal planning commission or a county planning commission.*

43 *"Military installation" means a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or*  
 44 *other activity under jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Defense, including any leased facility, or any land*  
 45 *or interest in land owned by the Commonwealth and administered by the Adjutant General of Virginia or the*  
 46 *Virginia Department of Military Affairs. "Military installation" does not include any facility used primarily*  
 47 *for civil works, rivers and harbors projects, or flood control projects.*

48 *"Mixed use development" means property that incorporates two or more different uses, and may include a*  
 49 *variety of housing types, within a single development.*

50 *"Official map" means a map of legally established and proposed public streets, waterways, and public*  
 51 *areas adopted by a locality in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 (§ 15.2-2233 et seq.) hereof.*

52 *"Planned unit development" means a form of development characterized by unified site design for a*  
 53 *variety of housing types and densities, clustering of buildings, common open space, and a mix of building*  
 54 *types and land uses in which project planning and density calculation are performed for the entire*  
 55 *development rather than on an individual lot basis.*

56 *"Planning district commission" means a regional planning agency chartered under the provisions of*

57 Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) ~~of this title.~~

58 "Plat" or "plat of subdivision" means the schematic representation of land divided or to be divided and  
59 information in accordance with the provisions of §§ 15.2-2241, 15.2-2242, 15.2-2258, 15.2-2262, and  
60 15.2-2264, and other applicable statutes.

61 "Preliminary subdivision plat" means the proposed schematic representation of development or  
62 subdivision that establishes how the provisions of §§ 15.2-2241 and 15.2-2242, and other applicable statutes  
63 will be achieved.

64 *"Religious organization" means the same as that term is described in § 58.1-3617.*

65 "Resident curator" means a person, firm, or corporation that leases or otherwise contracts to manage,  
66 preserve, maintain, operate, or reside in a historic property in accordance with the provisions of § 15.2-2306  
67 and other applicable statutes.

68 "Site plan" means the proposal for a development or a subdivision including all covenants, grants or  
69 easements and other conditions relating to use, location and bulk of buildings, density of development,  
70 common open space, public facilities and such other information as required by the subdivision ordinance to  
71 which the proposed development or subdivision is subject.

72 "Special exception" means a special use that is a use not permitted in a particular district except by a  
73 special use permit granted under the provisions of this chapter and any zoning ordinances adopted herewith.

74 "Street" means highway, street, avenue, boulevard, road, lane, alley, or any public way.

75 "Subdivision," unless otherwise defined in an ordinance adopted pursuant to § 15.2-2240, means the  
76 division of a parcel of land into three or more lots or parcels of less than five acres each for the purpose of  
77 transfer of ownership or building development, or, if a new street is involved in such division, any division of  
78 a parcel of land. The term includes resubdivision and, when appropriate to the context, shall relate to the  
79 process of subdividing or to the land subdivided and solely for the purpose of recordation of any single  
80 division of land into two lots or parcels, a plat of such division shall be submitted for approval in accordance  
81 with § 15.2-2258. Nothing in this definition, section, nor any ordinance adopted pursuant to § 15.2-2240 shall  
82 preclude different owners of adjacent parcels from entering into a valid and enforceable boundary line  
83 agreement with one another so long as such agreement is only used to resolve a bona fide property line  
84 dispute, the boundary adjustment does not move by more than 250 feet from the center of the current platted  
85 line or alter either parcel's resultant acreage by more than five percent of the smaller parcel size, and such  
86 agreement does not create an additional lot, alter the existing boundary lines of localities, result in greater  
87 street frontage, or interfere with a recorded easement, and such agreement shall not result in any  
88 nonconformity with local ordinances and health department regulations. Notice shall be provided to the  
89 zoning administrator of the locality in which the parcels are located for review. For any property affected by  
90 this definition, any division of land subject to a partition suit by virtue of order or decree by a court of  
91 competent jurisdiction shall take precedence over the requirements of Article 6 (§ 15.2-2240 et seq.) and the  
92 minimum lot area, width, or frontage requirements in the zoning ordinance so long as the lot or parcel  
93 resulting from such order or decree does not vary from minimum lot area, width, or frontage requirements by  
94 more than 20 percent. A copy of the final decree shall be provided to the zoning administrator of the locality  
95 in which the property is located.

