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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

### Bill No. 23 -2025

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting – Howard County Fire Prevention Code

Title: AN ACT adopting the National Fire Protection Association 1, Fire Code, 2024 Edition as the Howard County Fire Prevention Code, which sets certain fire safety requirements for structures in order to protect life and property; making certain local amendments to the Fire Code which shall include, among other things, inspection authority, charging areas for certain devices in multifamily dwellings, dryer duct materials, sprinkler systems in new day care facilities, stairwell access and lighting, fire department access, fire lane signage, requiring garages with EV chargers to have certain smoke detection systems, and generally relating to fire safety requirements and fire prevention in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time April 7, 2025. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on April 21, 2025.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on May 5, 2025 and Passed ☒, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 6 day of May, 2025 at 5:00 a.m./p.m.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive May 8, 2025

Calvin Ball  
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 ***Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard***  
2 ***County Code is amended as follows:***

3  
4 *By repealing*

5 *Title 17, Public Protection Services*

6 *Section 17.104 "Howard County Fire Prevention Code"*

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8 *By adding*

9 *Title 17, Public Protection Services*

10 *New Section 17.104 "Howard County Fire Prevention Code"*

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12 **Title 17. Public Protection Services.**

13 **Subtitle 1. Fire and Rescue Services.**

14  
15 **SECTION 17.104 HOWARD COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CODE.**

16 (A) *ADOPTION OF NATIONAL CODES:* EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,  
17 THE NFPA 1, FIRE CODE 2024 EDITION (PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION  
18 ASSOCIATION), IS ADOPTED AS THE HOWARD COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CODE AS IF THE  
19 NATIONAL CODE IS SET OUT IN FULL IN THIS SUBTITLE.

20 (B) THE COUNTY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADMINISTER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

21 (C) *LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE HOWARD COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CODE.* THE FOLLOWING  
22 AMENDMENTS MODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTED CODE:

23 (1) GENERAL:

24 (i) THE TERM "CODE OFFICIAL", "ENFORCEMENT OFFICER", OR "FIRE  
25 OFFICIAL" SHALL MEAN THE DIRECTOR, CHIEF OR AHJ OF THE  
26 DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES OR THE CHIEF'S AUTHORIZED  
27 DESIGNEE.

28 (ii) WHEREVER THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY IS TO BE INDICATED, INSERT  
29 "HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND".

(III) WHEREVER THE TERM "THIS CODE" IS USED, IT REFERS TO THIS SUBTITLE, WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE HOWARD COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

(IV) THE TERM "CODE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" SHALL MEAN THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES.

(2) *SUBSECTION 1.1.1(2)*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

INVESTIGATION OF FIRES, EXPLOSIONS, POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENTS, AND OTHER RELATED EMERGENCY INCIDENTS. THESE DUTIES MAY BE PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES.

(3) *SUBSECTION 1.1.1(3)*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING, REVIEW OF SITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ADEQUATE ACCESS, WATER SUPPLY, AND OTHER LIFE SAFETY ISSUES. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS, THE REVIEW OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS, PLANS, AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS, FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS, AND OTHER FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY ISSUES.

(4) *SUBSECTION 1.1.1(5)*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

THE INSPECTION OF EXISTING OCCUPANCIES, STRUCTURES, AND AREAS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS, THE DESIGN OF NEW BUILDINGS AND ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS. THE AHJ MAY INDEPENDENTLY INSPECT NEW AND EXISTING STRUCTURES DURING CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, AND DEMOLITION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSURING COMPLIANCE WITH NFPA 241, AS AMENDED.

(5) *SUBSECTION 1.1.1(6)*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

THE MAINTENANCE AND TESTING OF EXISTING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS,

LICENSES AND PERMITS, THE DESIGN, ALTERATION, MODIFICATION, AND  
INSTALLATION OF NEW AND EXISTING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT.

(6) *SUBSECTION 1.1.1(16)*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS,  
THE ARRANGEMENT, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND ALTERATION OF NEW AND  
EXISTING MEANS OF EGRESS.

(7) *SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

WHEN THIS CODE AND ANY OTHER REFERENCED CODES OR CODE SECTIONS HAVE  
CONFLICTING REQUIREMENTS, THE MOST RESTRICTIVE REQUIREMENT SHALL APPLY.  
THE AHJ MAY ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE FEATURES OR REQUIREMENTS THAT PROVIDE  
THE SAME LEVEL OF FIRE SAFETY AS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CODE. THE AHJ'S  
ACCEPTANCE OF ALTERNATIVES SHALL BE IN WRITING.

(8) *SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1 AS FOLLOWS:

IF SECTIONS OF THIS CODE ARE LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN THE LATEST ADOPTED  
VERSION OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE, THE APPLICABLE  
PROVISIONS OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE SHALL APPLY.

(9) *SECTION 1.4.2*

DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

THE AHJ MAY ACCEPT ALTERNATE METHODS OF SATISFYING INTENT OF THIS CODE  
IF THE MATERIAL, METHOD, OR WORK IS AT LEAST THE EQUIVALENT OF THAT  
REQUIRED BY THIS CODE IN QUALITY, EFFECTIVENESS, DURABILITY, AND SAFETY  
AND MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE INTENT OF THIS CODE.

(10) *SECTION 1.7.1*

DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

ADMINISTRATION. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE AND SECTIONS 17.105, 17.106,  
17.107, AND 17.111 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE SHALL APPLY WITHOUT  
RESTRICTION, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED.

(11) *SECTION 1.7.5*

1 INSERT THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SECTION:

2 IN ADDITION TO THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE AHJ AND THE  
3 ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND OTHER  
4 APPLICABLE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES BY SECTION 1.7.4 AND SECTION 65.1.3 OF  
5 THIS CODE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND  
6 PERMITS, OR THE DIRECTOR'S AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE, MAY ENFORCE THE  
7 PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE WHEN:

- 8 (1) REVIEWING PLANS FOR OR INSPECTING NEW CONSTRUCTION;  
9 (2) REQUESTED TO CONDUCT SPECIFIC INSPECTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE AHJ;  
10 OR  
11 (3) INSPECTING COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, SITES,  
12 OR AREAS.

13 (12) *SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1*

14 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

15 THE AHJ SHALL DESIGNATE PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO INSPECT ALL BUILDINGS,  
16 STRUCTURES, SITES, OR AREAS, INCLUDING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS WHERE  
17 REQUIRED BY THIS CODE, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ASCERTAINING AND CAUSING TO BE  
18 CORRECTED ANY CONDITIONS LIABLE TO CAUSE FIRE, CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPREAD  
19 OF FIRE, INTERFERE WITH FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS, ENDANGER LIFE OR ANY  
20 VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OR INTENT OF THIS CODE OR ANY OTHER  
21 ORDINANCE AFFECTING FIRE SAFETY.

22 (13) *SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1.1*

23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1 AS FOLLOWS:

24 PERSONNEL PERFORMING INSPECTIONS MAY DOCUMENT INSPECTIONS THROUGH  
25 ANY APPROPRIATE MEANS INCLUDING THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO  
26 RECORDING.

27 (14) *SUBSECTION 1.7.7.7*

28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.7.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.7.6 AS FOLLOWS:

29 A PERSON WHO REFUSES TO ALLOW AN INSPECTION OF A BUILDING, STRUCTURE,  
30 SITE, OR AREA WHEN THE INSPECTION IS AUTHORIZED BY THIS CODE IS GUILTY OF A  
31 MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING

\$1,000.00 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

(15) *SUBSECTION 1.7.9.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.9.1 AFTER SECTION 1.7.9 AS FOLLOWS:

A PERSON INTERFERING OR CAUSING A CONDITION THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.00 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

(16) *SUBSECTION 1.7.10.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.10.1 AFTER SECTION 1.7.10 AS FOLLOWS:

A PERSON IMPERSONATING A FIRE OFFICIAL IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.00 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

(17) *SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

AUTHORITY. THE AHJ MAY INVESTIGATE THE ORIGIN, CAUSE, AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF ANY FIRE, EXPLOSION, POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE DEVICE,

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT, OR OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATION. THESE DUTIES MAY BE PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PUBLIC AND/OR PRIVATE AGENCIES.

(18) *SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1 AS FOLLOWS:

TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE COUNTY MAY PURSUE LEGAL ACTION TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO ARSON, MALICIOUS BURNS, EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, AND HOAX EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INCIDENTS FROM THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO COMMITTED THE CRIME(S).

(19) *SUBSECTION 1.7.11.2*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

EVIDENCE. THE AHJ MAY TAKE CUSTODY OF ALL PHYSICAL EVIDENCE RELATING TO A FIRE, EXPLOSION, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT, OR OTHER EMERGENCY OR HAZARDOUS SITUATION.

(20) *SUBSECTION 1.7.11.4*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.11.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.11.3 AS FOLLOWS:

A PERSON INTERFERING OR CAUSING A CONDITION THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH AN INVESTIGATION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.00 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

(21) *SUBSECTION 1.7.13.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

THE AHJ MAY INSPECT STRUCTURES UNDERGOING CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR DEMOLITION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH NFPA 241. WHEN REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS, THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS WITH THE INSPECTION OF NEW CONSTRUCTION,

ALTERATIONS, OR THE INSTALLATION OF PROCESSES OR EQUIPMENT COVERED BY  
THIS CODE.

(22) *SUBSECTION 1.7.13.3*

AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD “OR OTHER APPLICABLE GOVERNMENT  
AUTHORITY” AFTER “AHJ”.

(23) *SUBSECTION 1.7.15.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.15.1 AFTER SECTION 1.7.15 AS FOLLOWS:  
WORK SUBJECT TO A STOP WORK ORDER BY THE AHJ SHALL IMMEDIATELY STOP.  
THE AHJ MAY RESCIND A STOP WORK ORDER AFTER THE SITUATION HAS BEEN  
CORRECTED AND INSPECTED BY THE AHJ OR AN INSPECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT  
OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS DEEMS THE BUILDING IS SAFE.

(24) *SUBSECTION 1.7.15.2*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.15.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.15.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION, A PERSON FAILING TO OBEY AN  
ORDER TO STOP WORK, ABATE A CONDITION, CEASE A USE, OR IMMEDIATELY  
EVACUATE A BUILDING, STRUCTURE, SITE, OR AREA IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.00 OR  
IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN  
ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY,  
A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO  
TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF  
THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES  
IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

(25) *SUBSECTION 1.7.16.5*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.16.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.16.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
THE AHJ MAY ORDER THE EVACUATION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE IF THE FIRE  
DETECTION OR SUPPRESSION SYSTEM IS NOT IN WORKING ORDER, THE BUILDING OR  
STRUCTURE IS OVERCROWDED, OR THERE IS A VIOLATION OF THIS CODE THAT  
CREATES A HAZARDOUS CONDITION, EMERGENCY, OR IMMINENT DANGER.

(26) *SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.3 AS FOLLOWS:



INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED AS STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL (FIRE WATCH) MUST:

- (1) HAVE A FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE BUILDING LAYOUT AND THE BUILDING'S SYSTEMS;
- (2) BE ABLE TO OPERATE VALVES, CLIMB STAIRS, DIAL PHONES, AND SPEAK CALMLY AND CLEARLY IN A STRESSFUL SITUATION;
- (3) MANAGE PEOPLE IN AN EMERGENCY; AND
- (4) HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY TO OPERATE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

(27) *SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4 AS FOLLOWS:

STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL SHALL WALK THE ENTIRE BUILDING AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH HOUR IN ORDER TO CHECK FOR SMOKE OR FIRE AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL MEANS OF EGRESS ARE ACCESSIBLE AND UNOBSTRUCTED.

(28) *SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.2*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.1 AS FOLLOWS:

STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER. HOWEVER, THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL IS THE EVACUATION AND SAFETY OF THE BUILDING'S OCCUPANTS.

(29) *SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.3*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.2 AS FOLLOWS:

STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL SHALL NOT HAVE ANY OTHER DUTIES WHILE THEY ARE SERVING AS STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL.

(30) *SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.4*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.3 AS FOLLOWS:

THE STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL SHALL HAVE THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (911 CENTER).

(31) *SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.5*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.4 AS FOLLOWS:

STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL SHALL MAINTAIN A LOG EVERY HOUR AND SHALL NOTE THE AREA CHECKED, THE TIME IT WAS CHECKED AND BY WHOM. THE LOG SHALL BE

1 MAINTAINED ON THE PREMISES AND, WHERE REQUIRED BY THE AHJ, A COPY  
2 FORWARDED TO THE AHJ BY A METHOD PRESCRIBED BY THE AHJ.

3 (32) *SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.6*

4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.5 AS FOLLOWS:  
5 THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL DESIGNATE THE LESSER OF EITHER: (1) ONE PERSON  
6 PER 100,000 SQ. FT. OF BUILDING SPACE; OR (2) ONE PERSON FOR EVERY FIVE (5)  
7 FLOORS. THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL. WHEN  
8 MULTIPLE PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED, THEY SHALL HAVE THE ABILITY TO  
9 COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER.

10 (33) *SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.7*

11 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.6 AS FOLLOWS:

12 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL SHALL:

- 13 (1) EVACUATE THE OCCUPANTS;
- 14 (2) CALL 911 AND REPORT THE EMERGENCY AND PROVIDE AN EXACT BUILDING  
15 ADDRESS AND LOCATION OF SMOKE OR FIRE;
- 16 (3) NOTIFY OTHER STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL;
- 17 (4) ACTIVATE THE IMPAIRED FIRE ALARM AND/OR SPRINKLER SYSTEM IF  
18 POSSIBLE; AND
- 19 (5) DIRECT RESPONDING FIRE PERSONNEL TO THE SMOKE/FIRE AREA.

20 (34) *SUBSECTION 1.7.17.5*

21 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4 AS FOLLOWS:

22 A PERSON FAILING TO PROVIDE APPROVED STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL (FIRE WATCH)  
23 OR FAILING TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL IS GUILTY OF  
24 A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING  
25 \$1,000.00 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY,  
26 AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR  
27 EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES  
28 PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A  
29 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION  
30 CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

31 (35) *SUBSECTION 1.8.1.1*

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.8.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.8.1 AS FOLLOWS:

2 THE INCIDENT COMMANDER HAS ADDITIONAL POWERS SET FORTH IN SECTION  
3 17.105 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

4 (36) *SECTION 1.9.3*

5 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

6 ANY SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE AHJ OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO THE AHJ  
7 HAS DELEGATED THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THIS CODE BECAUSE OF AN ACT OR  
8 OMISSION PERFORMED IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE OR OTHER PERTINENT  
9 LAW IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE OR ENFORCED BY  
10 THE AHJ SHALL BE DEFENDED BY HOWARD COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
11 MARYLAND LAW AND THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

12 (37) *SECTION 1.11*

13 DELETE THIS SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.

14 (38) *SECTION 1.12*

15 DELETE THIS SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.

16 (39) *SUBSECTION 1.13.1.1*

17 ADD SUBSECTION 1.13.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.13.1 AS FOLLOWS:

18 THE AHJ MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMIT,  
19 CERTIFICATE, OR APPROVAL REQUIRED BY LAW. A PERMIT REQUIRED BY A STATE OR  
20 OTHER COUNTY AGENCY SHALL BE OBTAINED AND A PERMIT REQUIRED BY THE  
21 HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS SHALL  
22 BE OBTAINED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR ALTERATION OF ANY  
23 BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AREA, OR FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT.

24 (40) *SUBSECTION 1.13.6.13*

25 IN THE FIRST LINE, DELETE "PERMITS SHALL" AND SUBSTITUTE "PERMITS MAY".

26 (41) *SECTION 1.13.8*

27 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

28 A PERMIT FOR A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TABLE  
29 1.13.8(A) THROUGH TABLE 1.13.8(D), AND FOR A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL  
30 IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1 OF THIS CODE.

31 (42) *SECTION 1.14.2*

- 1 IN THE SECTION TITLE, DELETE "MANDATORY". IN THE FIRST SENTENCE, DELETE  
2 "SHALL" AND SUBSTITUTE "MAY".
- 3 (43) *SUBSECTION 1.14.12.4*  
4 DELETE THIS SECTION.
- 5 (44) *SECTION 1.15.1*  
6 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
7 WHEN REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS  
8 OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, THE AHJ SHALL ASSIST IN THE PLAN  
9 REVIEW OF NEW CONSTRUCTION, MODIFICATIONS, ALTERATIONS, AND THE  
10 INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT. THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION  
11 DOCUMENTS AND SHOP DRAWINGS TO BE SUBMITTED, REVIEWED, AND APPROVED  
12 BY THE AHJ PRIOR TO THE START OF SUCH WORK.
- 13 (45) *SUBSECTION 1.16.1.1*  
14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.16.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.16.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
15 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY REQUIRE A THIRD-PARTY REVIEW INCLUDE BUT ARE  
16 NOT LIMITED TO:  
17 (1) A PERSON REQUESTS AN EQUIVALENT METHOD, ALTERNATIVE, OR  
18 MODIFICATION TO A CODE REQUIREMENT; OR  
19 (2) THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE ON  
20 TECHNICAL MATTERS, USES, OPERATIONS, OR EQUIPMENT.
- 21 (46) *SECTION 1.17.1*  
22 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
23 NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE USING  
24 ANY OTHER MEANS PROVIDED BY LAW, INCLUDING EQUITABLE AND CRIMINAL  
25 ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A CLASS A OFFENSE AND AS SET FORTH IN  
26 SUBSECTION 1.17.2.1 OF THIS CODE, IF THE AHJ DETERMINES THAT A VIOLATION OF  
27 THIS CODE EXISTS, THE AHJ SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF VIOLATION. ANY  
28 VIOLATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN ABATED WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED BY THE AHJ  
29 SHALL BE A CLASS A VIOLATION FOR FAILURE TO ABATE, PURSUANT TO  
30 SUBSECTION 17.104(C)(24) OF THIS SECTION.
- 31 (47) *SUBSECTION 1.17.1.1*

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.17.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.17.1 AS FOLLOWS:

2 THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ISSUE A CITATION AUTHORIZED BY TITLE 24 OF THE  
3 HOWARD COUNTY CODE WITHOUT ISSUING A NOTICE OF VIOLATION FIRST FOR ANY  
4 CLASS A OFFENSE. WITHOUT LIMITATION, A VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING  
5 PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE IS A CLASS A OFFENSE:

- 6 (1) SECTION 1.7.7, INSPECTIONS;
- 7 (2) SECTION 1.7.9, INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT;
- 8 (3) SECTION 1.7.10, IMPERSONATION;
- 9 (4) SECTION 1.7.11, INVESTIGATION;
- 10 (5) SECTION 1.7.15, STOP WORK ORDER;
- 11 (6) SECTION 1.7.16, IMMINENT DANGERS AND EVACUATION;
- 12 (7) SECTION 1.7.17, STANDBY AND FIRE WATCH PERSONNEL;
- 13 (8) SECTION 1.17.1, FAILURE TO ABATE;
- 14 (9) SECTION 4.4.3, MEANS OF EGRESS;
- 15 (10) SECTION 10.2.8, RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT;
- 16 (11) SECTIONS 13.1.2, 13.1.6.6, 13.1.8, 13.1.9, AND 13.1.15 REGARDING FIRE  
17 PROTECTION SYSTEMS;
- 18 (12) SECTION 14.4, MEANS OF EGRESS RELIABILITY;
- 19 (13) SECTION 18.2.3.6, MARKING OF FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS AND FIRE  
20 LANES;
- 21 (14) SECTION 20.1.5.8.3, REGARDING EXCEEDING OCCUPANCY LIMITS;
- 22 (15) SECTION 60.1, HAZMAT PERMITTING; OR
- 23 (16) CHAPTER 65, REGARDING EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, FLAME EFFECTS  
24 BEFORE AUDIENCE AND MODEL ROCKETRY.

