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**BUILDING AND FIRE CODE RELATED LAWS PACKAGE
(For correlation with the 2021 State Building and Fire Codes)**

This package is provided to assist persons that are using or applying Virginia's building and fire related laws and regulations. The information contained in this package has been compiled from the Code of Virginia and other sources and is intended to be used as a quick, handy reference guide or aid. The excerpts from the Code of Virginia are only current through the 2022 Session of the General Assembly. More recent laws may be viewed at the website of the Virginia Code Commission at the following address: <http://codecommission.dls.virginia.gov/>

Also contained in this package is information about when an architect's or engineer's seal is required on construction documents (drawings) required for permits to construct buildings and structures, with regard to group classification, occupancy load and physical size and limiting criteria for design of electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems in such structures. There are contacts and telephone numbers for functional design responsibilities and a list of previous adoptions and amendments of the *Uniform Statewide Building Code* (USBC) with dates and references to effective editions of model codes and standards. There is an index and copies of memorandums of agreement for information on the relationship of other state agencies' regulations to the Board of Housing and Community Development's regulations in certain subject areas.

USBC questions: The local building inspection department should be consulted for information and assistance regarding application of the USBC. Additional technical assistance may be obtained by contacting the Department's Division of Building and Fire Regulation at (804) 371-7150.

Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) questions: The local fire prevention department should be consulted for information and assistance regarding application of the SFPC. Additional technical assistance may be obtained by also contacting the Regional State Fire Marshal's office in your area and the State Fire Marshal's Office at (804) 371-0220.

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