96 "Variance" means, in the application of a zoning ordinance, a reasonable deviation from those provisions  
97 regulating the shape, size, or area of a lot or parcel of land or the size, height, area, bulk, or location of a  
98 building or structure when the strict application of the ordinance would unreasonably restrict the utilization of  
99 the property, and such need for a variance would not be shared generally by other properties, and provided  
100 such variance is not contrary to the purpose of the ordinance. It shall not include a change in use, which  
101 change shall be accomplished by a rezoning or by a conditional zoning.

102 "Working waterfront" means an area or structure on, over, or adjacent to navigable waters that provides  
103 access to the water and is used for water-dependent commercial, industrial, or governmental activities,  
104 including commercial and recreational fishing; tourism; aquaculture; boat and ship building, repair, and  
105 services; seafood processing and sales; transportation; shipping; marine construction; and military activities.

106 "Working waterfront development area" means an area containing one or more working waterfronts  
107 having economic, cultural, or historic public value of such significance as to warrant development and  
108 repair.

109 "Zoning" or "to zone" means the process of classifying land within a locality into areas and districts, such  
110 areas and districts being generally referred to as "zones," by legislative action and the prescribing and  
111 application in each area and district of regulations concerning building and structure designs, building and  
112 structure placement and uses to which land, buildings and structures within such designated areas and  
113 districts may be put.

114 **§ 15.2-2286. Permitted provisions in zoning ordinances; amendments; applicant to pay delinquent**  
115 **taxes; penalties.**

116 A. A zoning ordinance may include, among other things, reasonable regulations and provisions as to any  
117 or all of the following matters:

118 1. For variances or special exceptions, as defined in § 15.2-2201, to the general regulations in any district.

119 2. For the temporary application of the ordinance to any property coming into the territorial jurisdiction of  
120 the governing body by annexation or otherwise, subsequent to the adoption of the zoning ordinance, and  
121 pending the orderly amendment of the ordinance.

122 3. For the granting of special exceptions under suitable regulations and safeguards; notwithstanding any  
123 other provisions of this article, the governing body of any locality may reserve unto itself the right to issue  
124 such special exceptions. Conditions imposed in connection with residential special use permits, wherein the  
125 applicant proposes affordable housing, shall be consistent with the objective of providing affordable housing.  
126 When imposing conditions on residential projects specifying materials and methods of construction or  
127 specific design features, the approving body shall consider the impact of the conditions upon the affordability  
128 of housing. Conditions may include the period of validity for a special exception or special use permit;  
129 however, in the case of a special exception or special use permit for residential projects, the period of validity  
130 shall be no less than three years.

131 The governing body or the board of zoning appeals of the Cities of Hampton and Norfolk may impose a  
132 condition upon any special exception or use permit relating to retail alcoholic beverage control licensees  
133 which provides that such special exception or use permit will automatically expire upon a change of  
134 ownership of the property, a change in possession, a change in the operation or management of a facility, or  
135 the passage of a specific period of time.

136 The governing body of the City of Richmond may impose a condition upon any special use permit issued  
137 after July 1, 2000, relating to retail alcoholic beverage licensees which provides that such special use permit  
138 shall be subject to an automatic review by the governing body upon a change in possession, a change in the  
139 owner of the business, or a transfer of majority control of the business entity. Upon review by the governing  
140 body, it may either amend or revoke the special use permit after notice and a public hearing as required by  
141 § 15.2-2206.

142 4. For the administration and enforcement of the ordinance including the appointment or designation of a  
143 zoning administrator who may also hold another office in the locality. The zoning administrator shall have all  
144 necessary authority on behalf of the governing body to administer and enforce the zoning ordinance. His  
145 authority shall include (i) ordering in writing the remedying of any condition found in violation of the  
146 ordinance; (ii) insuring compliance with the ordinance, bringing legal action, including injunction, abatement,  
147 or other appropriate action or proceeding subject to appeal pursuant to § 15.2-2311; and (iii) in specific cases,  
148 making findings of fact and, with concurrence of the attorney for the governing body, conclusions of law  
149 regarding determinations of rights accruing under § 15.2-2307 or subsection C of § 15.2-2311.