25 (48) *SUBSECTION 1.17.2.1*

26 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

27 WHERE A NOTICE OF VIOLATION IS REQUIRED, IT MAY BE SERVED IN ONE OF THE  
28 FOLLOWING METHODS:

- 29 (1) PERSONAL SERVICE;
- 30 (2) ELECTRONIC DELIVERY;

- (3) CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL, RESTRICTED DELIVERY, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED;
- (4) FIRST CLASS MAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR; OR
- (5) A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION MAY BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE PROPERTY.
- (49) *SUBSECTION 1.17.2.2*  
DELETE THIS SUBSECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- (50) *SUBSECTION 1.17.4.3*  
DELETE THIS SUBSECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- (51) *SECTION 1.17.6*  
ADD NEW SECTION 1.16.6 AFTER SECTION 1.16.5 AS FOLLOWS:  
WHEN THERE IS ANY VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THIS CODE, OR ANY ACTION TAKEN UNDER THIS CODE, THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY INSTITUTE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PREVENT, ENJOIN, ABATE, OR REMOVE THE VIOLATION. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL OTHER REMEDIES PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SUBTITLE AND THIS CODE BY THE USE OF CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS CODE IS A CLASS C OFFENSE EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THIS CODE.
- (52) *SUBSECTION 1.17.6.1*  
ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.17.6.1 AFTER SECTION 1.17.6 AS FOLLOWS:  
IF A PERSON REFUSES OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, OR TO CORRECT A VIOLATION WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION, OR AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS, THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY PETITION THE COURT FOR AN ORDER PERMITTING ENTRY UPON THE PROPERTY TO ABATE THE VIOLATION AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE OR TO TAKE CUSTODY OF UNLAWFUL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.
- (53) *SECTION 1.18*  
DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT FEES. THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY ADOPT BY RESOLUTION A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE AHJ INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ISSUING PERMITS AND PERFORMING INSPECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER SERVICES PERFORMED PURSUANT TO THIS CODE.

(54) *SECTION 2.1*

DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

GENERAL. THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN THIS CHAPTER ARE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CODE AS IF THEY WERE FULLY SET FORTH IN THIS CODE, EXCEPT FOR THE:

- (1) NFPA 5000, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY CODE 2024 EDITION;
- (2) NFPA 54, NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, 2024 EDITION; AND
- (3) NFPA 70, NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, 2023 EDITION.

(55) *SECTION 2.1.1 AND SUBSECTIONS 2.1.1.1 AND 2.1.1.2*

AMEND EACH TO REPLACE "COMPLIANCE" WITH "WHERE PERMITTED BY THE AHJ, COMPLIANCE".

(56) *SECTION 2.1.3*

ADD NEW SECTION 2.1.3 AFTER SECTION 2.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:

EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC TEXT EXTRACTED FROM NFPA 1, A REFERENCE IN THIS CODE TO "NFPA 5000, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY CODE 2024 EDITION" MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY BUILDING CODE ADOPTED IN TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

(57) *SECTION 2.1.4*

ADD NEW SECTION 2.1.4 AFTER SECTION 2.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:

EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC TEXT EXTRACTED FROM NFPA 1, A REFERENCE IN THIS CODE TO "NFPA 54, NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, 2024 EDITION" MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY PLUMBING AND GASFITTING REGULATIONS ADOPTED IN TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

(58) *SECTION 2.1.5*

ADD NEW SECTION 2.1.5 AFTER SECTION 2.1.4 AS FOLLOWS:

EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC TEXT EXTRACTED FROM NFPA 1, A REFERENCE IN THIS CODE TO "NFPA 70, NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2023 EDITION" MEANS THE HOWARD

COUNTY ELECTRICAL REGULATIONS ADOPTED IN TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE  
HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

(59) *SECTION 2.2*

DELETE THE REFERENCED PUBLICATION "NFPA 150, STANDARD ON FIRE AND LIFE  
SAFETY IN ANIMAL HOUSING FACILITIES," AS AMENDED.

(60) *SECTION 2.4*

AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE THE PUBLICATION NFPA 5000 BUILDING  
CONSTRUCTION SAFETY CODE, 2024 EDITION. WHEREVER NFPA 5000 IS  
REFERENCED, OTHER THAN FOR EXTRACTED TEXT, SUBSTITUTE THE BUILDING  
CODE ADOPTED BY THE AHJ.

(61) *SECTION 3.2.2*

DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION (AHJ). FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CODE THE  
AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION IS THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE  
AND RESCUE SERVICES.

(62) *SUBSECTION 3.2.8.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.2.8.1 AFTER SECTION 3.2.8. AS FOLLOWS:  
MAY. MAY IS PERMISSIVE AND DISCRETIONARY. WHEN THIS CODE STATES "THE  
AHJ MAY REQUIRE" INDICATES A REQUIREMENT, PROVISION, OR PRACTICE THAT  
CAN BE MANDATED BY THE AHJ DEPENDING UPON THE SITUATION OR  
CIRCUMSTANCES.

(63) *SECTION 3.3.2*

AT THE END OF THIS SECTION, ADD THE FOLLOWING:  
THE AHJ SHALL SPECIFY THE TYPE OF BOX, DEVICE, OR SYSTEM.

(64) *SUBSECTION 3.3.17.9.1*

ADD SUBSECTION 3.3.17.9.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.17.9:  
CONSUMER FIREWORKS RETAIL SALES AREA. THE PORTION OF A CONSUMER  
FIREWORKS RETAIL SALES FACILITY OR STORE, INCLUDING THE IMMEDIATELY  
ADJACENT AISLES, WHERE CONSUMER FIREWORKS ARE LOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE  
OR RETAIL DISPLAY AND SALE TO THE PUBLIC.

(65) *SECTION 3.3.23A*



1 ADD NEW SECTION 3.3.23A AFTER SECTION 3.3.23 AS FOLLOWS:

2 BARBECUE GRILL. EQUIPMENT USED FOR OUTDOOR COOKING THAT USES  
3 ELECTRICITY, CHARCOAL, LIQUID PROPANE GAS, NATURAL GAS, OR OTHER FUEL FOR  
4 ITS HEAT SOURCE.

5 (66) *SECTION 3.3.34A*

6 ADD NEW SECTION 3.3.34A AFTER SECTION 3.3.34 AS FOLLOWS:

7 BULKHEAD DOOR. A TYPE OF DOOR ASSEMBLY COVERING AN OPENING IN THE  
8 GROUND THAT PROVIDES DIRECT ACCESS TO A BASEMENT, THE FLOOR OF WHICH IS  
9 NOT MORE THAN 8 FEET BELOW GROUND LEVEL. THE DOOR CONSISTS OF EITHER A  
10 SINGLE RIGID LEAF OR TWO OVERLAPPING RIGID LEAVES OR COVERS THAT NEED TO  
11 BE PUSHED OR LIFTED UPWARD IN ORDER TO BE OPENED. AFTER OPENING THE  
12 DOOR, A PERSON CAN WALK UP A SERIES OF STEPS TO ESCAPE TO THE OUTSIDE. A  
13 BULKHEAD DOOR IS ALSO CALLED A HURRICANE DOOR.

14 (67) *SECTION 3.3.125*

15 AT THE END OF THIS SECTION ADD "A USE-IN-COMMON DRIVEWAY, ACCESS PLACE  
16 ROAD, OR FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD SERVING MORE THAN ONE  
17 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING MAY BE CONSIDERED A FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD  
18 OR FIRE LANE."

19 (68) *SECTION 3.3.131*

20 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

21 FIRE LANE. A FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD, CURB, ROADWAY OR PORTION OF A  
22 ROADWAY THAT IS DESIGNATED BY THE AHJ AS REQUIRED FOR ACCESS BY  
23 EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THAT IS MARKED WITH APPROVED SIGNS OR OTHER  
24 NOTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CODE.

25 (69) *SECTION 3.3.136*

26 AMEND THIS SECTION TO ADD "AND AS REFERENCED IN PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE,  
27 §10-101, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, OR AS DETERMINED BY THE AHJ."

28 (70) *SUBSECTION 3.3.136.1*

29 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD "AND AS REFERENCED IN PUBLIC SAFETY  
30 ARTICLE, §10-101, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, OR AS DETERMINED BY THE  
31 AHJ."

1 (71) *SECTION 3.3.166*

2 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

3 IMMINENT DANGER. A CONDITION, USE, OR PRACTICE IN AN OCCUPANCY,  
4 STRUCTURE, SITE, OR AREA THAT POSES A HAZARD OR DANGER THAT COULD  
5 REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO CAUSE DEATH, PHYSICAL INJURY, OR DAMAGE TO  
6 PROPERTY.

7 (72) *SUBSECTION 3.3.175*

8 DELETE SUBSECTION 3.3.175

9 (73) *SECTION 3.3.177A*

10 ADD NEW SECTION 3.3.177A AFTER SECTION 3.3.177 AS FOLLOWS:

11 LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION. A WRITTEN REVIEW DEALING WITH THE ADEQUACY OF  
12 LIFE SAFETY FEATURES RELATIVE TO FIRE, STORM, COLLAPSE, CROWD BEHAVIOR,  
13 AND OTHER RELATED SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS.

14 (74) *SECTION 3.3.180A*

15 ADD NEW SECTION 3.3.180A AFTER SECTION 3.3.180 AS FOLLOWS:

16 LOCK-UP. EXCEPT IN A DETENTION OR CORRECTIONAL OCCUPANCY, AN AREA  
17 WHERE OCCUPANTS ARE RESTRAINED AND MOSTLY INCAPABLE OF SELF-  
18 PRESERVATION BECAUSE OF SECURITY MEASURES THAT ARE NOT UNDER THE  
19 OCCUPANT'S CONTROL.

20 (75) *SUBSECTION 3.3.203.6*

21 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

22 (76) *SUBSECTION 3.3.203.7*

23 DELETE "FOUR OR MORE".

24 (77) *SUBSECTION 3.3.203.7.1*

25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.203.7.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.203.7 AS FOLLOWS:

26 FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME. A DAY-CARE HOME, GENERALLY WITHIN A DWELLING  
27 UNIT, IN WHICH 8 OR FEWER CLIENTS RECEIVE CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND  
28 SUPERVISION BY AN INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN A RELATIVE OR LEGAL GUARDIAN  
29 FOR LESS THAN 24 HOURS PER DAY.

30 (78) *SUBSECTION 3.3.203.7.2*

31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.203.7.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.203.7.1 AS FOLLOWS:

GROUP DAY-CARE HOME. A DAY-CARE HOME, GENERALLY WITHIN A DWELLING UNIT, IN WHICH NOT LESS THAN 9, BUT NOT MORE THAN 12, CLIENTS RECEIVE CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPERVISION BY AN INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN A RELATIVE OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR LESS THAN 24 HOURS PER DAY.

(79) *SUBSECTION 3.3.203.7.3*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.203.7.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.203.7.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
DAY CARE CENTER. A DAY CARE OCCUPANCY IN WHICH MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS RECEIVE CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPERVISION BY AN INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN A RELATIVE OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, FOR LESS THAN 24 HOURS PER DAY.

(80) *SUBSECTION 3.3.203.17*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

LODGING OR ROOMING HOUSE. A BUILDING OR PORTION OF A BUILDING THAT:

- (1) DOES NOT QUALIFY AS A ONE- OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING;
- (2) PROVIDES SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 6 OR MORE PEOPLE BUT NOT MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ON A TRANSIENT OR PERMANENT BASIS;
- (3) DOES NOT PROVIDE PERSONAL CARE SERVICES;
- (4) MAY OR MAY NOT PROVIDE MEALS; AND
- (5) DOES NOT HAVE SEPARATE COOKING FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL OCCUPANTS.

(81) *SUBSECTIONS 3.3.203.25 AND 3.3.203.25.1*

AMEND THESE SUBSECTIONS TO DELETE "THREE" AND SUBSTITUTE "FIVE" AND DELETE ", IF ANY, ACCOMMODATED IN RENTED ROOMS".

(82) *SUBSECTION 3.3.203.28*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

RESIDENTIAL BOARD AND CARE OCCUPANCY. A BUILDING OR PORTION OF A BUILDING THAT IS USED FOR LODGING AND BOARDING OF SIX OR MORE RESIDENTS, NOT RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE TO THE OWNER OR OPERATOR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE SERVICES.

(83) *SECTION 3.3.218A*

ADD NEW SECTION 3.3.218A AFTER SECTION 3.3.218 AS FOLLOWS:

PERSON:

- (1) AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION,  
ORGANIZATION, OR ANY OTHER GROUP ACTING AS A UNIT; OR
- (2) AN EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, TRUSTEE, RECEIVER, OR OTHER  
REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED ACCORDING TO LAW.
- (84) *SECTION 3.3.239*  
DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
RECREATIONAL FIRE. THE OUTSIDE OPEN BURNING OF ANY MATERIAL FOR  
PLEASURE, RELIGIOUS, CEREMONIAL, COOKING, OR SIMILAR PURPOSES THAT IS  
SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY THE AHJ.
- (85) *SUBSECTION 4.4.3.1.4*  
ADD NEW SUBSECTION 4.4.3.1.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 4.4.3.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
VISUAL OBSCURATION SYSTEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY OR BURGLAR ALARM  
SYSTEMS ARE NOT PERMITTED.
- (86) *SUBSECTION 4.5.8.1*  
AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE "FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
CODE".
- (87) *SUBSECTION 4.5.8.3*  
AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE "BY THE CODE".
- (88) *SUBSECTION 6.1.8.1.1*  
AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE "THREE" AND SUBSTITUTE "FIVE" AND TO DELETE  
", IF ANY ACCOMMODATED IN RENTED ROOMS".
- (89) *SUBSECTION 6.1.9.1*  
DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
DEFINITION – RESIDENTIAL BOARD AND CARE OCCUPANCY. A BUILDING OR  
PORTION OF A BUILDING THAT IS USED FOR LODGING AND BOARDING OF SIX OR  
MORE RESIDENTS, NOT RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE TO THE OWNER OR  
OPERATOR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE SERVICES.
- (90) *SECTION 10.1.2*  
AMEND THIS SECTION TO ADD "EXCEPT AS AMENDED BY TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 1,  
SECTION 17.104 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE"
- (91) *SUBSECTION 10.1.2.1*

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.1.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:

2 WHEN PROVISIONS OF THE LIFE SAFETY CODE (NFPA 101) CONFLICT WITH THIS  
3 CODE, THE MORE RESTRICTIVE REQUIREMENTS SHALL APPLY.

4 (92) *SECTION 10.2.7*

5 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AS WELL AS TABLE 10.2.7.1.

6 (93) *SECTION 10.2.8*

7 ADD NEW SECTION 10.2.8 AFTER SECTION 10.2.7 AS FOLLOWS:

8 RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT. ANY PERSON WHO RECKLESSLY ENGAGES IN  
9 CONDUCT, IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS CODE, THAT CREATES A  
10 SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY IS GUILTY OF A  
11 MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING  
12 \$1,000.00 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY,  
13 OR IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR  
14 EQUITY, THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES  
15 PURSUANT TO TITLE 24 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF EITHER  
16 SECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A  
17 SEPARATE OFFENSE.

18 (94) *SECTION 10.5.1*

19 DELETE SECTION 10.5.1 AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

20 WHENEVER A FIRE OR EMERGENCY OCCURS IN A BUILDING OR THERE IS A REASON  
21 TO BELIEVE A FIRE OR EMERGENCY EXISTS IN A BUILDING, THE BUILDING SHALL BE  
22 IMMEDIATELY EVACUATED AND MAY NOT BE REOCCUPIED WITHOUT PERMISSION OF  
23 THE FIRE OFFICIAL IN CHARGE. IF THE BUILDING IS PROVIDED WITH A MANUAL FIRE  
24 WARNING SYSTEM, A PERSON WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE FIRE OR EMERGENCY  
25 SHALL ACTIVATE THE MANUAL FIRE WARNING SYSTEM. COMPLETE EVACUATION IS  
26 NOT REQUIRED WHEN ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN DETAILED IN A FIRE  
27 PLAN, INCLUDING A PLAN TO SHELTER IN PLACE THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE  
28 AHJ.

29 (95) *SECTION 10.5.2*

30 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO REPLACE “AHJ” WITH “AHJ OR INCIDENT  
31 COMMANDER”.

1           (96)   *SECTION 10.9.5*

2           ADD NEW SECTION 10.9.5 AFTER SECTION 10.9.4 AS FOLLOWS:

3           IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION AND  
4           REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC OCCUPANCIES AS SET FORTH IN THIS CODE, THE  
5           REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE SHALL  
6           APPLY.

7           (97)   *SECTION 10.10.1*

8           DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

9           AS ALLOWED BY THE AHJ, ALL OUTDOOR, OPEN, RECREATIONAL, COOKING, AND  
10          SIMILAR FIRES SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 12.108 OF THE  
11          HOWARD COUNTY CODE, AS WELL AS THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

12          (98)   *SUBSECTION 10.10.1.1*

13          DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

14          UNLESS OPEN FLAME DEVICES OR CANDLES MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS,  
15          A PERSON SHALL NOT USE OR ALLOW TO BE USED, OPEN FLAMES OR BURNING  
16          CANDLES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PUBLIC MEETING OR GATHERING FOR THE  
17          PURPOSE OF DELIBERATION, ENTERTAINMENT, AMUSEMENT, INSTRUCTION,  
18          EDUCATION, RECREATION, DISPLAY, OR SIMILAR PURPOSE IN ANY OCCUPANCY OPEN  
19          TO THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING ASSEMBLY, BUSINESS, EDUCATIONAL, DAYCARE AND OR  
20          MERCANTILE OCCUPANCIES. CANDLES OR OPEN FLAME DEVICES NOT MEETING THE  
21          FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MAY BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH A WORSHIP  
22          SERVICE IN ANY PLACE OF WORSHIP IF USED OR DISPOSED OF IN SUCH A MANNER AS  
23          NOT TO CREATE A HAZARDOUS CONDITION, EMERGENCY, OR IMMINENT DANGER.  
24          FOR A CANDLE OR DEVICE TO BE APPROVED BY THE AHJ, THE CANDLE OR DEVICE  
25          SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH BELOW AND ALL REFERENCED AND  
26          APPLICABLE CODES.

27          (1)   CANDLES, DISPOSABLE OR REFILLABLE FUEL CARTRIDGES, OR OTHER OPEN-  
28                FLAME DECORATIVE LIGHTING SHALL NOT USE CLASS I, II, OR IIIA LIQUIDS OR  
29                LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES (LPG). EXAMPLES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT  
30                LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

31                (A) CLASS I: GASOLINE, ALCOHOL, TURPENTINE;

1 (B) CLASS II: DIESEL FUEL, KEROSENE;

2 (C) CLASS IIIA: MINERAL OIL, LINSEED OIL, OIL BASED PAINTS; AND

3 (D) LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES: PROPANE, BUTANE, BUTYLENES, PROPYLENE.

4 (2) EXCEPT FOR CANDLES, LIQUID OR SOLID FUELED LIGHTING DEVICES SHALL  
5 HAVE A SELF-EXTINGUISHING CAPTIVE-FREE FLOATING SNUFFING DEVICE AND  
6 SHALL NOT LEAK FUEL AT A RATE OF MORE THAN  $\frac{1}{4}$  TEASPOON PER MINUTE IF  
7 TIPPED OVER.

8 (3) DEVICES OR HOLDERS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED TO PREVENT THE SPILLING OF  
9 LIQUID FUEL OR WAX AT THE RATE OF MORE THAN  $\frac{1}{4}$  TEASPOON PER MINUTE  
10 WHEN THE DEVICE OR HOLDER IS NOT IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION.

11 (4) EXCEPT FOR UNITS THAT SELF-EXTINGUISH AND DO NOT SPILL FUEL OR WAX  
12 AT THE RATE OF MORE THAN  $\frac{1}{4}$  TEASPOON PER MINUTE IF TIPPED OVER,  
13 DEVICES OR HOLDERS SHALL BE DESIGNED TO RETURN TO THE UPRIGHT  
14 POSITION AFTER BEING TILTED TO AN ANGLE OF 45 DEGREES.

15 (5) EXCEPT WHERE OPENINGS ON THE SIDES ARE NOT MORE THAN  $\frac{3}{4}$  OF AN INCH IN  
16 DIAMETER, FLAMES OF CANDLES, DISPOSABLE OR REFILLABLE FUEL  
17 CARTRIDGES, OR OTHER OPEN-FLAME DECORATIVE LIGHTING SHALL BE  
18 ENCLOSED. THE OPENING ON THE TOP AND THE DISTANCE TO THE TOP SHALL  
19 BE SUCH THAT A SINGLE LAYER OF TISSUE PAPER PLACED ON THE TOP WILL  
20 NOT IGNITE IN 10 SECONDS AND THE FUEL CONTAINER SHALL HAVE NO MEANS  
21 OF ADJUSTING THE HEIGHT OF THE FLAME.

22 (6) EXCEPT WHERE AN OPEN FLAME DEVICE SELF-EXTINGUISHES IF THE DEVICE IS  
23 TIPPED OVER, CHIMNEYS SHALL BE MADE OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL  
24 AND SHALL BE SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE OPEN-FLAME DEVICE.

