

# **Unified Regulatory Plan of the Virginia Department of Aviation for State Fiscal Year 2024**

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## **Agency Description**

The Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) is a state transportation agency whose mission is to cultivate an advanced aviation system that is safe and secure, and that also provides for economic development, promotes aviation awareness and education, and provides the most efficient flight services for the Commonwealth leadership and state agencies. DOAV promulgates regulations necessary to carry out the laws administered by the department pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Virginia Title 5.1. DOAV operates under the supervision of the Secretary of Transportation.

## **Individual Regulatory Activities**

### **New Actions**

DOAV anticipates no new regulatory activities for Fiscal Year 2024.

### **Ongoing Actions**

DOAV has one ongoing regulatory action, currently in the proposed phase. More information is available on Town Hall located here:

<https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewStage.cfm?stageid=9511>

DOAV has updated its Guidance Document, the Airport Program Manual over the course of winter 2022/2023. Along with an advisory committee of the Virginia Airport Operators Council (VAOC), a draft version was presented to the Virginia Aviation Board at the May 25, 2023 board meeting. Adoption of the Guidance Document is anticipated at the August 2023 board meeting.

<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Take-Off and Landing Unmanned Aircraft on Land Owned by a Political Subdivision or Locality	
<b>Brief Overview</b> Authorizes political subdivisions to regulate take-offs and landing of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) on properties owned by the political subdivision, as required by the General Assembly 2020 session House Bill 742. The proposed action amends 24VAC5-20.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2023

<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> DOAV Airport Program Manual August 2023 revision	
<b>Brief Overview</b> The Airport Program manual is a guidance document and user guide for airport sponsors and DOAV staff for the Commonwealth Aviation Fund for discretionary, entitlement, and maintenance grants. The latest version has been modified by staff, reviewed, and approved by the technical committee for the Virginia Airport Operator's Council (VAOC), and reviewed by the Virginia Aviation Board. Approval and adoption of the Airport Program Manual is anticipated at the August 18, 2023 Virginia Aviation Board Meeting.	
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<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Consolidation, clarification, and improved readability of existing program guidance
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2023