150 Whenever the zoning administrator has reasonable cause to believe that any person has engaged in or is  
151 engaging in any violation of a zoning ordinance that limits occupancy in a residential dwelling unit, which is  
152 subject to a civil penalty that may be imposed in accordance with the provisions of § 15.2-2209, and the  
153 zoning administrator, after a good faith effort to obtain the data or information necessary to determine  
154 whether a violation has occurred, has been unable to obtain such information, he may request that the  
155 attorney for the locality petition the judge of the general district court for his jurisdiction for a subpoena  
156 duces tecum against any such person refusing to produce such data or information. The judge of the court,  
157 upon good cause shown, may cause the subpoena to be issued. Any person failing to comply with such  
158 subpoena shall be subject to punishment for contempt by the court issuing the subpoena. Any person so  
159 subpoenaed may apply to the judge who issued the subpoena to quash it.

160 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 15.2-2311, a zoning ordinance may prescribe an appeal period of less  
161 than 30 days, but not less than 10 days, for a notice of violation involving (a) the storage or disposal of  
162 nonagricultural excavation material, waste, and debris or (b) temporary or seasonal commercial uses, parking  
163 of commercial trucks in residential zoning districts, maximum occupancy limitations of a residential dwelling  
164 unit, or similar short-term, recurring violations.

165 Where provided by ordinance, the zoning administrator may be authorized to grant a modification from  
166 any provision contained in the zoning ordinance with respect to physical requirements on a lot or parcel of  
167 land, including but not limited to size, height, location or features of or related to any building, structure, or  
168 improvements, if the administrator finds in writing that: (1) the strict application of the ordinance would  
169 produce undue hardship; (2) such hardship is not shared generally by other properties in the same zoning  
170 district and the same vicinity; and (3) the authorization of the modification will not be of substantial  
171 detriment to adjacent property and the character of the zoning district will not be changed by the granting of  
172 the modification. Prior to the granting of a modification, the zoning administrator shall give, or require the  
173 applicant to give, all adjoining property owners written notice of the request for modification, and an  
174 opportunity to respond to the request within 21 days of the date of the notice. The zoning administrator shall  
175 make a decision on the application for modification and issue a written decision with a copy provided to the  
176 applicant and any adjoining landowner who responded in writing to the notice sent pursuant to this paragraph.  
177 The decision of the zoning administrator shall constitute a decision within the purview of § 15.2-2311, and  
178 may be appealed to the board of zoning appeals as provided by that section. Decisions of the board of zoning  
179 appeals may be appealed to the circuit court as provided by § 15.2-2314.

180 The zoning administrator shall respond within 90 days of a request for a decision or determination on

181 zoning matters within the scope of his authority unless the requester has agreed to a longer period. If the  
 182 decision or determination by the zoning administrator could impair the ability of an adjacent property owner  
 183 to satisfy the minimum storage capacity and yield requirements for a residential drinking well pursuant to  
 184 § 32.1-176.4 or any regulation adopted thereunder, the zoning administrator shall provide a copy of such  
 185 decision or determination to such adjacent property owner so affected.

186 5. For the imposition of penalties upon conviction of any violation of the zoning ordinance. Any such  
 187 violation shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000. If the violation is uncorrected  
 188 at the time of the conviction, the court shall order the violator to abate or remedy the violation in compliance  
 189 with the zoning ordinance, within a time period established by the court. Failure to remove or abate a zoning  
 190 violation within the specified time period shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense punishable by a  
 191 fine of not more than \$1,000; any such failure during a succeeding 10-day period shall constitute a separate  
 192 misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,500; and any such failure during any  
 193 succeeding 10-day period shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense for each 10-day period punishable  
 194 by a fine of not more than \$2,000.

195 However, any conviction resulting from a violation of provisions regulating the storage or disposal of  
 196 nonagricultural excavation material, waste, and debris shall be punishable by a fine of \$2,000. Failure to  
 197 abate the violation within the specified time period shall be punishable by a fine of \$5,000, and any such  
 198 failure during any succeeding 10-day period shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense for each 10-day  
 199 period punishable by a fine of \$7,500.