25 (7) DISPOSABLE OR REFILLABLE LIQUID FUEL CARTRIDGES SHALL NOT BE UNDER  
26 PRESSURE AND SHALL BE SAFELY SEALED FOR STORAGE. THE FUEL CONTAINER  
27 SHALL BE SEALED SO THAT IT CANNOT BE REFILLED ON THE PREMISES AND SO  
28 THAT THE BURNER ASSEMBLY CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM THE FUEL  
29 CONTAINER.

30 (8) CHIMNEY SHADES, IF USED, SHALL BE MADE OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE  
31 MATERIALS AND SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE OPEN-FLAME DEVICE HOLDER

OR CHIMNEY. THE BASE, DEVICE, OR HOLDER AND ANY DECORATION AROUND  
OR NEAR THE BASE MUST BE NONCOMBUSTIBLE. DEVICES MUST BE LOCATED  
SO AS TO AVOID IGNITION OF ANY COMBUSTIBLES.

- (9) USED OR PREVIOUSLY BURNED CANDLES OR OTHER OPEN FLAME DEVICES  
MUST BE STORED OR DISPOSED OF IN A MANNER APPROVED BY THE AHJ. THIS  
INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, PLACING USED CANDLES STORED FOR  
FUTURE USE IN NON-COMBUSTIBLE STORAGE CONTAINERS AFTER THE CANDLE  
HAS COOLED. CANDLES BEING DISPOSED OF MUST BE PLACED IN NON-  
COMBUSTIBLE WASTE CONTAINERS.

(99) *SUBSECTIONS 10.10.1.2, 10.10.1.3 AND 10.10.1.4*

DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS.

(100) *SECTION 10.10.2*

ADD "SKY LANTERNS," AFTER "CANDLES,"

(101) *SECTION 10.10.4.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

OPEN FIRES GREATER THAN 3 FT IN DIAMETER SHALL BE LOCATED NOT LESS THAN  
50 FT FROM ANY STRUCTURE AND MUST MEET ALL PROVISIONS SET FORTH BY THE  
AHJ. NO FIRES OVER 5 FT IN DIAMETER ARE ALLOWED UNLESS EXPRESS WRITTEN  
PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE AHJ AND THE HOWARD COUNTY BUREAU OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

(102) *SUBSECTION 10.10.4.3*

AMEND THIS SECTION TO ADD "AS REFERENCED IN 10.10.4.7" AFTER "MANNER".

(103) *SUBSECTION 10.10.4.5*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.10.4.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.10.4.4 AS FOLLOWS:

FUEL FOR THE FIRE SHALL CONSIST ONLY OF SEASONED DRY FIREWOOD AND SHALL  
BE IGNITED WITH SOMETHING OTHER THAN A FLAMMABLE LIQUID SUCH AS A SMALL  
QUANTITY OF PAPER.

(104) *SUBSECTION 10.10.4.6*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.10.4.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.10.4.5 AS FOLLOWS:

IF SEVERE WINDS ARE PREVALENT (GREATER THAN 10 MPH), THE FIRE MAY NOT BE  
IGNITED.



1 (105) *SUBSECTION 10.10.4.7*

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.10.4.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.10.4.6 AS FOLLOWS:

3 WHERE THE CONTAINMENT METHOD AS REFERENCED IN SUBSECTION 10.10.4.3 IS  
4 APPROVED BY THE AHJ, DEVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CHIMINEAS,  
5 LUMINARIES, AND FIRE PITS MAY BE LOCATED NO CLOSER THAN 15 FT OF ANY  
6 STRUCTURE, BUT NOT ON ANY BALCONY OR UNDER ANY OVERHANGING PORTION.  
7 WHILE EVALUATING THE SPECIFIC DEVICE FOR APPROVAL OF THE REDUCED  
8 DISTANCE, THE AHJ SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER SUBSECTIONS 10.10.4.5 AND  
9 10.10.4.6 SHALL APPLY.

10 (106) *SUBSECTION 10.10.4.7.1*

11 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.10.4.7.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.10.4.7 AS FOLLOWS:

12 DEVICES REFERENCED IN SUBSECTION 10.10.4.7 THAT ARE PART OF THE APPROVED  
13 ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH SPARK ARRESTORS AND THE  
14 FIRE AREA SHALL NOT EXCEED 3 FEET IN DIAMETER.

15 (107) *SUBSECTION 10.10.6.1*

16 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE "10 FT (3 M)" AND SUBSTITUTE "15 FT".

17 (108) *SUBSECTION 10.10.6.2*

18 DELETE SUBSECTION 10.10.6.2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.10.6.1.1 AFTER  
19 SUBSECTION 10.10.6.1 AS FOLLOWS:

20 THE AHJ SHALL APPROVE ELECTRIC GRILLS THAT DO NOT USE AN ALTERNATIVE  
21 FUEL.

22 (109) *SECTION 10.10.7*

23 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE:

24 PATIO HEATERS WITH AN OPEN FLAME SHALL NOT BE WITHIN 5 FEET OF AN EXIT OR  
25 OPENING, OR USED IN A STRUCTURE, ENCLOSED AREA, OR OVERHANG. PATIO  
26 HEATERS WITH AN OPEN FLAME SHALL BE SECURED, MAINTAINED, AND KEPT AWAY  
27 FROM COMBUSTIBLES. THE USE OF ANY PATIO HEATER WITH AN OPEN FLAME SHALL  
28 BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATIONS. PROPANE FUELED  
29 PATIO HEATERS SHALL ALSO MEET REQUIREMENTS IN 69.3.13 OF THE NFPA 1.

30 (110) *SUBSECTION 10.11.1.1*

31 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

1 THE OWNER OF A STRUCTURE SHALL DISPLAY ARABIC NUMBERS DESIGNATING THE  
2 ADDRESS ASSIGNED TO THE STRUCTURE BY THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
3 PLANNING AND ZONING.

4 (1) NUMBERS SHALL BE AT LEAST FOUR INCHES HIGH FOR SINGLE-FAMILY  
5 DETACHED AND ATTACHED RESIDENCES AND SIX INCHES HIGH FOR  
6 COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND MULTI-FAMILY STRUCTURES.

7 (2) FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, WHERE A COMMON NUMERIC  
8 ADDRESS IS USED FOR SEPARATE DWELLINGS IN A VERTICAL STACK OR  
9 COLUMN, AN ALPHABETIC IDENTIFIER MUST DESIGNATE EACH DWELLING OF  
10 THE STRUCTURE. THE LOWEST LEVEL OCCUPANCY SHALL ALWAYS BE  
11 ASSIGNED AS THE "A" UNIT. SUBSEQUENT OCCUPANCIES ABOVE SHALL  
12 PROCEED SEQUENTIALLY WITH ALPHABETIC DESIGNATIONS. ANY  
13 ALTERATION TO THIS CONFIGURATION MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY  
14 THE AHJ.

15 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBERS REQUIRED ON A STRUCTURE, WHERE THE  
16 STRUCTURE HAS MORE THAN ONE ADDRESS OR WHERE MORE THAN ONE  
17 STRUCTURE SHARE A COMMON ENTRY DRIVEWAY, NUMBERS SHALL  
18 DESIGNATE THE ADDRESSES IN SEQUENCE ON A SIGN POSTED AT THE ENTRY  
19 OR COMMON DRIVEWAY.

20 (4) THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE ADDRESS IDENTIFICATION TO BE LOCATED ON MORE  
21 THAN ONE SIDE OF THE STRUCTURE.

22 (5) ADDRESS NUMBERS AT LEAST 6 INCHES IN HEIGHT SHALL BE INSTALLED ON  
23 THE REAR ACCESS DOORS TO ALL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. THOSE  
24 DOORS WHICH ARE LOCATED INSIDE OF A MALL, OFFICE BUILDING OR  
25 SIMILAR SPACE WITH ASSIGNED SUITE NUMBERS SHALL HAVE THEIR SUITE  
26 NUMBERS POSTED WITH NUMERALS OR ALPHABET LETTERS AT LEAST 2½  
27 INCHES TALL.

28 (6) WHERE NO ADDRESS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY  
29 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING, A PREMISES IDENTIFICATION  
30 MEANS APPROVED BY THE AHJ SHALL BE USED FOR IDENTIFICATION  
31 PURPOSES.

(7) IN ALL NEW RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS HAVING TWO OR MORE FLOORS, A UNIFORM NUMERIC SYSTEM SHALL BE UTILIZED TO IDENTIFY ALL DWELLING UNITS WITH A NUMBER THAT IS UNIQUE TO ONLY ONE UNIT. ALL UNITS IN A VERTICAL STACK OR COLUMN SHALL BE UNIFORMLY NUMBERED SUCH THAT THEY ALL SHARE A NUMERIC REFERENCE TO EACH OTHER IN THAT STACK OR COLUMN, AS APPROVED BY THE AHJ. FOR EXAMPLE, UNIT 301 SHALL BE DIRECTLY OVER UNIT 201, WHICH IS DIRECTLY OVER UNIT 101. IN THE EVENT AN OPEN OR AMENITY SPACE ON ANY FLOOR PREVENTS THIS UNIFORMITY, THE CORRESPONDING UNIT NUMBER SHALL BE OMITTED RATHER THAN MOVED OUTSIDE OF THE NUMERICALLY UNIFORM COLUMN OR STACK.

(111) *SUBSECTION 10.11.1.3*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

NUMBERS SHALL BE POSTED ON A CONTRASTING BACKGROUND AND DISPLAYED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE THAT IS UNOBSTRUCTED AND CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE STREET NAMED IN THE OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE STRUCTURE.

(112) *SUBSECTION 10.11.1.6*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

WHERE REQUIRED BY THE AHJ, THE ASSIGNMENT OF ADDRESSES TO BUILDINGS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROVED METHOD.

(113) *SUBSECTION 10.11.1.7*

AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO REPLACE "ADDRESS" WITH "WHERE REQUIRED BY THE AHJ, ADDRESS".

(114) *SUBSECTION 10.11.1.9*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.11.1.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.11.1.8 AS FOLLOWS:

WHERE REQUIRED BY THE AHJ, SYMBOLS IN COMPLIANCE WITH NFPA 170 STANDARD FOR FIRE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SYMBOLS SHALL BE USED.

(115) *SUBSECTION 10.11.3.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

STAIRS SERVING THREE OR MORE STORIES SHALL COMPLY WITH 10.11.3.1.1 THROUGH 10.11.3.1.16.

1 (116) *SECTION 10.11.3.1.4*

2 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD “ALPHABETIC” BEFORE “IDENTIFICATION”.

3 (117) *SECTION 10.11.3.1.4.1*

4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.11.3.1.4.1 AFTER SECTION 10.11.3.1.4 AS FOLLOWS:

5 AN ADDITIONAL AFFIXED SIGN SHALL BE PROVIDED ON THE EXTERIOR OF EACH  
6 STAIRWELL DOOR AT THE GROUND LEVEL INDICATING THE ALPHABETIC  
7 IDENTIFICATION OF THE STAIR ENCLOSURE PRECEDED BY THE WORD “STAIR”.

8 (118) *SUBSECTION 10.12.2.1*

9 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

10 WHERE THE AHJ DETERMINES A LIFE SAFETY OR OTHER HAZARD EXISTS, THE AHJ  
11 MAY APPROVE FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS IN SEASONAL AND  
12 VACANT BUILDINGS TO BE REMOVED FROM SERVICE. THIS APPROVAL SHALL BE IN  
13 WRITING.

14 (119) *SECTION 10.12.4*

15 ADD NEW SECTION 10.12.4 AFTER SECTION 10.12.3 AS FOLLOWS:

16 A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE IS A FIRE HAZARD IF THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE OR  
17 ANY PORTION OF THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE IS VACANT AND UNSECURED.

18 (120) *SECTION 10.12.5*

19 ADD NEW SECTION 10.12.5 AFTER SECTION 10.12.4 AS FOLLOWS:

20 THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE ALL UTILITIES TO BE DISCONNECTED IN A VACANT  
21 BUILDING OR STRUCTURE.

22 (121) *SECTION 10.12.6*

23 ADD NEW SECTION 10.12.6 AFTER SECTION 10.12.5 AS FOLLOWS:

24 THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE THE VACANT OR ABANDONED STRUCTURE TO BE MARKED  
25 WITH SYMBOLS PROVIDED BY THE AHJ AT THE STRUCTURE'S FRONT DOOR THAT  
26 SHALL INDICATE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

27 (1) VACANT—NORMAL STABILITY AT TIME OF MARKING;

28 (2) VACANT—INTERIOR HAZARDS EXISTS TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT INTERIOR  
29 OPERATIONS MAY BE CONDUCTED ONLY AFTER EXAMINATION, AND WITH  
30 EXTREME CAUTION; OR

(3) VACANT—EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS FROM THE EXTERIOR. WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ENTER THE BUILDING, ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

(A) APPROVAL BY THE OFFICER IN COMMAND IS REQUIRED;

(B) EXAMINATION MUST BE CONDUCTED BEFORE UNIT IS COMMITTED;

(C) OPERATING FORCE AND INTERIOR OPERATIONAL TIME TO BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

(122) *SUBSECTION 10.13.2.1*

AMEND THIS SECTION TO INSERT “, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17.106 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE” AFTER “HAZARD”.

(123) *SUBSECTION 10.14.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

ALL SPECIAL EVENTS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS SET FORTH IN THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE, TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 9. WHEN THE SPECIAL EVENT DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT, AS SPECIFIED IN TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 9, THE ORGANIZER OR RESPONSIBLE PARTY SHALL NOTIFY THE AHJ NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT FOR REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CODE.

(124) *SUBSECTION 10.14.12.2.6*

AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE "ANY VEHICLES" AND SUBSTITUTE "ANY VEHICLES, BUILDINGS,".

(125) *SECTION 10.15.5.1*

AMEND THIS SECTION TO REPLACE “PORTABLE” WITH “UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE AHJ, PORTABLE”.

(126) *SECTION 10.16.1*

DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

OUTSIDE STORAGE OF COMBUSTIBLE OR FLAMMABLE MATERIAL SHALL NOT BE LOCATED WITHIN 15 FEET OF A PROPERTY LINE, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR ANYTHING DETERMINED AS AT RISK BY THE AHJ. THE VOLUME OF MATERIAL SHALL NOT EXCEED 2,500 CUBIC FEET.

(127) *SUBSECTION 10.16.1.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.16.1.1 AFTER SECTION 10.16.1 AS FOLLOWS:

THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE THE AREA OF OUTSIDE STORAGE BE ENCLOSED BY A  
SECURITY FENCE AT LEAST SIX FEET IN HEIGHT.

(128) *SUBSECTION 10.16.1.2*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.16.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.16.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

IN LIMITED INSTANCES, OUTSIDE STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE MATERIAL WHICH  
EXCEEDS 2,500 CUBIC FEET IN VOLUME MAY BE PERMITTED BY THE AHJ AND SHALL  
MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS CODE FOR THE STORAGE OF THE SPECIFIC  
MATERIAL.

(129) *SECTION 10.16.2*

DELETE THIS SECTION.

(130) *SECTION 10.16.3*

ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SECTION:

THE SEPARATION DISTANCE MAY BE INCREASED WHERE THE AHJ DETERMINES  
THAT A HAZARD TO THE ADJOINING PROPERTY EXISTS.

(131) *SECTION 10.19.1*

DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS SHALL BE STORED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

- (1) ORDERLY;
- (2) 36 INCHES OR MORE FROM HEAT PRODUCING EQUIPMENT OR IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION;
- (3) SHALL NOT BE WITHIN 5 FEET OF AN OPENING TO THE BUILDING;
- (4) WHEN STORED UNDER A WINDOW, THE WINDOW MUST CONTAIN APPROVED  
FIRE GLASS;
- (5) SHALL BE STORED IN PILES OR STACKS SMALLER THAN A CORD OF WOOD —  
4 FEET BY 4 FEET BY 8 FEET; AND
- (6) SHALL NOT OBSTRUCT THE EXIT AND/OR THE EXIT DISCHARGE.

(132) *SUBSECTION 10.19.7*

AFTER "REPAIRED" INSERT "ON A BALCONY, UNDER ANY OVERHANGING PORTION,  
OR"

(133) *SUBSECTION 10.21.1*

- 1 AMEND SUBSECTION 10.21.1 TO REPLACE “MORE THAN FIVE” WITH “ONE OR MORE”  
2 AND REPLACE 10FT (3M) WITH 15 FT (4.6M).
- 3 (134) *SUBSECTION 10.21.4*  
4 AMEND SUBSECTION 10.21.4 ITEM (3) TO REPLACE “10 FT (3 M)” WITH “15 FT (4.6  
5 M)”.
- 6 (135) *SUBSECTION 10.21.4*  
7 ADD NEW PARAGRAPH (5):  
8 A DESIGNATED STORAGE AND CHARGING AREA FOR MICROMOBILITY DEVICES  
9 SHALL BE PROVIDED IN EVERY NEW R-1 OR R-2 OCCUPANCY, SUFFICIENT TO THE  
10 TOTAL OCCUPANCY OF THE BUILDING. THIS AREA SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM ONE-  
11 HOUR FIRE RATING, BE PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM, AND BE  
12 VENTILATED TO THE OUTSIDE. THIS AREA MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE MONITORED BY  
13 A VERY EARLY SMOKE DETECTION APPARATUS (VESDA) IF DETERMINED BY THE  
14 AHJ.
- 15 (136) *SECTION 10.22*  
16 AMEND SECTION 10.22 TO REPLACE “10.22.5” WITH “10.22.5, UNLESS OTHERWISE  
17 PERMITTED BY THE AHJ”.
- 18 (137) *SUBSECTION 11.1.1.1*  
19 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.1.1.1 AFTER SECTION 11.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
20 AN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE, FIXTURE, OR CONSUMER PRODUCT SHALL NOT BE SOLD  
21 OR USED UNLESS IT IS CLEARLY LABELED, MARKED, OR STAMPED WITH THE SYMBOL  
22 OF AN ELECTRICAL TESTING LABORATORY THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE MARYLAND  
23 OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.
- 24 (138) *SUBSECTION 11.1.1.2*  
25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.1.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 11.1.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
26 A MINIMUM CLEAR SPACE OF 36 INCHES IN WIDTH, 36 INCHES IN DEPTH, AND 78  
27 INCHES IN HEIGHT SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN FRONT OF ALL ELECTRICAL SERVICE  
28 EQUIPMENT. THE CLEAR SPACE SHALL BE MAINTAINED ON ALL SIDES OF THE  
29 EQUIPMENT IF ACCESS TO THESE AREAS IS REQUIRED. WHERE THE ELECTRICAL  
30 SERVICE EQUIPMENT IS WIDER THAN 36 INCHES, THE WORKING SPACE SHALL NOT BE

1 LESS THAN THE WIDTH OF THE EQUIPMENT. NOTHING SHALL BE STORED WITHIN  
2 DESIGNATED WORKING SPACES EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

3 (1) WHERE OTHER DIMENSIONS ARE REQUIRED OR PERMITTED BY NFPA 70.

4 (2) ACCESS OPENINGS IN ATTICS OR UNDER-FLOOR AREAS WHICH PROVIDE A  
5 MINIMUM CLEAR OPENING OF 22 IN BY 30 IN.

6 (139) *SECTION 11.1.5.6*

7 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

8 EXTENSION CORDS SHALL NOT BE USED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR PERMANENT WIRING.

9 (140) *SUBSECTION 11.1.7.3.2*

10 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.1.7.3.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 11.1.7.3.1 AS FOLLOWS:

11 DOORS INTO ELECTRICAL CONTROL PANEL ROOMS SHALL BE MARKED WITH A  
12 PLAINLY VISIBLE AND LEGIBLE SIGN STATING "ELECTRICAL ROOM" OR SIMILAR  
13 APPROVED WORDING IN CONTRASTING LETTERS NOT LESS THAN 1 IN. (25 MM) HIGH  
14 AND NOT LESS THAN ¼ IN. (6.4 MM) IN STROKE WIDTH. THE DISCONNECTING MEANS  
15 FOR EACH SERVICE, FEEDER, OR BRANCH CIRCUIT ORIGINATING ON A SWITCHBOARD  
16 OR PANEL BOARD SHALL BE LEGIBLY AND DURABLY MARKED TO INDICATE ITS  
17 PURPOSE UNLESS SUCH PURPOSE IS CLEARLY EVIDENT.

