

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSITY BUILDING OFFICIAL  
AND BUILDING CODE REVIEW UNIT**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University currently uses on a fee basis the services of the Department of General Services, Division of Engineering and Buildings (DEB), to perform the Building Official function to ensure building code compliance for all university related capital projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 23-38.109D of the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act of 2005 and the Management Agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia grant the University the authority to designate its own building official; and

**WHEREAS**, the University performed a cost benefit analysis comparing the cost of continuing to use the services of DEB with the cost of hiring an individual to be the University Building Official and creating a building code review unit to review plans, specifications, and documents for compliance with building codes and standards and perform required inspections of work in progress and the completed capital project; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the cost benefit analysis is extremely positive for the University to designate an individual to be the University Building Official and to create its own building code review unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the University Building Official shall issue building permits for each capital project required by the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code to have a building permit, and shall determine the suitability for occupancy of, and shall issue certifications for building occupancy for all capital projects requiring such certification; and

**WHEREAS**, when serving as the University Building Official, such individual shall organizationally report directly and exclusively to the Board of Visitors through the Board's Buildings and Grounds Committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the University shall designate an individual to be the University Building Official and to create its own building code review unit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Bylaws of the Board of Visitors will be amended to reflect that when serving in the capacity of the University Building Official, the university employee shall organizationally report directly and exclusively to the Board of Visitors through the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The University shall designate an individual to be the University Building Official and to create its own building code review unit, and the Bylaws of the Board of Visitors will be amended to reflect the Board's oversight through the Buildings and Grounds Committee.