

County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2023

TO: Permitting and Code Administration Management Team

FROM: Kirsten Munz, PACA Director

SUBJECT: PACA Policy on Commenting

Comments issued during the acceptance and minimum submission review of site and permit-related submissions will:

- Be clear, concise, and comprehensive.
- Guide the applicant to an acceptable re-submission.

Policies:

- 1. Comments will be written using a respectful and courteous tone.
- 2. When applicable, comments will include reference to specific regulations and/or policy.
- 3. Resubmissions should not include new comments unless the substance of the submission has changed.
- 4. Include links to relevant forms or webpages, when referenced in the comment.
- 5. Include the name of the technician providing the comment.
- 6. Use standard team comments, when applicable, for consistency and predictability.
- 7. Standard comments will be reviewed and regularly updated by their respective team's leadership.
- 8. Supervisors will QC comments made by new staff on an as-needed basis. Supervisors will periodically spot check comments by all staff and coach as needed.
- 9. If a comment has not been addressed at second submission, the comment will be reworded to explain the issue more thoroughly. If a comment has not been addressed at third submission, the technician will provide a scheduling link and recommend a virtual appointment or call the applicant directly to discuss.
- 10. A comprehensive review will be completed during each cycle, even if the submission will not be accepted.