200 However, any conviction resulting from a violation of provisions regulating the number of unrelated  
 201 persons in single-family residential dwellings shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000. Failure to abate  
 202 the violation within the specified time period shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000, and any such  
 203 failure during any succeeding 10-day period shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense for each 10-day  
 204 period punishable by a fine of up to \$7,500. However, no such fine shall accrue against an owner or  
 205 managing agent of a single-family residential dwelling unit during the pendency of any legal action  
 206 commenced by such owner or managing agent of such dwelling unit against a tenant to eliminate an  
 207 overcrowding condition in accordance with the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (§ 55.1-1200 et  
 208 seq.). A conviction resulting from a violation of provisions regulating the number of unrelated persons in  
 209 single-family residential dwellings shall not be punishable by a jail term.

210 6. For the collection of fees to cover the cost of making inspections, issuing permits, advertising of notices  
 211 and other expenses incident to the administration of a zoning ordinance or to the filing or processing of any  
 212 appeal or amendment thereto.

213 7. For the amendment of the regulations or district maps from time to time, or for their repeal. Whenever  
 214 the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice requires, the governing body may  
 215 by ordinance amend, supplement, or change the regulations, district boundaries, or classifications of property.  
 216 Any such amendment may be initiated (i) by resolution of the governing body; (ii) by motion of the local  
 217 planning commission; or (iii) by petition of the owner, contract purchaser with the owner's written consent, or  
 218 the owner's agent therefor, of the property which is the subject of the proposed zoning map amendment,  
 219 addressed to the governing body or the local planning commission, who shall forward such petition to the  
 220 governing body; however, the ordinance may provide for the consideration of proposed amendments only at  
 221 specified intervals of time, and may further provide that substantially the same petition will not be  
 222 reconsidered within a specific period, not exceeding one year. Any such resolution or motion by such  
 223 governing body or commission proposing the rezoning shall state the above public purposes therefor.

224 In any county having adopted such zoning ordinance, all motions, resolutions or petitions for amendment  
 225 to the zoning ordinance, and/or map shall be acted upon and a decision made within such reasonable time as  
 226 may be necessary which shall not exceed 12 months unless the applicant requests or consents to action  
 227 beyond such period or unless the applicant withdraws his motion, resolution or petition for amendment to the  
 228 zoning ordinance or map, or both. In the event of and upon such withdrawal, processing of the motion,  
 229 resolution or petition shall cease without further action as otherwise would be required by this subdivision.

230 8. For the submission and approval of a plan of development prior to the issuance of building permits to  
 231 assure compliance with regulations contained in such zoning ordinance.

232 9. For areas and districts designated for mixed use developments or planned unit developments as defined  
 233 in § 15.2-2201.

234 10. For the administration of incentive zoning as defined in § 15.2-2201.

235 11. For provisions allowing the locality to enter into a voluntary agreement with a landowner that would  
 236 result in the downzoning of the landowner's undeveloped or underdeveloped property in exchange for a tax  
 237 credit equal to the amount of excess real estate taxes that the landowner has paid due to the higher zoning  
 238 classification. The locality may establish reasonable guidelines for determining the amount of excess real  
 239 estate tax collected and the method and duration for applying the tax credit. For purposes of this section,  
 240 "downzoning" means a zoning action by a locality that results in a reduction in a formerly permitted land use  
 241 intensity or density.

242 12. Provisions for requiring and considering Phase I environmental site assessments based on the

243 anticipated use of the property proposed for the subdivision or development that meet generally accepted  
 244 national standards for such assessments, such as those developed by the American Society for Testing and  
 245 Materials, and Phase II environmental site assessments, that also meet accepted national standards, such as,  
 246 but not limited to, those developed by the American Society for Testing and Materials, if the locality deems  
 247 such to be reasonably necessary, based on findings in the Phase I assessment, and in accordance with  
 248 regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the American Society for Testing and  
 249 Materials. A reasonable fee may be charged for the review of such environmental assessments. Such fees  
 250 shall not exceed an amount commensurate with the services rendered, taking into consideration the time,  
 251 skill, and administrative expense involved in such review.