18 (141) *SUBSECTION 11.2.2.1*

19 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.2.2.1 AFTER SECTION 11.2.2 AS FOLLOWS:

20 CLOTHES DRYER VENTS SHALL BE A RIGID OR SEMI-RIGID FLEXIBLE, CRUSH  
21 RESISTANT, METAL DUCT FOR VENTING. THE DUCTING MUST BE LISTED AS MEETING  
22 THE REQUIREMENTS OF UL2158A.

23 (142) *SECTION 11.2.3*

24 ADD NEW SECTION 11.2.3 AFTER SECTION 11.2.2 AS FOLLOWS:

25 ALL PUSH BUTTON TYPE HVAC SHUTOFFS SHALL BE BLUE IN COLOR AND SHALL  
26 INCLUDE SIGNAGE TO INDICATE THE TYPE OF SHUTOFF.

27 (143) *SUBSECTION 11.3.6.1*

28 AMEND THIS SECTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END: KEYS FOR NEW  
29 ELEVATORS SHALL BE CUT TO A UNIFORM KEY CODE TO COMPLY WITH THE  
30 MARYLAND STATE ELEVATOR CODE.

31 (144) *SUBSECTION 11.3.6.3.1*



- 1 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD "OR AS DETERMINED BY THE AHJ" TO THE END.
- 2 (145) *SUBSECTION 11.3.6.3.1.3*
- 3 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD "OR AS DETERMINED BY THE AHJ" TO THE END.
- 4 (146) *SUBSECTION 11.3.6.3.1.5*
- 5 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE THE SECOND "SHALL" AND SUBSTITUTE
- 6 "MAY".
- 7 (147) *SUBSECTION 11.5.2.4*
- 8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.5.2.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 11.5.2.3 AS FOLLOWS:
- 9 KEROSENE HEATERS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING OCCUPANCIES:
- 10 EDUCATIONAL, DAYCARE, HOTELS AND MOTELS, PLACES OF ASSEMBLY, HEALTH
- 11 CARE, BOARD AND CARE, ROOMING AND LODGING, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL,
- 12 AND OTHER OCCUPANCIES OR SITUATIONS WHERE THE USE OR OPERATION OF
- 13 KEROSENE HEATERS COULD CREATE AN EMERGENCY OR IMMINENT DANGER.
- 14 (148) *SECTION 11.9.1*
- 15 AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE "APPROVED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT" AND
- 16 SUBSTITUTE "APPROVED BY THE AHJ".
- 17 (149) *SECTION 12.1*
- 18 ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END:
- 19 THIS CODE REQUIRES THAT THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, FIRE PROTECTION, AND
- 20 LIFE SAFETY FEATURES BE MAINTAINED BY THE OWNER TO FUNCTION AS INTENDED.
- 21 (150) *SUBSECTION 12.3.3.1.1*
- 22 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 12.3.3.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 12.3.3.1 AS FOLLOWS:
- 23 MISSING CEILING TILES SHALL BE REPLACED. PENETRATIONS, GAPS, HOLES, OR ANY
- 24 OPENINGS IN CEILING, WALL, OR FLOOR ASSEMBLIES SHALL BE SEALED TO
- 25 ELIMINATE THE POSSIBLE SPREAD OF SMOKE OR FIRE.
- 26 (151) *SUBSECTION 12.6.9.1.1*
- 27 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO:
- 28 (1) INSERT "UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE AHJ," AT THE BEGINNING;
- 29 AND
- 30 (2) ADD THE FOLLOWING AFTER WITH: "THE GUIDELINES OF THE OFFICE OF THE
- 31 MARYLAND STATE FIRE MARSHAL, AND".

1 (152) *SUBSECTION 12.6.9.1.2*

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 12.6.9.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 12.6.9.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

3 THE AHJ SHALL BE PERMITTED TO: APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF A NATURAL CUT  
4 OR BALLED TREE; LIMIT THE NUMBER OF NATURAL CUT OR BALLED TREES  
5 DISPLAYED; AND ORDER THE REMOVAL OF ANY TREE IF THE TREE POSSESSES A  
6 HAZARD TO LIFE OR SAFETY.

7 (153) *SUBSECTION 12.6.9.5.3*

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 12.6.9.5.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 12.6.9.5.2 AS FOLLOWS:

9 COMBUSTIBLE ARTIFICIAL DECORATIVE VEGETATION SHALL BE TESTED BY A  
10 LABORATORY RECOGNIZED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

11 (154) *SUBSECTION 12.6.9.6.1*

12 AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE "½ IN. (13 MM)" AND SUBSTITUTE "2 IN. (50 MM)"  
13 AND ADD THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "A NATURAL CUT TREE SHALL NOT EXCEED  
14 10 FT. (3 M) IN HEIGHT, EXCLUDING THE TREE STAND."

15 (155) *SECTION 13.1.2*

16 BEFORE "TESTING" INSERT "INSTALLATION,".

17 (156) *SECTION 13.1.3.1*

18 AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE "BY CHAPTERS 11 THROUGH 43" AND SUBSTITUTE  
19 "BY THE AHJ AND CHAPTERS 11 THROUGH 43".

20 (157) *SECTION 13.1.3.2*

21 AMEND THIS SECTION TO REPLACE "BY 9.3.5" WITH "BY THE AHJ OR 9.3.5".

22 (158) *SECTION 13.1.5*

23 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

24 EXCEPT FOR FIRE HYDRANTS IN A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, A MINIMUM CLEAR SPACE  
25 OF 15 FEET IN DIAMETER (7.5 FEET ON ALL SIDES) SHALL BE MAINTAINED OUTSIDE  
26 OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE TO PERMIT ACCESS TO AND OPERATION OF FIRE  
27 PROTECTION EQUIPMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT INLET CONNECTIONS, OR FIRE  
28 PROTECTION SYSTEM CONTROL VALVES. A MINIMUM CLEAR SPACE OF 3 FEET SHALL  
29 BE MAINTAINED ON INTERIOR VALVES AND EQUIPMENT. AN OBSTRUCTION OR  
30 CONDITION THAT DETERS OR HINDERS ACCESS BY THE AHJ IS PROHIBITED.

31 (159) *SUBSECTION 13.1.6.6*

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.1.6.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.1.6.5 AS FOLLOWS:

2 EACH LICENSED COMPANY WORKING ON FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT SHALL FORWARD  
3 TO THE AHJ, ON THE PRESCRIBED FORM OR SYSTEM, A SEPARATE CERTIFICATE OF  
4 INSPECTION, ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEES, FOR EACH FIRE SUPPRESSION  
5 SYSTEM THAT THE LICENSED COMPANY MAY INSPECT, TEST OR MAINTAIN. THIS  
6 CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 48 HOURS WHEN  
7 CRITICAL DEFICIENCIES OR IMPAIRMENTS ARE FOUND, OR WITHIN FOURTEEN (14)  
8 CALENDAR DAYS FOR ALL OTHER INSPECTION CLASSIFICATIONS. THE CERTIFICATE  
9 SHALL VERIFY THAT THE AHJ STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS REGARDING THE  
10 INSPECTION, TESTING OR MAINTENANCE HAVE BEEN MET AND ANY DEFICIENCIES  
11 NOTED AT THE TIME OF THE ANNUAL INSPECTION, TESTING OR MAINTENANCE SHALL  
12 BE NOTED, WITH ANY CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN.

13 (160) SUBSECTION 13.1.6.7

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.1.6.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.1.6.6 AS FOLLOWS:

15 LICENSED COMPANIES WORKING ON FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT MAY BE REQUIRED TO  
16 FORWARD, UPON REQUEST BY THE AHJ AND ON THE PRESCRIBED FORM OR SYSTEM,  
17 A SEPARATE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION, ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEES, FOR  
18 EACH FIRE SUPPRESSION OR ALARM SYSTEM THAT THE LICENSED COMPANY MAY  
19 REPAIR OUTSIDE OF ANNUAL INSPECTION, TESTING, AND MAINTENANCE. THE  
20 CERTIFICATE SHALL VERIFY THAT THE AHJ STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS  
21 REGARDING THE INSPECTION, TESTING OR MAINTENANCE HAVE BEEN MET AND ANY  
22 DEFICIENCIES NOTED AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION AND REPAIR SHALL BE NOTED,  
23 WITH ANY CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN.

24 (161) *SECTION 13.1.14*

25 ADD NEW SECTION 13.1.14 AFTER SECTION 13.1.13 AS FOLLOWS:

26 APPEARANCE OF EQUIPMENT. THE AHJ SHALL BE PERMITTED TO PROHIBIT ANY  
27 DEVICE THAT HAS THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF A LIFE SAFETY OR FIRE  
28 PROTECTION FUNCTION BUT DOES NOT PERFORM THAT LIFE SAFETY OR FIRE  
29 PROTECTION FUNCTION.

30 (162) *SECTION 13.1.15*

31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.1.15 AFTER SECTION 13.1.14 AS FOLLOWS:

EXCEPT FOR A PERSON PERFORMING INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR, A PERSON SHALL NOT TAMPER WITH OR RENDER INOPERABLE ANY FIRE PROTECTION OR LIFE SAFETY SYSTEM.

(163) *SECTION 13.1.16*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.1.16 AFTER SECTION 13.1.15 AS FOLLOWS:

UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE AHJ, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL APPLY TO A FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS:

(1) A FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS SHALL BE:

(A) LOCATED ON THE SIDE OF THE STRUCTURE DISPLAYING THE ADDRESS CLEARLY VISIBLE TO RESPONDING FIRE DEPARTMENT UNITS;

(B) MARKED IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THIS CODE; AND

(C) LOCATED WITHIN 100 FEET OF A FIRE HYDRANT.

(D) FOR SYSTEMS FDCs SERVICING MULTIPLE ZONES, SIGNAGE MUST BE INSTALLED TO INDICATE THE SPECIFIC ZONES EACH FDC SERVICES. THIS SIGNAGE SHALL BE MOUNTED IMMEDIATELY ABOVE THE FDC.

(2) THE APPROPRIATE SIGN SHALL BE MOUNTED ON THE BUILDING'S WALL BETWEEN 8 AND 12 FEET ABOVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION. IF OBSTACLES OR CONDITIONS EXIST THAT HINDER THE VISIBILITY OF THE SIGN, THE AHJ MAY CHANGE THE REQUIRED MOUNTING LOCATION.

(3) A FREE-STANDING FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION SHALL HAVE THE SIGN MOUNTED ON A POLE DIRECTLY BEHIND THE CONNECTION APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET HIGH.

(4) IF REQUIRED BY THE AHJ, SIGNS SHALL HAVE A WHITE REFLECTIVE BACKGROUND WITH A RED REFLECTIVE BORDER, RED REFLECTIVE LETTERS AND A RED REFLECTIVE ARROW. THE BORDER SHALL HAVE A  $\frac{3}{8}$ " STROKE. THE LETTERS SHALL READ "FDC" AND BE 6" HIGH WITH A 1" STROKE. THE ARROW SHALL HAVE A STROKE NOT LESS THAN 2". THE OVERALL SIGN MEASUREMENTS SHALL BE 12" BY 18".

(5) ANY OBSTRUCTION OR CONDITION THAT DETERS OR HINDERS ACCESS TO A  
FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION IS PROHIBITED. A MINIMUM CLEAR SPACE OF  
15 FEET (7.5 FEET ON ALL SIDES) SHALL BE MAINTAINED.

(164) *SECTION 13.1.17*

ADD NEW SECTION 13.1.17 AFTER SECTION 13.1.16 AS FOLLOWS:

A VIOLATION OF EITHER SECTION 13.1.2, 13.1.6.6, 13.1.8, 13.1.9, OR 13.1.15 IS A  
MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING  
\$1,000.00 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY,  
OR IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR  
EQUITY, THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES  
PURSUANT TO TITLE 24 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF EITHER  
SECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A  
SEPARATE OFFENSE.

(165) *SUBSECTION 13.2.2.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

WHERE REQUIRED BY THIS CODE, THE BUILDING CODE, OR THE REFERENCED CODES  
AND STANDARDS LISTED IN CHAPTER 2, STANDPIPE SYSTEMS SHALL BE INSTALLED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13.2.1.

(166) *SUBSECTION 13.2.2.2*

ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH (6) AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:

(6) IN AN AUTOMOBILE PARKING GARAGE WHERE THE AHJ DETERMINES THERE  
IS INADEQUATE FIRE SERVICE ACCESS.

(167) *SUBSECTION 13.2.3.1*

ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:

STANDPIPES DO NOT HAVE TO BE EQUIPPED WITH HOSE AND NOZZLE FOR FIRE  
DEPARTMENT USE. HOWEVER, IF PROVIDED, THE HOSE AND NOZZLE SHALL BE  
TESTED AND MAINTAINED.

(168) *SUBSECTION 13.3.1.1.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION TO BE COMPLETED AND  
PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

1 (169) *SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2.1*

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:

3 FOR NEW CEILING INSTALLATIONS, DROP-OUT CEILINGS AS REFERENCED IN NFPA  
4 13, SUBSECTIONS 9.2.16 AND 9.3.11, SHALL BE PROHIBITED.

5 (170) *SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2.2*

6 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2.1 AS FOLLOWS:

7 THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE DOORS TO SPRINKLER CONTROL ROOMS BE MARKED IN AN  
8 APPROVED MANNER.

9 (171) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.2*

10 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

11 IN A NEW NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING, A BASEMENT THAT IS 2,500 SQUARE FEET OR  
12 MORE SHALL BE PROTECTED THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC  
13 SPRINKLER SYSTEM. IN AN EXISTING NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING, A BASEMENT  
14 EXCEEDING 2,500 SQUARE FEET SHALL CONTAIN AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER  
15 SYSTEM WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND THE AHJ  
16 DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION THAT AN IMMINENT DANGER  
17 EXISTS.

18 (172) *SECTION 13.3.2.5.1*

19 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO REPLACE "THE FOLLOWING OCCUPANCIES" WITH "THE  
20 FOLLOWING OCCUPANCIES HAVING AN OCCUPANT LOAD OF 100 OR MORE PERSONS,  
21 OR 5,000 OR MORE SQUARE FEET IN AREA, OR LOCATED ON A FLOOR OTHER THAN  
22 THE LEVEL OF EXIT DISCHARGE".

23 (173) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.5.2*

24 DELETE "EXCEEDS 300" AND SUBSTITUTE "IS 100 OR MORE,".

25 (174) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.5.3*

26 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

27 THE REQUIREMENTS OF 13.3.2.5.2 SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 28 (1) AN ASSEMBLY OCCUPANCY AT THE LEVEL OF EXIT DISCHARGE THAT IS LESS  
29 THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA AND THAT HAS AN OCCUPANT LOAD OF  
30 LESS THAN 100 PERSONS;

- (2) A GYMNASIUM, SKATING RINK, OR SWIMMING POOL THAT IS LESS THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA AND THAT IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PARTICIPANT SPORTS WITH AUDIENCE FACILITIES FOR LESS THAN 100 PERSONS;
- (3) IN AN ENCLOSED STADIUM OR ARENA THAT IS LESS THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET AND THAT HAS AN OCCUPANT LOAD OF LESS THAN 100 PERSONS; OR
- (4) IN AN UNENCLOSED STADIUM OR ARENA:
- (A) IN PRESS BOXES CONTAINING LESS THAN 1,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA;
- (B) IN STORAGE FACILITIES CONTAINING LESS THAN 1,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA IF THE AREA IS ENCLOSED WITH MORE THAN 1-HOUR FIRE RESISTANCE RATED CONSTRUCTION; OR
- (C) IN ENCLOSED AREAS UNDERNEATH A GRANDSTAND IF THE AREA IS ENCLOSED WITH MORE THAN 1-HOUR FIRE RESISTANCE RATED CONSTRUCTION.

(175) *SUBSECTIONS 13.3.2.5.5.2 AND 13.3.2.5.5.3*

DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS.

(176) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.6.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

WHERE THE OCCUPANT LOAD IS 100 OR MORE, THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE THE OCCUPANCY PROTECTED THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED SUPERVISED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 13.

(177) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.6.2*

DELETE "15,000" AND SUBSTITUTE "5,000".

(178) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.6.5.4*

ADD SUBSECTION 13.3.2.6.5.4 AFTER SECTION 13.3.2.6.5.3 AS FOLLOWS:

THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE SPRINKLERS FOR EXISTING STAGES AND UNDER EXISTING STAGES WHEN THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION, THAT AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS.

(179) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.7 THROUGH 13.3.2.16.7*

DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

SUBSECTION 13.3.2.7. A NEW EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCY, HEALTH CARE FACILITY, DETENTION OR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, HOTEL, DORMITORY, OR APARTMENT BUILDING SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BUILDING CODE. THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE INSTALLATION OF AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN AN EXISTING EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCY, HEALTH CARE OCCUPANCY, DETENTION OR CORRECTION FACILITY, HOTEL, DORMITORY, OR APARTMENT BUILDING WHEN:

- (1) A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION, THAT AN EMERGENCY, OR IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS; OR
- (2) REQUIRED BY NFPA 101, LIFE SAFETY CODE.

(180) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.17.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION 13.3.2.17.2, A NEW LODGING OR ROOMING HOUSE SERVING SIX OR MORE RESIDENTS SHALL BE PROTECTED THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM. AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AN EXISTING LODGING OR ROOMING HOUSE SERVING 6 OR MORE RESIDENTS WHEN:

- (1) A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION, THAT AN EMERGENCY, OR IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS; OR
- (2) REQUIRED BY NFPA 101, LIFE SAFETY CODE.

(181) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.17.2*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

IN A BUILDING CONTAINING LESS THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN GROSS FLOOR AREA AND DESIGNED FOR FEWER THAN 6 RESIDENTS, AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM IS NOT REQUIRED WHERE EVERY SLEEPING ROOM HAS A DOOR OPENING DIRECTLY:

- (1) TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING AT STREET OR GROUND LEVEL; OR
- (2) TO THE OUTSIDE LEADING TO AN EXTERIOR STAIRWAY.

(182) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.18.1*

AMEND THIS SECTION TO ADD "THE HOWARD COUNTY BUILDING CODE, AND" AFTER "IN ACCORDANCE WITH".



1 (183) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.19.1.1*

2 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

3 A BUILDING WITH AN OCCUPANT LOAD OF 6 OR MORE RESIDENTS SHALL BE  
4 PROTECTED THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM.

5 (184) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.19.2.2*

6 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

7 IN A CONVERSION, AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED IN  
8 A BOARD AND CARE HOME THAT SERVES 5 OR FEWER RESIDENTS WHEN ALL  
9 OCCUPANTS HAVE THE ABILITY TO MOVE AS A GROUP TO A POINT OF SAFETY WITHIN  
10 3 MINUTES.

11 (185) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.20.1.1*

12 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END.

13 AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AN EXISTING FACILITY  
14 WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES,  
15 BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION, THAT AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS.

16 (186) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.21.1(2)*

17 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

18 THROUGHOUT A NEW MERCANTILE OCCUPANCY EXCEEDING 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN  
19 GROSS AREA.

20 (187) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.22.1(5)*

21 ADD NEW PARAGRAPH (5) AT THE END AS FOLLOWS:

22 (5) THE GROSS FLOOR AREA IS MORE THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET AND HAS AN  
23 OCCUPANT LOAD OF 50 OR MORE PERSONS.

24 (188) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.22.1(6)*

25 ADD NEW PARAGRAPH (6) AS FOLLOWS:

26 (6) AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AN EXISTING  
27 MERCANTILE OCCUPANCY WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED  
28 AND THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION THAT  
29 AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS.

30 (189) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.23.1*

31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.23.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.23 AS FOLLOWS:

1 AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AN EXISTING  
2 UNDERGROUND OR WINDOWLESS STRUCTURE WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS  
3 COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION,  
4 THAT AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS.

5 (190) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2*

6 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.1 AS FOLLOWS:

7 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

8 EXISTING HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN THOSE MEETING 13.3.2.24.2.1 OR  
9 13.3.2.24.2.2, SHALL BE PROTECTED THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC  
10 SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER AND 13.3.2.24.2.3  
11 THROUGH 13.3.2.24.2.5

12 (191) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.1*

13 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2 AS FOLLOWS:

14 AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED WHERE EVERY  
15 DWELLING UNIT HAS EXTERIOR EXIT ACCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 14.10.3.

16 (192) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.2*

17 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.1 AS  
18 FOLLOWS:

19 AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED IN BUILDINGS THAT  
20 HAVE A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED ENGINEERED LIFE SAFETY  
21 SYSTEM COMPLYING WITH 13.2.24.2.2.1 AND 13.2.24.2.2.2.

