

Virginia First Cities Board Membership

Virginia First Cities Coalition is the only statewide advocacy organization dedicated solely to promoting important policy issues that contribute to the health of cities. Founded as a loose coalition of cities to promote common state legislative priorities in 1999, VFC was formally established in 2003 as a 501© (4) organization to impact policies that have a disproportionate effect on cities and to create beneficial programming and funding avenues for our members.

Legislatively speaking, cities, counties and towns are not always treated in the same manner, nor do they have the same powers and authorities. Virginia First Cities has successfully worked to bring needed funding and beneficial policy changes to cities in many categories including: education, transportation and street maintenance, economic and business development, health and human services, public safety, natural resources and more.

The Virginia First Cities Board of Directors consists of two (2) members from each member city: 1) an elected official member (member of City Council or the Mayor); and 2) the city manager. Each city receives two votes at official meetings of the Board.

Virginia First Cities (VFC) elected official board members are appointed to the VFC Board their local city council and serve at their pleasure so long as they remain elected officials representing their city on the city council or are elected or appointed mayor.

The VFC Board has two (2) formal meetings annually: 1) the Fall Legislative Board Meeting, where it adopts its annual legislative program; and 2) the VFC Annual Board Meeting in the spring, where it elects officers. The VFC Board may also meet at the call of the chair. Virginia First Cities also sponsors a legislative update meeting during Local Government Day at the General Assembly and provides other relevant programmatic events for our members.