The 2012 Virginia codes became effective throughout the state on July 14, 2014. The 2012 edition of the code was published by ICC in June 2014. The regulatory process for the 2015 Virginia codes will begin later this year or early next year. This will include approval and adoption of the revised versions of the International Code Council’s (ICC) codes.

From July 12, 2014 until July 14, 2015, permit applicants were given a one year grace period during which they could choose to construct under the 2009 or the 2012 edition of the code. This grace period ended on July 14, 2015. The 2012 Virginia codes will now be enforced throughout the state.

The Code Compliance Division is responsible for enforcing various county laws and ordinances related to the maintenance and appearance of properties and structures. Code Compliance is a division of the Community Development and Code Compliance Department. The Code Compliance Division is responsible for enforcing various social and economic diversity-related laws and ordinances.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT A COMPLAINT?

If you suspect a violation, you may report it to the Code Compliance Division. The Code Compliance Division begins investigating the complaint. Part of an investigation involves researching property ownership, title, occupants, past or current permits, prior Code Enforcement actions, etc. A significant portion of Code Enforcement investigations are performed “behind the scenes” by exchanging correspondence with the violator, sending legal notices, etc. If the violator fails or refuses to correct the violation, the Code Compliance Division initiates a formal legal process to compel compliance.

If you receive a courtesy notice (Correction Notice or Code Compliance door hanger), it is intended to advise you that a violation of county law has occurred. A courtesy notice (Correction Notice or Code Compliance door hanger) is not a Notice of Violation. If you receive a courtesy notice (Correction Notice or Code Compliance door hanger), you should correct the violation, the Code Compliance Division initiates a formal legal process to compel compliance. If you receive an official “Notice of Violation,” you should contact the Code Enforcement Officer assigned to your case as soon as possible. If you receive an official “Notice of Violation,” you should contact the Code Enforcement Officer assigned to your case as soon as possible.

Questions or comments? Email CitizenComplaint@princegeorgecountyva.gov or call 804.722.8659.