22 (193) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.2.1*

23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.2 AS  
24 FOLLOWS:

25 THE ENGINEERED LIFE SAFETY SYSTEM SHALL HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY A  
26 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER EXPERIENCED IN FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY  
27 SYSTEM DESIGN, APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION, AND  
28 INSPECTED FOR COMPLIANCE BY THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION, AND SHALL  
29 INCLUDE ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

30 (1) PARTIAL AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER PROTECTION

31 (2) SMOKE DETECTION SYSTEMS

1 (3) SMOKE CONTROL SYSTEMS

2 (4) COMPARTMENTATION

3 (5) OTHER APPROVED SYSTEMS

4 (194) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.2.2*

5 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.2.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.2.1 AS  
6 FOLLOWS:

7 THE ENGINEERED LIFE SAFETY SYSTEM SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE  
8 WITH THE APPROVED DESIGN DOCUMENTS AND APPLICABLE STANDARD.

9 (195) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.3*

10 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.2 AS  
11 FOLLOWS: EACH BUILDING OWNER SHALL, WITHIN 180 DAYS OF RECEIVING NOTICE,  
12 FILE AN INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION WITH THE AHJ FOR APPROVAL.

13 (196) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.4*

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.3 AS  
15 FOLLOWS: THE AHJ SHALL REVIEW AND RESPOND TO THE INTENT-TO-COMPLY  
16 SUBMITTAL WITHIN 60 DAYS OF RECEIPT.

17 (197) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.5*

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.4 AS  
19 FOLLOWS: THE ENTIRE BUILDING SHALL BE REQUIRED TO BE PROTECTED BY AN  
20 APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM BY JANUARY 1, 2033.

21 (198) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.6*

22 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2.5 AS  
23 FOLLOWS: PUBLIC DISCLOSURE SIGNAGE.

24 IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS THAT ARE NOT PROTECTED THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED  
25 AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM, SIGNAGE SHALL BE POSTED COMPLYING WITH  
26 13.3.2.24.2.4(A) THROUGH 13.3.2.24.2.4(D).

27 (A) SIGNAGE SHALL BE POSTED AT ALL MAIN BUILDING ENTRANCES AS APPROVED  
28 BY THE AHJ.

29 (B) THE LETTERING ON THE SIGN SHALL BE AT LEAST 1 IN. (25 MM) HIGH.

30 (C) THE LETTERING SHALL BE PLACED ON A CONTRASTING BACKGROUND.

(D) THE WORDING SHALL STATE AS FOLLOWS: "WARNING: THIS HIGH-RISE BUILDING IS NOT PROTECTED THROUGHOUT WITH AN AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM"

(199) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.3*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.2 AS FOLLOWS:

UNSPRINKLERED HIGHRISE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS ARE A HAZARD SO INIMICABLE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AS TO REQUIRE CORRECTION.

(200) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25*

DELETE THE TITLE AND SUBSTITUTE "NEW AND EXISTING STORAGE OCCUPANCIES".

(201) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25.2*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

GENERAL STORAGE. AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM SHALL BE INSTALLED THROUGHOUT ALL NEW STORAGE OCCUPANCIES WITH A GROSS FLOOR AREA GREATER THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET.

(202) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25.2.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25.2 AS FOLLOWS:

AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AN EXISTING STORAGE OCCUPANCY WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION, THAT AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS.

(203) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25.4*

DELETE "20,000" AND SUBSTITUTE "2,500".

(204) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25.5*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM SHALL BE INSTALLED THROUGHOUT ALL MINI-STORAGE BUILDING FIRE AREAS GREATER THAN 2500 SQUARE FEET AND WHERE ANY OF THE INDIVIDUAL STORAGE UNITS ARE SEPARATED BY LESS THAN A 1-HOUR FIRE RESISTANCE-RATED BARRIER. FIRE AREAS SHALL BE DEFINED BY APPROVED FIRE BARRIERS HAVING A FIRE RESISTANCE RATING OF NOT LESS THAN 3 HOURS.

1 (205) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.1.1*

2 AMEND SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH 13.3.2.27.1.1 TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:

3 AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER PROTECTION IS NOT REQUIRED IF ALL THE FOLLOWING  
4 CONDITIONS ARE MET:

5 (1) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS IN THE OCCUPANCY IN WHICH THE DAY  
6 CARE CENTER IS LOCATED IS NOT MORE THAN 100 PERSONS.

7 (2) ALL ROOMS USED FOR DAY CARE ARE LOCATED ON THE LEVEL OF EXIT  
8 DISCHARGE;

9 (3) ALL ROOMS USED FOR DAY CARE HAVE AT LEAST ONE EXTERIOR EXIT DOOR AT  
10 GRADE LEVEL;

11 (4) THE OCCUPANCY IN WHICH THE DAY CARE CENTER IS LOCATED DOES NOT  
12 EXCEED 5,000 SQ. FT. IN AREA.

13 (206) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.1.1.1*

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.1.1 AS  
15 FOLLOWS:

16 NEW DAY CARE HOMES WITH 12 OR FEWER CLIENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE  
17 PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM UNLESS SPECIFICALLY  
18 MANDATED BY THE AHJ.

19 (207) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.1.1.2*

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.2.27.1.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.1.1.1 AS  
21 FOLLOWS:

22 A NEW DAY CARE OCCUPANCY WITH MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS SHALL BE PROTECTED  
23 THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM, REGARDLESS OF  
24 WHETHER THERE ARE PROTECTED OPENINGS.

25 (208) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2.1.1*

26 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2.1

27 EXISTING DAY CARE HOMES WITH 12 OR FEWER CLIENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE  
28 PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM UNLESS SPECIFICALLY

29 MANDATED BY THE AHJ. AN EXISTING DAYCARE WITH 12 OR FEWER CLIENTS  
30 WANTING TO INCREASE TO MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS SHALL MEET THE PROVISIONS OF  
31 A NEW DAY CARE OCCUPANCY.

(209) *SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2.5*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN ANY EXISTING DAY CARE  
OCCUPANCY SERVING MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS  
COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION,  
THAT AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS.

(210) *SUBSECTIONS 13.3.3.1 AND 13.3.3.2*

AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE "INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CODE"

(211) *SUBSECTION 13.3.3.3.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.3.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.3.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
FOR NEW CEILING INSTALLATIONS, DROP-OUT CEILINGS AS REFERENCED IN NFPA  
13, SUBSECTIONS 9.2.16 AND 9.3.11 ARE PROHIBITED.

(212) *SUBSECTION 13.4.1.1.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.4.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.4.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
NO FIRE PUMP COMPONENT, INCLUDING THE PUMP, DRIVER, OR CONTROLLER, SHALL  
BE PERMITTED TO BE INSTALLED IN BELOW-GROUND VAULTS OR PITS UNLESS  
OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

(213) *SUBSECTION 13.6.1.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
UNLESS THE AHJ APPROVES AN ALTERNATIVE FEATURE OR REQUIREMENT THAT  
PROVIDES THE SAME LEVEL OF PROTECTION OR FIRE SAFETY AS THIS CODE, THE  
INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, SELECTION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PORTABLE FIRE  
EXTINGUISHER SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 10, STANDARD FOR  
PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, SECTION 13.6 AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE  
OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

(214) *SUBSECTION 13.6.1.2*

ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END: "UNLESS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY THE AHJ".

(215) *SUBSECTION 13.6.4.1.2.1*

AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE "CERTIFIED" AND SUBSTITUTE "LICENSED AS  
REQUIRED BY THE AHJ".

(216) *SUBSECTIONS 13.6.4.1.2.1.1 THROUGH 13.6.4.1.2.1.6*

1 DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

2 (217) *SUBSECTION 13.6.4.1.2.3*

3 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE "CERTIFIED" AND SUBSTITUTE "LICENSED".

4 (218) *SUBSECTION 13.7.1.7.6*

5 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:

6 THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT PERMIT THE OMISSION OF MANUAL FIRE ALARM BOXES  
7 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS  
8 SPECIFICALLY PERMITTED BY CHAPTERS 11 THROUGH 43.

9 (219) *SUBSECTION 13.7.1.7.7.1*

10 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.7.7.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.7.7 AS FOLLOWS:

11 THE AHJ SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE ANY DEVICE INSTALLED TO  
12 PREVENT FALSE ALARMS THAT IS ADDED TO A MANUAL FIRE ALARM BOX OR PULL  
13 STATION.

14 (220) *SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.11*

15 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.11 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.10 AS FOLLOWS:

16 A SINGLE STATION OR MULTIPLE STATION SMOKE ALARM SHALL MEET THE  
17 REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED  
18 CODE OF MARYLAND AND THE BUILDING CODE.

19 (221) *SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.12*

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.12 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.11 AS FOLLOWS:

21 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED AND  
22 MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELECTRICAL CODE AND THE MOST  
23 RECENTLY ADOPTED EDITION OF NFPA STANDARD 72.

24 (222) *SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.13*

25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.13 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.12 AS FOLLOWS:

26 THE OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT SHALL INSTALL ALL SMOKE ALARMS AND SHALL  
27 ANNUALLY INSPECT AND MAINTAIN ALL SMOKE ALARMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
28 MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY AND SUGGESTED MAINTENANCE. THE OWNER OR  
29 OWNER'S AGENT SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF THE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE.  
30 UPON NOTIFICATION BY A TENANT THAT A SMOKE ALARM IS MISSING OR  
31 INOPERATIVE, THE OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT SHALL REPAIR OR REPLACE THE

SMOKE ALARM. NOTIFICATION SHALL BE GIVEN BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND FIRST-  
CLASS MAIL. IF THE TENANT PERSONALLY NOTIFIES THE OWNER OR THE OWNER'S  
AGENT OF A MECHANICAL FAILURE OF A SMOKE ALARM, THE OWNER OR OWNER'S  
AGENT SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN, DATED RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGING THE  
NOTIFICATION.

(223) *SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.14*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.14 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.13 AS FOLLOWS:  
WHERE A SMOKE ALARM IS REQUIRED, A PERSON SHALL NOT REMOVE OR RENDER  
ANY SMOKE ALARM INOPERATIVE.

(224) *SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.15*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.15 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.14 AS FOLLOWS:  
EXCEPT FOR SMOKE ALARMS IN A HOTEL OR MOTEL, AN OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT  
MAY REQUIRE A TENANT TO PAY A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT FOR SMOKE ALARMS, NOT  
TO EXCEED THE VALUE OF THE SMOKE ALARM.

(225) *SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.16*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.16 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.15 AS FOLLOWS:  
A DWELLING UNIT OCCUPIED BY A PERSON WHO IS DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED  
SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A SMOKE ALARM THAT, WHEN ACTIVATED, SHALL  
PROVIDE A SIGNAL THAT IS APPROVED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TESTING  
LABORATORY FOR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND IS SUFFICIENT TO WARN A DEAF OR  
HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSON. AN OWNER OR THEIR AGENT SHALL PROVIDE THIS  
TYPE OF SMOKE ALARM UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE DEAF OR HEARING-  
IMPAIRED TENANT.

(226) *SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.17*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.17 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.16 AS FOLLOWS:  
ANY BATTERY-OPERATED SMOKE ALARM THAT IS REPLACED IS REQUIRED TO BE A  
LONG-LIFE TYPE ALARM WITH A SEALED BATTERY, OR AS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY  
THE AHJ.

(227) *SUBSECTION 13.7.1.10.6*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.10.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.10.5 AS FOLLOWS:



1 WHERE THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY FORCES  
2 NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 13.7.1.10 APPROVED SIGNS TO  
3 PROVIDE INSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY FORCES NOTIFICATION SHALL BE PROVIDED  
4 AND PERMANENTLY AFFIXED AND MAINTAINED AT EACH MANUAL FIRE ALARM BOX.

5 (228) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.15.1

6 AMEND SUBPARAGRAPH 13.7.1.15.1 TO REPLACE "ANOTHER SECTION OF THIS  
7 CODE" WITH "THE AHJ AND ANOTHER SECTION OF THIS CODE".

8 (229) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.5.6.4

9 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:

10 FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NFPA 101, PARAGRAPH 43.7.2.1(2), APPROVED BATTERY-  
11 POWERED SMOKE ALARMS, RATHER THAN HOUSE ELECTRICAL SERVICE-POWERED  
12 SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE PERMITTED WHERE THE FACILITY HAS TESTING,  
13 MAINTENANCE, AND SMOKE ALARM REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS THAT ENSURE  
14 RELIABILITY OF POWER TO THE SMOKE ALARMS.

15 (230) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.6.6.5

16 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE "EXISTING" AND REPLACE "BATTERY" WITH  
17 "SMOKE ALARM".

18 (231) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.13.1.3

19 AT THE END OF THE SUBSECTION ADD THE FOLLOWING:

20 STANDARDS GOVERNING SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 9,  
21 SUBTITLE 1 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF  
22 MARYLAND.

23 (232) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.3

24 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

25 IN LODGING AND ROOMING HOUSES BUILT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1990, SMOKE ALARMS  
26 SHALL BE HARD WIRED TO THE BUILDING'S POWER SUPPLY. IN LODGING AND  
27 ROOMING HOUSES BUILT AFTER JULY 1, 1990, SMOKE ALARMS SHALL HAVE AN  
28 INTEGRAL BATTERY BACKUP POWER SUPPLY OR AN APPROVED EMERGENCY POWER  
29 SUPPLY.

30 (233) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.4

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.3 AS  
2 FOLLOWS:

3 EXCEPT IN A BUILDING PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM, SMOKE  
4 ALARMS ARE REQUIRED IN AN INTERIOR CORRIDOR SERVING ROOMS OF LODGING  
5 AND ROOMING HOUSES. THESE ALARMS SHALL BE CONNECTED TO THE BUILDING  
6 FIRE ALARM.

7 (234) *SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.1*

8 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:

9 SINGLE STATION SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE HARD-WIRED DIRECTLY TO THE  
10 BUILDING'S POWER SUPPLY. INDIVIDUAL GUESTROOM ALARMS SHALL NOT BE  
11 CONNECTED TO THE BUILDING ALARM SYSTEM.

12 (235) *SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.2*

13 AMEND THIS SECTION AS FOLLOWS:

14 (1) AFTER "PERMITTED" INSERT "IN HOTELS AND DORMITORIES BUILT PRIOR TO  
15 JULY 1, 1990"; AND

16 (2) AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION ADD "IN A HOTEL, MOTEL, OR DORMITORY  
17 BUILT AFTER JULY 1, 1990, SMOKE ALARMS SHALL HAVE AN INTEGRAL  
18 BATTERY BACKUP POWER SUPPLY OR AN APPROVED EMERGENCY POWER  
19 SUPPLY."

20 (236) *SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.3*

21 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.2 AS  
22 FOLLOWS:

23 EXCEPT IN A BUILDING PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM, SMOKE  
24 ALARMS ARE REQUIRED IN AN INTERIOR CORRIDOR SERVING A GUESTROOM OF A  
25 HOTEL, MOTEL, OR DORMITORY. THESE ALARMS SHALL BE CONNECTED TO THE  
26 BUILDING ALARM SYSTEM.

27 (237) *SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.4*

28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.3 AS  
29 FOLLOWS:

30 SINGLE STATION SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN EACH SLEEPING AREA OF  
31 A HOTEL, MOTEL, OR DORMITORY. SINGLE-STATION SMOKE DETECTORS SHALL BE

1 HARD-WIRED DIRECTLY TO THE BUILDING'S POWER SUPPLY. SMOKE ALARMS SHALL  
2 BE INSTALLED IN EVERY ROOM THROUGH WHICH A PERSON MUST PASS TO GET FROM  
3 THE SLEEPING AREA TO THE DOOR LEADING FROM THE GUESTROOM OR SUITE.  
4 INDIVIDUAL GUESTROOM ALARMS SHALL NOT BE CONNECTED TO THE BUILDING'S  
5 ALARM SYSTEM.

6 (238) *SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.5*

7 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.4 AS  
8 FOLLOWS:

9 A HOTEL OR MOTEL SHALL HAVE AVAILABLE AT LEAST ONE SMOKE ALARM FOR THE  
10 DEAF OR HEARING-IMPAIRED FOR EACH 50 UNITS (OR PORTION THEREOF). THE  
11 OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT OF THE HOTEL OR MOTEL MAY REQUIRE A REFUNDABLE  
12 DEPOSIT, NOT TO EXCEED THE COST OF THE SMOKE ALARM, FOR THE USE OF A DEAF  
13 OR HEARING-IMPAIRED SMOKE ALARM. THE OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT OF A HOTEL  
14 OR MOTEL SHALL POST, IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK OR  
15 COUNTER, A PERMANENT SIGN STATING THE AVAILABILITY OF SMOKE ALARMS FOR  
16 THE HEARING IMPAIRED.

17 (239) *SUBSECTION 13.7.2.18.1.3*

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.18.1.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.18.1.2 AS  
19 FOLLOWS:

20 A DWELLING UNIT IN A MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING SHALL MEET THE  
21 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 22 (1) A UNIT BUILT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1989, SHALL HAVE SMOKE ALARMS  
23 HARD-WIRED TO THE BUILDING'S POWER SUPPLY.
- 24 (2) A UNIT BUILT BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1989, AND JULY 1, 1990, SHALL MEET  
25 THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH 1, AND, EXCEPT IN AN ATTIC, SMOKE  
26 ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED ON EACH LEVEL OF A MULTILEVEL  
27 INDIVIDUAL DWELLING UNIT, INCLUDING IN A BASEMENT. ALL SMOKE  
28 ALARMS SHALL BE INTERCONNECTED SO THAT ALL WILL SOUND IF ONE  
29 SMOKE ALARM IS ACTIVATED.

(3) A UNIT BUILT AFTER JULY 1, 1990, SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH 1 AND 2 AND SMOKE ALARMS SHALL HAVE AN INTEGRAL BATTERY BACKUP POWER SUPPLY.

(4) A UNIT BUILT AFTER OCTOBER 10, 2001, SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH 1, 2, AND 3 AND SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE PLACED IN EACH SLEEPING AREA.

(240) *SUBSECTION 13.7.2.22.8.1*

AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE "13.7.2.22.8.2 AND".

(241) *SUBSECTION 13.7.2.22.8.2*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

(242) *SUBSECTION 13.7.2.28.1.2 AND 13.7.2.28.1.3*

AMEND THESE SUBSECTIONS TO DELETE "STORAGE OCCUPANCIES" AND SUBSTITUTE "STORAGE OCCUPANCIES LESS THAN THREE STORIES".

(243) *SUBSECTION 14.4.2.1*

AMEND SUBSECTION 14.4.2.1 TO ADD THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "TRASH OR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AWAITING SCHEDULED COLLECTION SHALL NOT BE PLACED IN EXITS, EXIT ACCESS CORRIDORS, OR ON EGRESS BALCONIES."

(244) *SUBSECTIONS 14.5.2.3.7 AND 14.5.2.3.8*

AMEND SUBSECTIONS 14.5.2.3.7 AND 14.5.2.3.8 TO ADD THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "THE LOCKING DEVICE SHALL BE OF A TYPE THAT IS READILY DISTINGUISHABLE AS LOCKED."

(245) *SUBSECTION 14.5.3.1.1(3)(E)*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 14.5.3.1.1(3)(E) AFTER SUBSECTION 14.5.3.1.1(3)(D) AS FOLLOWS:

THE REQUEST TO INCREASE THE DELAY FROM 15 SECONDS TO 30 SECONDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE AHJ IN WRITING.

(246) *SUBSECTION 14.5.3.4.1*

AMEND SUBSECTION 14.5.3.4.1 TO REPLACE "IN CHAPTERS 11 THROUGH 43" WITH "BY THE AHJ AND IN CHAPTERS 11 THROUGH 43".

1 (247) *SUBSECTION 14.5.3.4.1(11)*

2 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END:

3 THE CENTRAL CONTROL POINT SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

4 (248) *SUBSECTION 14.5.3.5.1*

5 AMEND SUBSECTION 14.5.3.5.1 TO DELETE "REQUIRED TO BE".

6 (249) *SUBSECTION 14.5.3.5.4*

7 AMEND SUBSECTION 14.5.3.5.4 TO DELETE THE WORD "REQUIRED".

8 (250) *SUBSECTION 14.5.3.5.6*

9 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 14.5.3.5.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 14.5.3.5.5 AS FOLLOWS:

10 IN LOCKUPS, AS REFERENCED IN SECTION 22.4.6 OF NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE,

11 THE RELEASE TIME FOR DOORS OR OTHER PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS SHALL NOT

12 EXCEED 30 SECONDS.

13 (251) *SUBSECTION 14.5.8.1*

14 AMEND SUBPARAGRAPH 14.5.8 TO DELETE "14.5.8.1 OR".

15 (252) *SUBSECTION 14.5.8.1*

16 DELETE SUBSECTION 14.5.8.1

17 (253) *SUBSECTION 14.5.10.1*

18 AMEND SUBSECTION 14.5.10.1 TO REPLACE "BY CHAPTERS 11 THROUGH 43" WITH

19 "BY THE AHJ OR CHAPTERS 11 THROUGH 43".