252 13. Provisions to incorporate generally accepted national environmental protection and product safety  
 253 standards for the use of solar panels and battery technologies for solar photovoltaic (electric energy) projects,  
 254 such as those developed for existing product certifications and standards including the National Sanitation  
 255 Foundation/American National Standards Institute No. 457, International Electrotechnical Commission No.  
 256 61215-2, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Standard 1547, and Underwriters Laboratories No.  
 257 61730-2.

258 14. Provisions for requiring disclosure and remediation of contamination and other adverse environmental  
 259 conditions of the property prior to approval of subdivision and development plans.

260 15. For the enforcement of provisions of the zoning ordinance that regulate the number of persons  
 261 permitted to occupy a single-family residential dwelling unit, provided such enforcement is in compliance  
 262 with applicable local, state and federal fair housing laws.

263 16. For the issuance of inspection warrants by a magistrate or court of competent jurisdiction. The zoning  
 264 administrator or his agent may make an affidavit under oath before a magistrate or court of competent  
 265 jurisdiction and, if such affidavit establishes probable cause that a zoning ordinance violation has occurred,  
 266 request that the magistrate or court grant the zoning administrator or his agent an inspection warrant to enable  
 267 the zoning administrator or his agent to enter the subject dwelling for the purpose of determining whether  
 268 violations of the zoning ordinance exist. After issuing a warrant under this section, the magistrate or judge  
 269 shall file the affidavit in the manner prescribed by § 19.2-54. After executing the warrant, the zoning  
 270 administrator or his agents shall return the warrant to the clerk of the circuit court of the city or county  
 271 wherein the inspection was made. The zoning administrator or his agent shall make a reasonable effort to  
 272 obtain consent from the owner or tenant of the subject dwelling prior to seeking the issuance of an inspection  
 273 warrant under this section.

274 17. *For the administrative approval of development and construction of housing on land owned by*  
 275 *501(c)(3) property tax-exempt nonprofit organizations pursuant to § 15.2-2288.9.*

276 B. Prior to the initiation of an application by the owner of the subject property, the owner's agent, or any  
 277 entity in which the owner holds an ownership interest greater than 50 percent, for a special exception, special  
 278 use permit, variance, rezoning or other land disturbing permit, including building permits and erosion and  
 279 sediment control permits, or prior to the issuance of final approval, the authorizing body may require the  
 280 applicant to produce satisfactory evidence that any delinquent real estate taxes, nuisance charges, stormwater  
 281 management utility fees, and any other charges that constitute a lien on the subject property, that are owed to  
 282 the locality and have been properly assessed against the subject property, have been paid, unless otherwise  
 283 authorized by the treasurer.

284 **§ 15.2-2288.9. Affordable housing; religious organizations and other tax-exempt properties.**

285 A. *Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special, any locality that has adopted a*  
 286 *zoning ordinance pursuant to this article shall allow by right, and not require a rezoning or other legislative*  
 287 *approval as a precondition to the review or approval of a site plan or subdivision plat, the development or*  
 288 *construction of a mixed-use or residential project by a property tax-exempt religious organization or a*  
 289 *501(c)(3) property tax-exempt nonprofit organization.*

290 B. *Such mixed-use or residential project shall be permitted by right, notwithstanding the use, height, or*  
 291 *density otherwise permitted under the local zoning ordinance. No locality shall require, as a condition of*  
 292 *approval of a subdivision plat, site plan, or plan of development, that a special exception, special use permit,*  
 293 *conditional use permit, or any other discretionary approval be obtained for such mixed-use or residential*  
 294 *project. The review of such mixed-use or residential projects shall be conducted in accordance with the*  
 295 *provisions of §§ 15.2-2258 through 15.2-2261.*

296 C. *Mixed-use or residential projects shall be permitted by right as described in subsection B, provided the*  
 297 *proposed mixed use or residential project meets all of the following conditions:*

298 1. *The property has been owned continuously by the property tax-exempt religious organization or*  
 299 *501(c)(3) property tax-exempt nonprofit organization for five years prior to the housing development*  
 300 *application.*

301 2. *At least 60 percent of the mixed use or residential project's total housing units are for affordable*  
 302 *housing at 80 percent or less of the area median income, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and*  
 303 *Urban Development income limits and rent schedules, for rental units and up to 120 percent of the area*  
 304 *median income for for-sale units, and such affordability is recorded and preserved for a minimum of 30 years*

305 by deed restrictions or other legally binding requirements.

