

FOIA Exemption for Single Family Residential Dwellings

Effective July 1, 2017

Code of Virginia

Title 36. Housing

Chapter 6. Uniform Statewide Building Code

Code of Virginia

§ 36-105.3. Security of certain records.

Building Code officials shall institute procedures to ensure the safe storage and secure handling by local officials having access to or in the possession of engineering and construction drawings and plans containing critical structural components, security equipment and systems, ventilation systems, fire protection equipment, mandatory building emergency equipment or systems, elevators, electrical systems, telecommunications equipment and systems, and other utility equipment and systems submitted for the purpose of complying with the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ [36-97](#) et seq.) or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ [27-94](#) et seq.).

Further, information contained in engineering and **construction drawings and plans for any single-family residential dwelling** submitted for the purpose of complying with the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ [36-97](#) et seq.) or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ [27-94](#) et seq.) **shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ [2.2-3700](#) et seq.), except to the applicant or the owner of the property upon the applicant's or owner's request.**