20 (254) *SUBSECTION 14.13.1.2*

21 AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE "ONLY" IN THE FIRST SENTENCE AND SUBSTITUTE

22 ", BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO,".

23 (255) *SUBSECTION 16.1.6*

24 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 16.1.6 AFTER SECTION 16.1.5 AS FOLLOWS:

25 TEMPORARY SIGNAGE CLEARLY INDICATING THE ADDRESS OF THE STRUCTURE

26 SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED AT EVERY ENTRANCE, AS WELL AS OUTSIDE ANY

27 SUPERVISORY LOCATIONS OR FIELD OFFICES ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. THESE

28 SIGNS MUST BE MAINTAINED THROUGH THE DURATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION.

29 (256) *SUBSECTION 16.1.7*

30 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 16.1.7 AFTER 16.1.6 AS FOLLOWS:

31 TEMPORARY HEATING SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 241 SECTION 7.3.

1 (257) *SUBSECTION 16.1.7.1*

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 16.1.7.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 16.1.7 AS FOLLOWS:

3 WHENEVER LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LP-GAS) IS USED FOR TEMPORARY  
4 HEATING, THE AHJ SHALL REQUIRE A TEMPORARY HEATING PLAN TO BE PROVIDED  
5 FOR APPROVAL. THIS PLAN SHALL ADDRESS HOW EACH PROVISION OF NFPA241  
6 SECTION 7.3 IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE A GRAPHICAL  
7 DEPICTION OF TANK LOCATION AND PROTECTION MEASURES.

8 (258) *SUBSECTION 16.1.8*

9 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 16.1.8 AFTER 16.1.7 AS FOLLOWS:

10 TRASH, DEBRIS, RUBBISH, AND BUILDING MATERIALS SHALL NOT BE BURNED ON  
11 THE PREMISES.

12 (259) *SUBSECTION 16.1.9*

13 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 16.1.9 AFTER 16.1.8 AS FOLLOWS:

14 THE AHJ SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE AN ACCESS BOX OR BOXES OR  
15 OTHER ACCESS SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED IN AN ACCESSIBLE LOCATION WHERE  
16 ACCESS TO OR WITHIN A STRUCTURE OR AREA IS DEEMED DIFFICULT BY THE AHJ.  
17 THE TYPE OF ACCESS BOX OR SYSTEM SHALL BE SPECIFIED BY THE AHJ.

18 (260) *SUBSECTION 16.1.9.1*

19 ADD SUBSECTION 16.1.9.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 16.1.9 AS FOLLOWS:

20 THE ACCESS SYSTEM SHALL BE AN APPROVED TYPE AND SHALL BE INSTALLED AND  
21 UTILIZED AS DIRECTED BY THE AHJ.

22 (261) *SUBSECTION 16.1.10*

23 ADD A SUBSECTION 16.1.10 AFTER 16.1.9 AS FOLLOWS:

24 STAIRS.

25 (262) *SUBSECTION 16.1.10.1*

26 ADD A SUBSECTION 16.1.10.1 AFTER 16.1.10 AS FOLLOWS:

27 IN ALL BUILDINGS OVER ONE STORY IN HEIGHT, AT LEAST ONE STAIRWAY SHOULD  
28 BE PROVIDED THAT IS IN USABLE CONDITION AT ALL TIMES AND THAT MEETS THE  
29 REQUIREMENTS OF NFPA 101. THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE ANY PLANNED STAIRWELL  
30 TO BE FUNCTIONAL DURING CONSTRUCTION AT THE LEVEL NECESSARY FOR ACCESS  
31 OR EGRESS FROM THE HIGHEST LEVEL WHERE WORK IS BEING PERFORMED.

1 (263) *SUBSECTION 16.1.10.1.1*

2 ADD SUBSECTION 16.1.10.1.1 AFTER 16.1.10.1 AS FOLLOWS:

3 WHERE THE AHJ DETERMINES THAT MORE THAN ONE PLANNED STAIRWELL IS NOT  
4 REQUIRED, AN APPROVED TEMPORARY SECONDARY MEANS OF ACCESS OR EGRESS  
5 SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROGRESS OF BUILDING  
6 CONSTRUCTION IN SUCH MANNER THAT IT IS ALWAYS READY FOR USE.

7 (264) *SUBSECTION 16.1.10.2*

8 ADD A SUBSECTION 16.1.10.2 AFTER 16.1.10.1 AS FOLLOWS:

9 THIS STAIRWAY SHALL BE EXTENDED UPWARD AS EACH FLOOR IS INSTALLED IN  
10 NEW CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTAINED FOR EACH FLOOR STILL REMAINING DURING  
11 DEMOLITION.

12 (265) *SUBSECTION 16.1.10.3*

13 ADD SUBSECTION 16.1.10.3 AFTER 16.1.10.2 AS FOLLOWS:

14 THE STAIRWAY SHALL BE LIGHTED.

15 (266) *SUBSECTION 16.1.10.4*

16 ADD SUBSECTION 16.1.10.4 AFTER 16.1.10.3 AS FOLLOWS:

17 DURING CONSTRUCTION, THE STAIRWAY SHALL BE ENCLOSED WHERE THE BUILDING  
18 EXTERIOR WALLS ARE IN PLACE.

19 (267) *SUBSECTION 16.1.10.5*

20 ADD SUBSECTION 16.1.10.5 AFTER 16.1.10.5 AS FOLLOWS:

21 ALL EXIT STAIRS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH STAIR IDENTIFICATION SIGNS TO  
22 INCLUDE THE FLOOR LEVEL, STAIR DESIGNATION, AND EXIT PATH DIRECTION AS  
23 REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE EGRESS.

24 (268) *SUBSECTION 18.2.2.1*

25 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

26 THE AHJ SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE AN ACCESS BOX OR BOXES OR  
27 OTHER ACCESS SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED IN AN ACCESSIBLE LOCATION WHERE  
28 ACCESS TO OR WITHIN A STRUCTURE OR AREA IS DEEMED DIFFICULT BY THE AHJ.  
29 THE TYPE OF ACCESS BOX OR SYSTEM SHALL BE SPECIFIED BY THE AHJ.

30 (269) *AMEND SUBSECTION 18.2.2.3*

1 REMOVE "SHALL NOTIFY" AND REPLACE WITH "REQUIRES PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE  
2 AHJ."

3 (270) *ADD SUBSECTION 18.2.2.4 AFTER 18.2.2.3*

4 GATES THAT RESTRICT OR MAY HINDER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS SHALL HAVE  
5 PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE AHJ.

6 (271) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.2.1*

7 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE "EXTERIOR DOOR" AND SUBSTITUTE  
8 "EXTERIOR DOOR ACCEPTABLE TO THE AHJ".

9 (272) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.2.1.1*

10 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

11 (273) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.2.2.1*

12 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

13 (274) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.3.1*

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.3 AS FOLLOWS:

15 MULTIPLE FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS MAY BE REQUIRED WHEN A  
16 DEVELOPMENT CONTAINS 100 OR MORE RESIDENTIAL UNITS.

17 (275) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.4*

18 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE "SHALL" AND SUBSTITUTE "MAY BE REQUIRED  
19 BY THE AHJ TO".

20 (276) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.1.1*

21 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

22 EXCEPT FOR USE-IN-COMMON DRIVEWAYS, FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS SHALL  
23 HAVE AN UNOBSTRUCTED WIDTH OF NOT LESS THAN 20 FEET, UNLESS APPROVED IN  
24 WRITING BY THE AHJ. USE-IN-COMMON DRIVEWAYS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE  
25 HOWARD COUNTY DESIGN MANUAL.

26 (277) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.1.3*

27 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.1.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:

28 FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS LEADING TO ALL GROUND-BASED SOLAR  
29 FACILITIES SHALL HAVE AN IMPROVED SURFACE APPROVED BY THE AHJ, AND AN  
30 UNOBSTRUCTED WIDTH OF 16 FEET. WHEN CONDITIONS ALLOW, THE AHJ MAY



1 APPROVE A REDUCED WIDTH OF NO LESS THAN 12 FEET WHERE ADDITIONAL PULL-  
2 OFFS AND AN ADEQUATE TURNAROUND ARE PROVIDED.

3 (278) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.2*

4 ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END OF THE SUBSECTION:

5 THE ACCESS ROAD SURFACE MUST BE APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

6 (279) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.2.1*

7 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.2 AS FOLLOWS:

8 WHEN THE SURFACE WILL BE DESIGNED OF A PERMEABLE SUBSTANCE INCLUDING  
9 BUT NOT LIMITED TO GRASS PAVERS AND GRASS HONEYCOMB SYSTEMS, WRITTEN  
10 CERTIFICATION MUST BE PROVIDED BY A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER TO  
11 THE AHJ DEMONSTRATING THE PRODUCT WAS INSTALLED ACCORDING TO  
12 MANUFACTURER SPECIFICATIONS PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE AND/OR BUILDING  
13 OCCUPANCY.

14 (280) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.2.2*

15 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.2.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.2.1 AS FOLLOWS:

16 UNPAVED SURFACES SHALL NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM LONGITUDINAL SLOPE OF 5%  
17 AND A CROSS SLOPE OF 2%, OR THE SLOPE SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER,  
18 WHICHEVER IS LESS. CLEAR EDGE DELINEATION SHALL BE PROVIDED IN A MANNER  
19 APPROVED BY THE AHJ. ANY CHANGES IN DIRECTION GREATER THAN 45 DEGREES,  
20 AS WELL AS TURNAROUNDS, MAY REQUIRE A HARD SURFACE AS APPROVED BY THE  
21 AHJ.

22 (281) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.4.1*

23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.4.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.4 AS FOLLOWS:

24 THE AHJ MAY APPROVE IN WRITING AN EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
25 SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.4 FOR A DEAD-END FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD SERVING A  
26 SINGLE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE.

27 (282) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.6.1*

28 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

29 GRADE. THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE GRADE IS 15% WITH THE DURABLE AND  
30 SUSTAINED GRADE OF 8%. THE TRANSITION FROM THE ROAD TO THE DRIVEWAY  
31 SHALL NOT EXCEED 8%.

1           (283) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.3*

2           ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.2 AS FOLLOWS:

3           THE AHJ MAY:

- 4           (1)     DESIGNATE PART OF ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ROADWAY, DRIVEWAY, OR  
5                   CURB AS A FIRE LANE; AND  
6           (2)     DESIGNATE HOW THE FIRE LANE SHALL BE MARKED OR ESTABLISHED.

7           (284) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.4*

8           ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.3 AS FOLLOWS:

9           IN DETERMINING WHERE AND HOW A FIRE LANE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED, THE AHJ  
10          SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- 11          (1)     THE WIDTH OF THE ROADWAY OR DRIVEWAY;  
12          (2)     THE ABILITY OF ANY NECESSARY EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT TO HAVE INGRESS  
13                   AND/OR EGRESS TO THE OCCUPANCY OR PROPERTY;  
14          (3)     THE SIZE AND TURN RADIUS OF ANY NECESSARY EMERGENCY VEHICLE OR  
15                   EQUIPMENT;  
16          (4)     ACCESS TO FIRE HYDRANTS, FIRE CONNECTIONS, AND FIRE EXITS;  
17          (5)     LOCATION OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES; AND  
18          (6)     THE POTENTIAL OR LIKELIHOOD THAT A PERSON WOULD PARK A VEHICLE IN  
19                   THE AREA.

20          (285) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.5*

21          ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.4 AS FOLLOWS:

22          REGARDING FIRE LANE DESIGNATION:

- 23          (1)     THE AHJ MAY CONDUCT A SITE VISIT OF THE PROPERTY TO DETERMINE  
24                   WHETHER AND/OR HOW A FIRE LANE SHOULD BE DESIGNATED; AND  
25          (2)     THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE A FIRE LANE TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE PLACEMENT  
26                   OF FIRE LANE SIGNS, A RED PAINTED CURB, A RED HATCHED PATTERN, OR  
27                   ANY COMBINATION THEREOF.  
28          (3)     NO CURBS SHALL BE PAINTED RED OR OTHERWISE RESEMBLE A FIRE LANE IN  
29                   ANY WAY UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS SUCH BY THE AHJ.

30          (286) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.6*

31          ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.5 AS FOLLOWS:

1 FOR ANY FIRE LANE THAT THE AHJ DETERMINES SHALL BE MARKED WITH FIRE  
2 LANE SIGNS:

- 3 (1) ALL SIGNS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE MOST RECENTLY ADOPTED STATE  
4 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION STANDARD SIGN BOOK;
- 5 (2) SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED AT THE TERMINATION POINTS OF THE FIRE LANE;
- 6 (3) SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED A MAXIMUM OF 100 FEET APART; AND
- 7 (4) SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED IN SUCH A WAY AND IN A LOCATION SO THAT THE  
8 SIGNS SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH PEDESTRIAN OR TRAFFIC MOVEMENT.

9 (287) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.7*

10 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.6 AS FOLLOWS:

11 FOR ANY FIRE LANE THAT THE AHJ DETERMINES SHALL BE MARKED BY A PAINTED  
12 CURB:

- 13 (1) ALL CURBS SHALL BE PAINTED WITH RED TRAFFIC PAINT;
- 14 (2) THE RED PAINTED MARKING SHALL BE AT LEAST 6 INCHES WIDE; AND
- 15 (3) LETTERS STATING "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" SHALL BE STENCILED  
16 ONTO THE RED PAINTED MARKING AT EACH END AND EVERY 20 FEET OF THE  
17 PAINTED AREA. THE LETTERS SHALL BE STENCILED USING WHITE PAINT AND  
18 SHALL BE THREE INCHES HIGH AND LOCATED ON THE TOP SURFACE OF THE  
19 CURB AS DESIGNATED BY THE AHJ.

20 (288) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.8*

21 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.7 AS FOLLOWS:

22 FOR ANY FIRE LANE THAT THE AHJ DETERMINES SHALL BE MARKED BY A RED  
23 PAINTED CROSS-HATCHING PATTERN:

- 24 (1) THE AREA SHALL BE MARKED BY RED PAINT APPLIED IN A HATCH PATTERN  
25 COMPOSED OF PARALLEL DIAGONAL STRIPES RUNNING AT A 30 TO 60-  
26 DEGREE ANGLE ACROSS THE WIDTH OF THE FIRE LANE;
- 27 (2) THE STRIPING USED TO CREATE THE CROSS-HATCH PATTERN SHALL BE AT  
28 LEAST 6 INCHES WIDE AND THE STRIPES PLACED AT A MAXIMUM OF 72  
29 INCHES APART; AND
- 30 (3) LETTERS STATING "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" SHALL BE STENCILED  
31 USING WHITE PAINT WITHIN THE CROSS-HATCH PATTERN; AND

(4) THE SIZE OF THE LETTERS MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE FIRE  
LANE MARKING.

(289) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.9*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.8 AS FOLLOWS:

THE AHJ SHALL NOTIFY A PROPERTY OWNER THAT A PARTICULAR AREA IS TO BE  
DESIGNATED AS A FIRE LANE. THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF  
RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION FROM THE AHJ, INSTALL FIRE LANE MARKINGS OR SIGNS  
IN THE LOCATION AND BY THE METHOD DIRECTED BY THE AHJ.

(290) *SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.10*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.10 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.9 AS FOLLOWS:

A PROPERTY OWNER WHO FAILS TO INSTALL OR MAINTAIN FIRE LANES, FIRE LANE  
MARKINGS OR SIGNS, OR BOTH MARKINGS AND SIGNS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A  
FINE OF UP TO \$1,000.00. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT  
WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE  
THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24,  
"CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. EACH DAY THAT A  
VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

(291) *SUBSECTION 18.2.4.1.4*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

ENTRANCES TO FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS, WHETHER OR NOT CLOSED WITH  
GATES AND BARRIERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 18.2.4.2.1, SHALL NOT BE  
OBSTRUCTED BY PARKED VEHICLES, OBJECTS, PILED SNOW, OR ANY OTHER  
OBSTRUCTION HINDERING ACCESS TO THE ROAD. SIGNS DELINEATING FIRE  
APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE AHJ MUST BE PLACED AT  
BOTH ENDS OR ALL ENTRANCES TO THE ACCESS ROAD.

(292) *SUBSECTION 18.2.4.1.4.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.4.1.4.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.4.1.4 AS FOLLOWS:

GATES, BOLLARDS, BARRIERS, OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR DEVICE INSTALLED AS A  
CLOSURE TO A FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD MUST BE APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

(293) *SUBSECTION 18.2.4.2.2*

1 AMEND THIS SECTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END:

2 ACCESS THROUGH AN ELECTRIC GATE SHALL BE PROVIDED IN A MANNER APPROVED  
3 BY THE AHJ.

4 (294) *SUBSECTION 18.3.1.2*

5 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.3.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.3.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

6 ANY PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OUTSIDE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AREA (PSA), OF 10  
7 OR MORE DWELLINGS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A 0.141-ACRE PARCEL, WITH  
8 DIMENSIONS OF 100 FEET IN LENGTH BY 50 FEET IN WIDTH, ON PUBLIC OR  
9 EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD FRONTAGE APPROVED BY THE AHJ; FOR THE PURPOSE  
10 OF INSTALLING A RURAL WATER SUPPLY CISTERN. THE ENTIRE FRONTAGE OF THE  
11 CONCRETE PAD FOR THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CISTERN SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS  
12 A FIRE LANE.

13 (295) *SUBSECTION 18.5.1.1.1*

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.5.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.5.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

15 ALL NEW FIRE HYDRANTS SHALL BE PUBLIC UNLESS THE AHJ APPROVES THE USE OF  
16 PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS.

17 (296) *SUBSECTION 18.5.2(2)*

18 DELETE "800 FEET" AND SUBSTITUTE "500 FEET".

19 (297) *SUBSECTION 18.5.3(2)*

20 DELETE "500 FEET" AND SUBSTITUTE "350 FEET".

21 (298) *SUBSECTION 18.5.5.1.1*

22 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.5.5.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.5.5.1 AS FOLLOWS:

23 ANY NEW OR REPLACEMENT PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS MUST MEET HOWARD  
24 COUNTY STANDARDS AS CONTAINED IN THE HOWARD COUNTY DESIGN MANUAL.

25 (299) *SUBSECTION 18.5.7.1*

26 DELETE "36 IN" AND SUBSTITUTE "60 IN".

27 (300) *SUBSECTION 18.5.10.3.1*

28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.5.10.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.5.10.3 AS FOLLOWS:

29 PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS SHALL BE PAINTED YELLOW, RECLAIMED WATER  
30 HYDRANTS SHALL BE PAINTED PURPLE, HIGH-PRESSURE HYDRANTS SHALL BE  
31 PAINTED SILVER, AND GRAY WATER HYDRANTS SHALL BE PAINTED GREEN.

1 (301) *SUBSECTION 19.2.1.4*

2 AMEND THIS SECTION TO (1) DELETE "WITH AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY OF 1.5 YARD<sup>3</sup>  
3 OR MORE" AND (2) DELETE "10 FEET" AND SUBSTITUTE "15 FEET".

4 (302) *SUBSECTION 20.1.4.7*

5 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.4.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.4.6 AS FOLLOWS:  
6 A TEMPORARY SPECIAL AMUSEMENT OCCUPANCY OR ATTRACTION THAT IS  
7 OCCUPIED FOR LESS THAN 60 DAYS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A HAUNTED  
8 HOUSE, MAZE, OR SPECIAL AMUSEMENT, SHALL MEET THE STANDARDS SET FORTH  
9 BY THE AHJ AND THIS CODE.

10 (303) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(3)*

11 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
12 CANDLES SHALL COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION 10.10.1.1 OF THIS CODE.

