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Virginia's Fuels Taxes Will Increase 2.90% on July 1

In 2020, the Virginia General Assembly increased motor fuels taxes and indexed future rates to the Consumer Price Index. In keeping with the legislative mandate, the Virginia DMV has published new rates for gasoline and diesel that will take effect at 12:01 am on July 1, 2025. The department has announced the rates for the statewide and wholesale taxes which, when combined, will be 41.0 cents for gasoline and 42.1 cents for diesel. The underground storage tank fee on motor fuel will not change and remains at 6/10ths cents per gallon. See chart below.

While these figures are likely to remain, in at least one instance there have been minor changes to the rate between initial announcement and the July 1 effective date. We will continue to closely monitor this process over the next two months.

Statewide		§58.1-2217		
Fuel	FY 2025 Rate	CPI-U for CY 2024	Increase	FY 2026 Rate
Gasoline	\$0.308	2.90%	\$0.009	\$0.317
Diesel	\$0.318	2.90%	\$0.009	\$0.327
Wholesale		§58.1-2295		
Fuel	FY 2025 Rate	CPI-U for CY 2024	Increase	FY 2026 Rate
Gasoline	\$0.090	2.90%	\$0.003	\$0.093
Diesel	\$0.091	2.90%	\$0.003	\$0.094

2024 Virginia Code Development Cycle

On March 10th, the Board of Housing and Community Development began the 2024 Code Development Cycle and to update the Uniform Statewide Building

Code (USBC), Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC), Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR), On April 1, 2025, Virginia's online code development system ([cdpVA](#)) opened for submission of code change proposals for the 2024 Code Development Cycle and we will continue utilizing cdpVA for posting important information related to the Code Development Cycle (CDC). In accordance with Board policy, the final phase of the regulatory update process will be reserved for any necessary editorial corrections to the proposed regulations, so please submit any code change proposals as early as possible to ensure that they will be able to be considered for the 2024 Virginia Codes. The tentative deadline for submission of code change proposals for the 2024 CDC is October 1, 2025.

Study Groups and Sub-Workgroups will begin meeting in June and Workgroup meetings to discuss individual code change proposals will begin in July (tentative schedule attached). Based on feedback from stakeholders, stakeholder meetings for the 2024 CDC will be in-person whenever possible. Base documents for the 2024 Virginia regulations are currently being developed and will be posted in cdpVA as soon as they are completed, prior to the first general workgroup meetings in July. We will participate in this process as we have in the past as opponents of the industry will surely seek to implement mandatory product bans and electrification of home heating

Food Stamp (SNAP) Changes Possible Targeting Soda, Candy Purchases

This week, Arkansas and Indiana applied to the US Department of Agriculture for federal waivers to allow them to prohibit the sale of soda, fruit and vegetable drinks with less than 50% natural juice, "unhealthy drinks," candy, and artificially sweetened candy by consumers using food stamps (SNAP) for those purchases. Presently no state has a waiver that restricts SNAP recipients from purchasing certain foods based on their nutritional value. This policy has been changed under the "Make America Healthy Again" plan pushed by US Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Earlier this week US Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins said that unlike past presidents the Trump Administration will "fast track" SNAP waivers.

It is uncertain what actions, if any, the Youngkin administration will take on SNAP waivers, but we will keep you informed.

Please Help Support EMA PAC

Last week we initiated our solicitation for contributions to the Energy Marketers Association (EMA) of America's Political Action Committee. As a VPCMA member, you are automatically a member of EMA which lobbies the Congress and interacts with and the many regulatory agencies that that impact the nation's fuel marketers. An important component of that representation is supporting those elected officials who support us on Capitol Hill. Federal political contributions must be by **personal check**. We hope that you will be join us in sending a check for \$150 made out to the "EMA PAC." Please mail to the office as follows:

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