306 3. All housing built is subject to local real property taxation following completion, unless explicitly  
307 exempted by the locality.

308 4. The housing is open to the general public and follows nondiscrimination rules as provided by the  
309 Virginia Fair Housing Law (§ 36-96.1 et seq.).

310 5. Existing public water and sewer lines are located within 500 feet of the property line and the mixed-use  
311 or residential project complies with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, siting statutes, and  
312 regulations, including local environmental, historic, and archaeological standards and siting provisions  
313 contained in zoning and land use codes for similar projects; Department of Environmental Quality laws and  
314 regulations related to wetland protection, stormwater management, and erosion and sediment control;  
315 Department of Transportation laws governing highway access and secondary streets; and Department of  
316 Health laws governing water and wastewater.

317 D. If a mixed-use or residential project meets the requirements of subsection C, local zoning ordinances  
318 shall be deemed to allow, at a minimum (i) a building height of 45 feet, or the height of the tallest existing  
319 building within 500 feet, whichever is greater; however, a locality may by ordinance establish higher  
320 minimum residential densities for properties within a revitalization area; (ii) a density of 20 units per acre,  
321 or the most intensive existing residential unit density within 500 feet of the property line of the proposed  
322 project, whichever is greater; (iii) setbacks of 10 feet or the smallest setback allowed for any existing  
323 property within 500 feet, whichever is less; (iv) construction of mixed-use and residential developments with  
324 a variety of housing types, including detached, attached, and multifamily housing units; and (v) residential  
325 use of at least 70 percent of the gross floor area, and the remaining uses, not to exceed 30 percent of the  
326 gross floor area, may include public accessible ground-floor nonresidential facilities. For properties located  
327 within a designated historic district established as of January 1, 2026, the maximum permitted building  
328 height shall be 60 feet if an existing building of 60 feet or greater in height is located within 500 feet of the  
329 property line. Otherwise, the maximum permitted height shall be 45 feet. Permitted nonresidential uses shall  
330 include religious worship space, child day centers as defined in § 22.1-289.02, health clinics, coffee shops, or  
331 other uses that are ancillary to the operation or mission of the property tax-exempt religious organization or  
332 501(c)(3) property tax-exempt nonprofit organization. No additional requirements shall be imposed  
333 regarding floor-area ratio, minimum unit size, or minimum lot size. Residential parking requirements shall be  
334 limited to no more than one space per residential unit, or the fewest parking spaces required for the by-right  
335 residential parking standard under the local zoning ordinance, whichever is less. Parking requirements for  
336 all other permitted nonresidential uses shall be limited to no more than one space per 300 square feet, or the  
337 fewest parking spaces required for that use type under the local zoning ordinance, whichever is less.

338 E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to property zoned for or adjacent to land zoned for  
339 industrial use.

340 F. Nothing in this section shall apply to any existing permits for a housing development on real property  
341 owned by a property tax-exempt religious organization or a 501(c)(3) property tax-exempt nonprofit  
342 organization approved by the locality prior to January 1, 2027.

343 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict a locality's passage prior to January 1, 2027, of  
344 an ordinance for the development of housing on real property owned by a property tax-exempt religious  
345 organization or a 501(c)(3) property tax-exempt nonprofit organization, or a subsequent amendment thereof,  
346 that substantially complies with the requirements of this section.

347 H. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, this section shall not apply to any parcel located  
348 within the Air Installation Compatible Use Zones footprint in any locality in which a United States military  
349 air installation or an auxiliary landing field used in connection with flight operations arising from a master  
350 jet base is located. Additionally, nothing in this subsection shall be construed as limiting the authority of  
351 localities to adopt ordinances pursuant to §§ 10.1-2206.1 and 15.2-2306 designed to protect existing or  
352 future areas of historic or archaeological significance, historic sites, historic landmarks, and historic  
353 buildings and structures, or to establish local historic districts.

354 I. Nothing in this section shall apply to an application for a rezoning, special exception, or special use  
355 permit that is submitted prior to July 1, 2026.

356 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.**

357 **3. That the provisions of this act shall expire on January 1, 2031.**