13 (304) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(6)*

14 INSERT NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(6) AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(5) AS  
15 FOLLOWS:

- 16 (A) ALL DEVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF FOOD SHALL BE  
17 INSTALLED AND OPERATED TO AVOID HAZARD TO THE SAFETY OF  
18 OCCUPANTS. THESE DEVICES SHALL BE OF AN APPROVED TYPE AND SHALL  
19 BE INSTALLED IN AN APPROVED MANNER.
- 20 (B) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ONLY ELECTRIC DEVICES BE UTILIZED.
- 21 (C) CHAFING DISHES USING AN OPEN FLAME MUST BE DESIGNED FOR FOOD  
22 WARMING OPERATIONS ONLY. ONLY DEVICES (SUCH AS STERNO CANS)  
23 DESIGNED FOR USE WITH CHAFING DISHES SHALL BE USED. CHAFING DISH  
24 CONTAINERS FOR THE DEVICES MUST BE IN PLACE. A SNUFFING DEVICE  
25 DESIGNED FOR USE WITH THE CHAFING DISH CONTAINER SHALL BE KEPT IN  
26 CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SERVING AREA.
- 27 (D) EXTRA FUEL CONTAINERS SHALL BE KEPT AT A LOCATION REMOTE FROM  
28 THE SERVING AREA.
- 29 (E) COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS OR DECORATIONS SHALL NOT BE USED NEAR THE  
30 SERVING DISHES.

(F) A RESPONSIBLE PERSON SHALL BE IDENTIFIED TO ENSURE THE DEVICES ARE COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED AT THE END OF THE EVENT PRIOR TO DISPOSAL. DEVICES SHALL NOT BE DISPOSED OF UNTIL COOL TO TOUCH.

(G) A "FLAMING SWORD" OR OTHER EQUIPMENT INVOLVING OPEN FLAMES AND FLAMED DISHES SHALL COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.

(305) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.3(7)*

INSERT NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.3(7) AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.3(6) AS FOLLOWS:

(7) OPEN FLAME DEVICES USED FOR COOKING AND PYROTECHNIC DISPLAYS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE AHJ. A PERMIT FOR PYROTECHNIC DISPLAYS SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

(306) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12*

AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE "20.1.5.5.4.12.5" AND SUBSTITUTE "20.1.5.5.4.12.10".

(307) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.6*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.5 AS FOLLOWS:

THE PERSON WHO CAUSED THE VEHICLE TO BE DISPLAYED SHALL PROVIDE A NAME AND A 24-HOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR A RESPONSIBLE PERSON FOR THE VEHICLE. THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE KEPT WITH THE VEHICLE, THE SECURITY OFFICE AND THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

(308) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.7*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.6 AS FOLLOWS:

AN IGNITION KEY AND DOOR KEY SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE AND MAY BE KEPT WITH THE SECURITY OFFICE OR THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

(309) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.8*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.7 AS FOLLOWS:

AT NO TIME SHALL THE PLACEMENT OF THE VEHICLE IMPEDE OR OTHERWISE BLOCK ANY EXIT OR EXIT ACCESS.

(310) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.9*

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.8 AS  
2 FOLLOWS:

3 ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES FOLLOW THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS THIS  
4 SECTION.

5 (311) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.10*

6 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.10 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.9 AS  
7 FOLLOWS:

8 LNG AND LPG VEHICLES USING COMPRESSED FLAMMABLE GASES ARE NOT  
9 ALLOWED. THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL MAY PERMIT LIMITED USE OF  
10 FLAMMABLE GASES UNDER AHJ APPROVAL.

11 (312) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.6.2*

12 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

13 THE CROWD MANAGER SHALL RECEIVE TRAINING, APPROVED BY THE AHJ, IN  
14 CROWD MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

15 (313) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.8.3*

16 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

17 WHEN THE CODE OFFICIAL FINDS AN OVERCROWDED CONDITION, OBSTRUCTION IN  
18 OR TO THE MEANS OF EGRESS, A LOCKED EXIT DOOR, OR ANY OTHER HAZARD TO  
19 LIFE SAFETY, THE EVENT SHALL BE STOPPED UNTIL THE SITUATION IS CORRECTED.  
20 THE CROWD MANAGER, SUPERVISOR, AND OWNER SHALL ENSURE THAT THE  
21 NUMBER OF PATRONS IN THE OCCUPANCY (BUILDING, STRUCTURE, SITE, OR AREA)  
22 DOES NOT EXCEED THE POSTED OCCUPANT LOAD. THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON IN  
23 CHARGE OF THE ASSEMBLY OCCUPANCY SHALL:

- 24 (1) IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE EVENT POINT OUT THE  
25 NUMBER AND LOCATION OF EXITS;
- 26 (2) STATE OR DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING: "NOTICE. FOR YOUR SAFETY, LOOK FOR  
27 YOUR NEAREST EXIT. IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY—WALK, DO NOT RUN, TO  
28 THAT EXIT" WHICH SHALL BE STATED OR DISPLAYED IN ONE OF THE  
29 FOLLOWING METHODS:

- 30 (A) AN ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT WITHIN TEN MINUTES PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING  
31 OF THE EVENT;



(B) SHOWING THE NOTICE ON THE MOTION PICTURE SCREEN;

(C) PRINTING THE NOTICE IN BOLD LETTERS NOT LESS THAN ¼ INCH IN HEIGHT  
ON THE BACK OF THE EVENT PROGRAM (NOTHING BUT THE NOTICE SHALL BE  
PLACED ON THE BACK OF THE PROGRAM); OR

(D) HAVING A FIXED SIGN OR SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NOTICE THAT CAN BE  
EASILY READ FROM EACH POINT IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM;

(3) MAKE AN INSPECTION BEFORE THE EVENT TO VERIFY THAT THE DOORS ARE  
UNLOCKED AND THAT THE MEANS OF EGRESS ARE FREE OF OBSTRUCTIONS;

(4) CORRECT ANY DEFICIENCIES FOUND PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EVENT; AND

(5) PREVENT OVERCROWDING BY BLOCKING ADMITTANCE OF ANY PERSON BEYOND  
THE POSTED OCCUPANT LOAD.

(314) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.9.1*

DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

SMOKING SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE  
HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

(315) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.9.2*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

IN ROOMS OR AREAS WHERE SMOKING IS PROHIBITED, SIGNAGE SHALL MEET THE  
REQUIREMENTS IN TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

(316) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.10.1.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

SEATS IN ASSEMBLY OCCUPANCIES WITH 200 OR MORE CHAIRS SHALL BE SECURELY  
FASTENED TO THE FLOOR, EXCEPT WHERE FASTENED TOGETHER IN GROUPS OF NOT  
LESS THAN THREE, AND AS PERMITTED BY 20.1.5.10.1.2 AND 20.1.5.10.2.

(317) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.10.4.1*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

WHERE REQUIRED BY THE AHJ, A ROOM OR SPACE SHALL BE POSTED WITH AN  
APPROVED LEGIBLE SIGN IN CONTRASTING COLORS AND CONSPICUOUSLY LOCATED  
NEAR THE MAIN EXIT FROM THE ROOM OR SPACE STATING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER  
OF OCCUPANTS PERMITTED WITHIN THE SPACE. THE POSTING LOCATION SHALL BE  
DETERMINED BY THE AHJ. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS SHALL BE

1 DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOST RECENTLY ADOPTED EDITION OF THE  
2 NFPA LIFE SAFETY CODE. A ROOM OR SPACE WHICH HAS A MULTIPLE-USE  
3 CAPACITY, SHALL BE POSTED FOR ALL USES. THE OWNER OR MANAGER OF THE  
4 OCCUPANCY SHALL INSTALL AND MAINTAIN THE SIGNS. SIGNS SHALL BE SUPPLIED  
5 BY THE AHJ.

6 (318) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.10.4.2*

7 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

8 (319) *SUBSECTION 20.1.5.10.4.3*

9 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

10 (320) *SUBSECTION 20.2.4.2.3*

11 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

12 FIRE EMERGENCY EGRESS DRILLS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

13 (1) NOT LESS THAN ONE FIRE EMERGENCY EGRESS DRILL SHALL BE CONDUCTED  
14 EVERY MONTH THE FACILITY IS IN SESSION, UNLESS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA  
15 ARE MET:

16 a. IN CLIMATES WHERE THE WEATHER IS SEVERE, THE MONTHLY FIRE  
17 EMERGENCY EGRESS DRILLS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO BE DEFERRED;  
18 AND

19 b. IN EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCIES WHICH ARE:

20 i. FULLY PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM, THE  
21 TOTAL NUMBER OF ANNUAL FIRE EMERGENCY EGRESS DRILLS  
22 SHALL BE FIVE, WITH AT LEAST TWO OF THE REQUIRED DRILLS  
23 CONDUCTED IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR;  
24 OR

25 ii. NOT FULLY PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM,  
26 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ANNUAL FIRE EMERGENCY EGRESS  
27 DRILLS SHALL BE EIGHT, WITH AT LEAST THREE OF THE  
28 REQUIRED DRILLS CONDUCTED IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF  
29 THE SCHOOL YEAR.

30 (2) ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDING SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRE  
31 EMERGENCY EGRESS DRILL.

1 (3) ONE FIRE EMERGENCY EGRESS DRILL, OTHER THAN FOR EDUCATIONAL  
2 OCCUPANCIES THAT ARE OPEN ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS, SHALL BE REQUIRED  
3 WITHIN THE FIRST 30 DAYS OF OPERATION.

4 (321) *SUBSECTION 20.2.4.2.3.1*

5 ADD SUBSECTION 20.2.4.2.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.2.4.2.3 AS FOLLOWS:

6 THE AHJ SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL EGRESS DRILLS  
7 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

8 (322) *SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1*

9 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

10 A FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

11 (1) THE FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN 8 CLIENTS;

12 (2) A CHILD SHALL BE COUNTED AS A CLIENT SERVED IF THE CHILD:

13 (A) IS UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS; AND

14 (B) IS THE CHILD OF THE DAY-CARE HOME OWNER OR OPERATOR, OR OF  
15 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME;

16 (3) THERE SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 4 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS;  
17 AND

18 (4) FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS, AN ADULT TO CHILD RATIO OF  
19 AT LEAST 1 ADULT TO EVERY 2 CHILDREN SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL  
20 TIMES.

21 (323) *SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1.1*

22 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

23 A GROUP DAY-CARE HOME SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

24 (1) THE HOME SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS;

25 (2) A CHILD SHALL BE COUNTED AS A CLIENT SERVED IF THE CHILD:

26 (A) IS UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS; AND

27 (B) IS THE CHILD OF THE DAY-CARE HOME OWNER OR OPERATOR, OR OF AN  
28 EMPLOYEE OF THE GROUP DAY-CARE HOME;

29 (3) THERE SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 4 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS;

30 (4) THE MINIMUM STAFF TO CLIENT RATIO SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 2 STAFF  
31 FOR UP TO 12 CLIENTS OR 1 ADULT FOR EVERY 6 CHILDREN; AND

(5) FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS, AN ADULT TO CHILD RATIO OF AT LEAST 1 ADULT TO EVERY 2 CHILDREN SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.

(324) *SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.2*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

(325) *SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.7*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.6 AS FOLLOWS:

A DAY-CARE CENTER IS GOVERNED BY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCY IF THE DAY-CARE CENTER PROVIDES DAY CARE FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS AND PROVIDES CARE IN A BUILDING WHICH IS IN USE AS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL.

(326) *SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.4.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.4.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.4 AS FOLLOWS:

A BULKHEAD DOOR SHALL NOT BE A PRIMARY MEANS OF EMERGENCY EGRESS.

(327) *SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.4.2*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.4.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.4.1 AS FOLLOWS: A SLIDING DOOR USED AS A REQUIRED MEANS OF EGRESS SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) THE SLIDING DOOR SHALL HAVE ONLY ONE, EASILY OPERATED LOCKING DEVICE THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE, EFFORT, OR TOOLS TO OPERATE;
- (2) THERE SHALL NOT BE DRAPERIES, SCREENS, OR STORM DOORS THAT COULD IMPEDE EGRESS;
- (3) THE SILL OR TRACK HEIGHT MAY NOT EXCEED ½ INCH ABOVE THE INTERIOR FINISH FLOOR;
- (4) THE SURFACE ONTO WHICH AN EXIT IS MADE SHALL BE AN ALL-WEATHER SURFACE, SUCH AS A DECK, PATIO, OR SIDEWALK;
- (5) THE FLOOR LEVEL OUTSIDE THE DOOR MAY BE ONE STEP LOWER THAN THE INSIDE, PROVIDED THAT THIS STEP MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE BUILDING CODE;

- 1 (6) THE SLIDING DOOR SHALL OPEN TO A CLEAR OPEN WIDTH OF AT LEAST 28  
2 INCHES;  
3 (7) EACH DAY BEFORE DAY-CARE USE, THE SLIDING DOOR SHALL BE UNLOCKED  
4 AND TESTED TO THE FULL REQUIRED WIDTH; AND  
5 (8) DURING PERIODS OF SNOW OR FREEZING RAIN, THE DOOR TRACK SHALL BE  
6 KEPT CLEAR OF SNOW OR FREEZING RAIN AND THE DOOR OPENED  
7 PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROPER  
8 OPERATION.

9 (328) *SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.4.3*

10 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.4.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.4.2 AS  
11 FOLLOWS:

12 IF A DEADBOLT LOCK IS PROVIDED WITH AN APPROVED INTERIOR LATCH, THE  
13 DEADBOLT LOCK SHALL BE OF A CAPTURED KEY DESIGN FROM WHICH THE KEY  
14 CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM THE INTERIOR SIDE OF THE LOCK WHEN IN THE LOCKED  
15 POSITION. THE LOCK SHALL BE UNLOCKED AT ALL TIMES WHEN THE HOME IS  
16 OCCUPIED FOR THE FAMILY DAY-CARE USE. A DOUBLE KEYED, DEADBOLT LOCK  
17 MAY BE USED ON THE SECONDARY MEANS OF EGRESS IF THE KEY IS READILY  
18 ACCESSIBLE WHEN THE DAY-CARE IS IN OPERATION.

19 (329) *SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.6*

20 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD "EXCEPT IN DAY CARE HOMES WITH THREE OR  
21 FEWER CLIENTS FOR OVERNIGHT LODGING" AFTER "PRESENT".

22 (330) *SUBSECTION 25.1.3.6*

23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.3.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.3.5 AS FOLLOWS:

24 IF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING IS REQUIRED FOR VISIBILITY IN THE TENT, THEN  
25 EMERGENCY LIGHTING IS REQUIRED IN THE EVENT THAT THE ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING  
26 FAILS.

27 (331) *SUBSECTION 25.1.3.7*

28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.3.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.3.6 AS FOLLOWS:

29 A TENT SHALL NOT BLOCK ANY EXIT FROM A STRUCTURE OR CREATE A SITUATION  
30 WHERE THE BUILDING OCCUPANTS WILL EXIT THROUGH THE TENT TO GET TO A SAFE  
31 AREA.

1 (332) *SUBSECTION 25.1.3.8*

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.3.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.3.7 AS FOLLOWS:

3 ALL TENTS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM OF ONE EXIT. TENTS WITH A CAPACITY OF  
4 GREATER THAN 49 PERSONS SHALL HAVE TWO EXITS. EGRESS DOORS SHALL BE OF  
5 CONTRASTING COLOR. EXIT SIGNS SHALL BE PROVIDED. DRAPERIES, HANGINGS OR  
6 CURTAINS USED ON EXITS SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 1 SECTION 14.10.2.

7 (333) *SUBSECTION 25.1.5.3*

8 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

9 HAY, STRAW, SHAVINGS OR SIMILAR COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL SHALL NOT BE  
10 PERMITTED WITHIN THE STRUCTURE UNLESS APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE AHJ.

11 (334) *SUBSECTION 25.1.9.3.1*

12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.9.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.9.3 AS FOLLOWS:

13 PORTABLE DISTRIBUTION OR TERMINATION BOXES SHALL BE DESIGNED SO NO LIVE  
14 WIRES ARE EXPOSED. WHERE INSTALLED OUTDOORS, THE BOXES SHALL BE  
15 WEATHERPROOF AND MOUNTED NOT LESS THAN SIX INCHES ABOVE THE GROUND.

16 (335) *SUBSECTION 25.1.9.4*

17 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.9.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.9.3 AS FOLLOWS:

18 IF REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS, ALL  
19 ELECTRICAL DEVICES, WIRING, AND GENERATORS MAY BE USED IF INSPECTED AND  
20 ISSUED A PERMIT PRIOR TO USE.

21 (336) *SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.3.1*

22 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:

23 FUEL FIRED DEVICES SHALL BE LOCATED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE TENT AND AIR  
24 DUCTED TO THE TENT.

25 (337) *SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.6*

26 AMEND SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.6 TO DELETE "INSTALLED" AND SUBSTITUTE  
27 "LOCATED".

28 (338) *SUBSECTION 25.1.10.2.3*

29 AMEND THIS SECTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:

30 ELECTRIC HEATERS CANNOT BE USED INSIDE A TENT UNLESS APPROVED BY THE  
31 AHJ FOR EACH USE.

1 (339) *SUBSECTION 25.2.1.3*

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.2.1.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.2.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:

3 ANY TENT OVER 120 FEET<sup>2</sup> REQUIRES A PERMIT FROM HOWARD COUNTY  
4 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION, LICENSE AND PERMITS. TENTS AND CANOPIES USED  
5 FOR FOOD SERVICE REQUIRE A PERMIT FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH  
6 DEPARTMENT. TENTS SHALL BE PERMITTED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

7 (340) *SUBSECTION 25.2.1.4*

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.2.1.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.2.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:

9 TENTS, CANOPIES, OR MEMBRANE STRUCTURES SHALL NOT BE SET UP INSIDE A  
10 BUILDING UNLESS APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE AHJ.

11 (341) *SUBSECTION 25.2.2.1*

12 AMEND SUBSECTION 25.2.2.1 TO ADD ", OR APPROVED BY THE AHJ" TO THE END.

13 (342) *SUBSECTION 25.2.2.2(3)*

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.2.2.2(3) AFTER SUBSECTION 25.2.2.2(2) AS FOLLOWS:

15 (3) THE TENT OR CANOPY SHALL HAVE A LABEL AFFIXED STATING THAT THE  
16 TENT COMPLIES WITH NFPA 701 OR EQUIVALENT TESTING STANDARD  
17 APPROVED BY THE AHJ. NON-FIXED CERTIFICATION MAY BE ACCEPTABLE  
18 PROVIDING IT IDENTIFIES THE MAKE AND MODEL OF THE TENT.

19 (343) *SUBSECTION 25.2.3.4*

20 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

21 A SEPARATION OF 10 FEET IS REQUIRED AFTER EVERY 100 FEET OF TENTS. A  
22 SEPARATION OF 10 FEET SHALL BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN ROWS OF TENTS. A ROW  
23 OF TENTS SHALL NOT BE WIDER THAN 40 FEET.

24 (344) *SUBSECTION 26.1.6.2*

25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 26.1.6.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 26.1.6.1 AS FOLLOWS:

26 WHEN THE AHJ REQUIRES A HAZARD ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE  
27 CONDUCTED BY A TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED PERSON ACCEPTABLE TO THE AHJ.

28 (345) *SUBSECTION 26.1.6.3*

29 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 26.1.6.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 26.1.6.2 AS FOLLOWS:

30 WHEN THE AHJ REQUIRES A HAZARD ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSMENT SHALL  
31 INCLUDE A COMPLETED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INVENTORY STATEMENT FOR THE

CHEMICALS USED IN EACH LABORATORY. THIS STATEMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH  
THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PERMITTING PROCESS SET FORTH IN THIS CODE.

(346) *SUBSECTION 26.1.6.4*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 26.1.6.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 26.1.6.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
NEW LABORATORIES, OR LABORATORIES WHERE THE NFPA 45 LABORATORY  
HAZARD CLASSIFICATION CHANGES, SHALL POST AN INFORMATIONAL PLACARD  
NEAR THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE LABORATORY. THE PLACARD SHALL STATE THE  
BUILDING NAME OR ADDRESS, ROOM NUMBER, NFPA 45 LABORATORY HAZARD  
CLASSIFICATION, MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE QUANTITIES OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS  
BOTH INSIDE A STORAGE CABINET AND OPEN USE, AND MAXIMUM QUANTITIES OF  
FLAMMABLE GASES PERMITTED WITHIN THE LABORATORY.

(347) *SECTION 27.2*

DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
THE FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A MANUFACTURED  
HOME AND A MANUFACTURED HOME SITE, INCLUDING AN ACCESSORY BUILDING,  
STRUCTURE, AND COMMUNITY, SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 501A, STANDARD FOR  
FIRE SAFETY CRITERIA FOR MANUFACTURED HOME INSTALLATIONS, SITE, AND  
COMMUNITIES, SECTION 27.1 OF THIS CODE, AND TITLE 16, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE  
HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

(348) *SUBSECTION 29.1.1.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 29.1.1.1 AFTER SECTION 29.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
PARKING GARAGES THAT PROVIDE CHARGING FACILITIES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES  
(EVs) MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE MONITORED BY A VERY EARLY SMOKE DETECTION  
APPARATUS (VESDA) IF DETERMINED BY THE AHJ.

(349) *SECTION 31.2.1*

ADD NEW SECTION 31.2.1 AFTER SECTION 31.2 AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) A COPY OF THE FACILITY'S NATURAL WOOD WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY  
OR COMPOSTING PERMIT APPLICATION, INCLUDING THE OPERATIONS PLAN  
AND THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MANUAL, SHALL BE SENT TO THE  
AHJ FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PLANNING AND ZONING.



(2) A COPY OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE AHJ WITH EACH STATE PERMIT RENEWAL (5 YEAR RENEWALS).

(350) *SUBSECTION 31.3.4.3.2.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 31.3.4.3.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 31.3.4.3.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
THE PRIMARY ROAD SHALL:

- (1) BE KEPT ADEQUATELY CLEAR IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE PROCESSING/STORAGE AREA; AND
- (2) BE PAVED OR CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL WEATHER, YEAR-ROUND, ACCESS BY FIRE APPARATUS WITH A WEIGHT OF 80,000 LBS. GVW.

(351) *SUBSECTION 31.3.6.2.2*

ADD NEW PARAGRAPH (9) AFTER PARAGRAPH (8) AS FOLLOWS:

- (9) A PILE CONTAINING LEAVES AND OTHER EXTRANEIOUS OR HOGGED MATERIAL, SUCH AS A WHOLE TREE CHIP PILE, SHALL BE TURNED OR RECLAIMED EVERY THREE MONTHS.

(352) *SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.2*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

PILES MAY NOT EXCEED 18 FEET IN HEIGHT, 50 FEET IN WIDTH, AND 350 FEET IN LENGTH. TWO PILES SHALL BE DIVIDED BY A FIRE LANE HAVING AT LEAST 30 FEET OF CLEAR SPACE AT THE BASE OF THE PILE.

(353) *SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.2.1 THROUGH 31.3.6.3.2.3*

DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS.

(354) *SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.5.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.5.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.5 AS FOLLOWS:  
IF THE OPERATION IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF A MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:

- (1) THE AHJ WILL REQUIRE A RELIABLE CERTIFIED WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM WITH THE CAPABILITY TO SUPPLY 1,000 GALLONS PER EVERY 10,000 CUBIC FEET OF PILE. THE SUPPLY SYSTEM MUST BE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING A MINIMUM OF 250 GPM (PREFERRED IS 500 GPM) FOR AT LEAST 2 HOURS.

(2) THE MULCH/WOOD PROCESSING OPERATION SHALL HAVE A FIRE STATION LOCATED WITHIN 5 TRAVEL MILES OF THE LOCATION.

(3) IF THE WATER SUPPLY IS STATIC IT IS TO BE CERTIFIED BY AN ENGINEER AND CAPABLE TO SUPPLY THE AMOUNT REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION. IF THE WATER SUPPLY IS BELOW THE MINIMUM AMOUNT, THEN THE SUPPLY MUST BE CAPABLE OF AT LEAST 30,000 GALLONS AT ALL TIMES. THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF WATER SUPPLY NEEDED MAY BE BASED ON THE PROPOSED OPERATION AND APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

(4) BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL ON SITE, OTHER PROVISIONS SUCH AS SPRINKLERS, PRE-PIPED SYSTEMS, OR CONSTANT MONITORING OF THE PILE MAY BE REQUIRED.

(355) *SUBSECTION 32.9.3.7*

AMEND PARAGRAPH 32.9.3.7 TO REPLACE “MADE” WITH “MADE WITHIN 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH PROGRAM”.

(356) *SECTION 33.1.2*

DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

WHERE REQUIRED, A PERMIT FOR OUTSIDE STORAGE SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT. A PERMIT FROM THE AHJ IS REQUIRED FOR THE STORAGE OF 500 TIRES OR MORE. A PERSON MAY NOT STORE MORE THAN 5,000 TIRES.

(357) *SECTION 33.1.12*

ADD NEW SECTION 33.1.12 AFTER SECTION 33.1.11 AS FOLLOWS:

THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE A SECURITY FENCE AROUND THE TIRE STORAGE AREA.

(358) *SECTION 33.1.13*

ADD NEW SECTION 33.1.13 AFTER SECTION 33.1.12 AS FOLLOWS:

THE STORAGE OF FEWER THAN 500 TIRES SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) TIRES SHALL NOT BE STORED IN SINGULAR VERTICAL STACKS;
- (2) STORAGE PILES SHALL NOT EXCEED 10 FEET IN HEIGHT;
- (3) STORAGE PILES SHALL NOT BE LARGER THAN 1,250 CUBIC FEET; AND

(4) TIRES SHALL BE SEPARATED FROM THE PROPERTY LINE, BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, OR ANYTHING DETERMINED AS AT RISK BY THE AHJ, BY A MINIMUM OF 25 FEET.

(359) *SUBSECTION 33.2.2.3*

DELETE "20 FT (6M)" AND SUBSTITUTE "10 FT".

(360) *SUBSECTION 34.1.3*

AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO REPLACE "AN APPROVED STORAGE" WITH "WHERE REQUIRED BY THE AHJ, AN APPROVED STORAGE".

(361) *SECTION 34.6*

AMEND SECTION 34.6 TO ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH AND SUBPARAGRAPHS:

34.6.7 STANDPIPE SYSTEMS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ALL STORAGE BUILDINGS HAVING AN AREA OF 300,000 SQ. FT. OR MORE.

34.6.7.1 STANDPIPE SYSTEMS SHALL COMPLY WITH SECTION 13.2 AND NFPA 14.

34.6.7.2 CLASS I HOSE CONNECTIONS SHALL BE PROVIDED AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

(1) IN EACH EXIT PASSAGEWAY AT THE ENTRANCE FROM THE STORAGE AREA INTO THE PASSAGEWAY;

(2) WITHIN EVERY REQUIRED EXIT STAIRWELL;

(3) AT OTHER LOCATIONS SUCH THAT ALL POINTS OF THE STORAGE AREA FLOOR ARE WITHIN 200 FT. OF A HOSE CONNECTION, UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THE AHJ.

(362) *CHAPTER 35*

DELETE THIS CHAPTER IN ITS ENTIRETY.

(363) *SECTION 41.1.5*

DELETE THE SECTION.

(364) *SUBSECTION 42.7.5.5*

AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED IN THIS AREA:

(1) THE EXACT ADDRESS OF THE UNATTENDED SELF-SERVICE FACILITY; AND

(2) THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE  
UNATTENDED SELF-SERVICE FACILITY.

(365) *SUBSECTION 42.7.5.7*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 42.7.5.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 42.7.5.6 AS FOLLOWS:  
AN OWNER, MANAGER, OR EMPLOYEE SHALL CONDUCT A DAILY SITE VISIT TO  
ENSURE THAT ALL EQUIPMENT IS OPERATING PROPERLY.

(366) *SUBSECTION 42.7.5.8*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 42.7.5.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 42.7.5.7 AS FOLLOWS:  
AN OWNER, MANAGER, OR EMPLOYEE SHALL CONDUCT INSPECTIONS AND  
MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AT REGULAR INTERVALS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

(367) *SUBSECTION 42.7.5.9*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 42.7.5.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 42.7.5.8 AS FOLLOWS:  
FUEL DISPENSING EQUIPMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
(1) THE AMOUNT OF FUEL BEING DISPENSED IS LIMITED IN QUANTITY BY A PRE-  
PROGRAMMED CARD; OR  
(2) THE DISPENSING DEVICE SHALL BE PROGRAMMED OR SET TO LIMIT  
UNINTERRUPTED FUEL DELIVERY OF NOT MORE THAN 25 GALLONS AND  
SHALL REQUIRE MANUAL ACTION TO RESUME CONTINUED DELIVERY.

(368) *SUBSECTION 50.1.5*

AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO INSERT, "UNDER A CANOPY" AFTER "TENTS" AND TO  
INSERT "AND THIS CHAPTER" TO THE END.

(369) *SUBSECTION 50.2.1.2*

AMEND THIS SECTION TO INSERT "THE AHJ AND" AFTER "REQUIREMENTS OF".

(370) *SECTION 50.4.1*

AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE "AHJ" AND SUBSTITUTE "DEPARTMENT OF  
INSPECTIONS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS".

(371) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.2*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
ALL MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS SHALL BE INSPECTED BY THE AHJ. FOR  
PURPOSES OF THIS CODE, MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM MEANS ANY

PUSHCART, TRAILER, ENCLOSED TRAILER, OR ENCLOSED TRUCK THAT USES  
PROPANE OR ANY OTHER HEAT SOURCE TO PREPARE FOOD OR BEVERAGE FOR SALE.

(372) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.2.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A MOBILE FOOD VENDING  
PLATFORM SHALL, BEFORE BEGINNING OPERATIONS, OBTAIN AN INSPECTION AND  
INSPECTION STICKER FROM THE AHJ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM SHALL  
PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE AHJ:

- (A) EVIDENCE OF A CURRENT HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH INSPECTION;
- (B) A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID;
- (C) CURRENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION;
- (D) CURRENT VEHICLE INSPECTION STICKER/PAPERWORK; AND
- (E) CURRENT VEHICLE STATE INSPECTION.

(2) INSPECTIONS OF MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS. THE AHJ MAY CONDUCT  
INSPECTIONS AT ANY TIME AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE  
WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE.

(A) AN INSPECTION IS REQUIRED FOR ANY MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM  
THAT ESTABLISHES BUSINESS FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME IN HOWARD  
COUNTY. THE OWNER OR OPERATOR SHALL REQUEST AN ANNUAL  
INSPECTION STICKER AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN  
HOWARD COUNTY.

(B) THE AHJ SHALL DESIGNATE A LOCATION TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS.  
INSPECTIONS OR RE-INSPECTIONS SHALL BE AT DESIGNATED TIMES EACH  
MONTH OR MAY BE ARRANGED BY APPOINTMENT.

(C) ONCE THE INSPECTION IS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED, THE AHJ SHALL  
ISSUE AN INSPECTION STICKER. THE INSPECTION STICKER IS VALID FOR ONE  
CALENDAR YEAR FROM THE LAST INSPECTION.

(D) MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS THAT FAIL THE INSPECTION MAY NOT  
OPERATE.

(E) ANY CHANGES TO ITEMS, PROCESSES, STORAGE OR CONFIGURATION WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE AHJ IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE VALIDITY OF AN INSPECTION STICKER.

(F) PROPANE CYLINDERS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH HYDROSTATIC TEST DATES.

(3) THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM SHALL:

(A) OBTAIN ANY OTHER PERMITS AS REQUIRED, INCLUDING A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PERMIT WHERE APPLICABLE;

(B) PAY ANY OTHER FEES AS REQUIRED BY LAW;

(C) DISPLAY A VALID INSPECTION STICKER; AND

(D) COMPLETE A DAILY CHECKLIST APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

(373) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.2.2*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.2.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.2.1 AS FOLLOWS:

FEES RELATED TO MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS.

(1) THE AHJ MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR AN INSPECTION OR RE-INSPECTION OF A MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM.

(2) THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY ADOPT BY RESOLUTION FEES FOR THE INSPECTION AND RE-INSPECTION OF MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS.

(3) AN INSPECTION SHALL NOT BE PERFORMED WHERE AN OPERATOR HAS FAILED TO PAY INSPECTION FEES.

(374) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.6*

DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS. THE STORAGE AND USE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 1, AND THE FOLLOWING:

(1) INDIVIDUAL CONTAINERS, CARTONS, OR PACKAGES SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY MARKED OR LABELED IN AN APPROVED MANNER.

(2) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR LIQUIDS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF IN THE PROPER MANNER AND SHALL NOT BE RELEASED INTO ANY SEWER, STORM DRAIN, DITCH, DRAINAGE CANAL, CREEK, STREAM, RIVER, LAKE OR TIDAL WATER

OR ON THE GROUND, SIDEWALK, STREET, HIGHWAY, OR INTO THE  
ATMOSPHERE.

(375) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.6 AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR COOKING OPERATIONS. THESE REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO  
COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR COOKING OPERATIONS SUCH AS THOSE THAT TYPICALLY  
TAKE PLACE UNDER A CANOPY OR TENT-TYPE STRUCTURE AT FAIRS, FESTIVALS,  
AND CARNIVALS. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, DEEP FRYING, SAUTÉING,  
AND GRILLING OPERATIONS.

(376) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7 AS FOLLOWS:  
TENT AND CANOPY REQUIREMENTS

(377) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.1.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
TENTS OR CANOPIES WHERE COOKING EQUIPMENT NOT PROTECTED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH NFPA 96 IS LOCATED SHALL NOT BE OCCUPIED BY THE PUBLIC AND SHALL BE  
SEPARATED FROM OTHER TENTS, CANOPIES, STRUCTURES, OR VEHICLES BY A  
MINIMUM OF 10 FT. UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE AHJ.

(378) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.1.2*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
ALL TENT AND CANOPY MATERIAL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FLAME RESISTANCE  
REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 25.2.2.

(379) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
LP GAS FUEL REQUIREMENTS

(380) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
LP GAS TANK SIZE SHALL BE LIMITED TO 60 POUNDS. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LP  
GAS ON SITE SHALL NOT EXCEED 60 POUNDS FOR EACH APPLIANCE THAT IS RATED  
NOT MORE THAN 80,000 BTU/HR AND 120 POUNDS FOR EACH APPLIANCE RATED  
MORE THAN 80,000 BTU/HR.

1 (381) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.2*

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
3 TANKS SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION AND SHALL HAVE A  
4 VALID HYDROSTATIC DATE STAMP.

5 (382) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.3*

6 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
7 TANKS SHALL BE SECURED IN THEIR UPRIGHT POSITION WITH A CHAIN, STRAP, OR  
8 OTHER APPROVED METHOD THAT PREVENTS THE TANK FROM TIPPING OVER.

9 (383) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.4*

10 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
11 TANKS SHALL BE LOCATED SO THAT THEY ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. LP  
12 GAS TANKS SHALL BE LOCATED AT LEAST 5 FEET FROM ANY COOKING OR HEATING  
13 EQUIPMENT, OR ANY FLAME DEVICE.

14 (384) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.5*

15 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
16 ALL LP GAS EQUIPMENT SHALL BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND COMPLY WITH THE  
17 REQUIREMENTS OF NFPA 58.

18 (385) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.6*

19 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.5 AS FOLLOWS:  
20 REGULATORS. SINGLE-STAGE REGULATORS MAY NOT SUPPLY EQUIPMENT THAT IS  
21 RATED MORE THAN 100,000 BTU/HR RATING. TWO-STAGE REGULATORS SHALL BE  
22 USED WITH EQUIPMENT THAT IS RATED MORE THAN 100,000 BTU/HR.

23 (386) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.7*

24 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.6 AS FOLLOWS:  
25 A "NO SMOKING" SIGN NEXT TO OR DIRECTLY ABOVE THE GAS CONTAINER AND  
26 VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC SHALL BE INSTALLED. THE SIGN SHALL BE POSTED WITH A  
27 MINIMUM OF 2-INCH LETTERING AND MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE  
28 HOWARD COUNTY CODE, TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 6.

29 (387) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.8*

30 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2.7 AS FOLLOWS:



PROPANE AND NATURAL GAS TANKS SHALL BE SHUT OFF WHILE THE MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM IS IN MOTION, UNATTENDED, OR IN OVERNIGHT STORAGE.

(388) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

(389) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
ALL ELECTRICAL CORDS SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A SAFE CONDITION AND SHALL BE SECURED TO PREVENT DAMAGE.

(390) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3.2*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3.1 AS FOLLOWS;  
MOVABLE COOKING EQUIPMENT SHALL HAVE WHEELS REMOVED OR SHALL BE PLACED ON BLOCKS OR OTHERWISE SECURED TO PREVENT MOVEMENT OF THE APPLIANCE DURING OPERATION.

(391) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3.3*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHALL BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 1, SECTION 13.6, THE AHJ, AND SHALL BE SPECIFICALLY LISTED FOR SUCH USE.

(392) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3.3.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7.3.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ALL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND INSPECTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. A FIRE EXTINGUISHER (MINIMUM SIZE OF 2A 40 BC) IS REQUIRED IN ADDITION TO ANY CLASS K EXTINGUISHER. IF DEEP FAT FRYERS ARE USED OPERATORS SHALL HAVE AND MAINTAIN A CLASS K PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

(2) PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHALL BE LOCATED IN CONSPICUOUS LOCATIONS WHERE THEY ARE READILY ACCESSIBLE AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR USE.

(3) IF THE PLATFORM IS A TOWED TRAILER, THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER SHALL BE KEPT IN THE TRAILER, WHEN THE TRAILER IS OPERATING.

(4) FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHALL BEAR A CURRENT INSPECTION TAG VALIDATED WITHIN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS OR A RECEIPT OF PURCHASE WITHIN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

(393) *SUBSECTION 50.8.1.8*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.1.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.1.7 AS FOLLOWS:

THERE SHALL BE NO OBSTRUCTIONS OR IMPEDIMENTS TO IMMEDIATE ESCAPE FROM VEHICLES OR OTHER MOBILE UNITS USED FOR COOKING OPERATIONS.

(394) *SUBSECTION 50.8.8.3.2*

AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO REPLACE "NOT BE TRANSPORTED OR STORED INSIDE THE VEHICLE" WITH "BE SECURED IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION DURING TRANSPORT AND STORAGE."

(395) *SUBSECTION 50.8.9.4*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.8.9.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.8.9.3 AS FOLLOWS:

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS. THE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT ON A MOBILE FOOD VENDOR PLATFORM SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE HOWARD COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE

(396) *SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1*

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1, AFTER SECTION 60.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

HAZMAT PERMITTING. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CODE, AN ANNUAL PERMIT ISSUED BY THE AHJ IS REQUIRED FOR ANY FACILITY THAT STORES, RECEIVES, DISPENSES, USES, OR HANDLES ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1(1) OF THIS CODE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "HAZARDOUS MATERIAL" IS EQUIVALENT TO "HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE" AND "HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL".

(1) THERE ARE FIVE TYPES OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PERMITS BASED ON THE TYPE AND QUANTITY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL:

(A) TYPE I PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS IDENTIFIED IN 40 CFR PART 370, SUBJECT TO THE THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY ("TPQ") WHERE APPLICABLE THEREIN.

1 (B) TYPE II, TYPE III, AND TYPE IV PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR EXTREMELY  
2 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, AS DEFINED IN 40 CFR PART 355, THAT HAVE  
3 A TPQ OF 10 POUNDS OR LESS, THAT DO NOT OTHERWISE REQUIRE A TYPE  
4 I PERMIT, AS FOLLOWS:

5 (I) TYPE II PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR 5 POUNDS OR MORE, UP  
6 TO 10 POUNDS.

7 (II) TYPE III PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR 1 POUND OR MORE, UP  
8 TO 5 POUNDS.

9 (III) TYPE IV PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR AMOUNTS LESS THAN A  
10 POUND

11 (C) TYPE V HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY  
12 SUBSTANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1.12.8 OF THIS CODE, THAT  
13 DOES NOT OTHERWISE REQUIRE A TYPE I, II, III, OR IV PERMIT

14 (2) A PERMIT APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THE FOLLOWING  
15 ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED WITH THE PERMIT APPLICATION:

16 (A) A GENERAL SITE PLAN IS REQUIRED FOR TYPE I, II, AND III FACILITIES. A  
17 GENERAL SITE PLAN SHALL BE DRAWN AT A LEGIBLE SCALE AND SHALL  
18 INCLUDE THE LOCATION OF BUILDINGS, EXTERIOR STORAGE FACILITIES,  
19 PERMANENT ACCESS WAYS, EVACUATION ROUTES, PARKING LOTS,  
20 INTERNAL ROADS, CHEMICAL LOADING AREAS, EQUIPMENT CLEANING  
21 AREAS, STORM AND SANITARY SEWER ACCESSES, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT,  
22 AND ADJACENT PROPERTY USES.

23 (B) A BUILDING FLOOR PLAN IS REQUIRED FOR TYPE I, II, AND III FACILITIES. A  
24 BUILDING FLOOR PLAN SHALL BE DRAWN TO A LEGIBLE SCALE THAT SHALL  
25 INCLUDE THE IDENTITY OF EACH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STORAGE AREA  
26 WITHIN THE BUILDING AND SHALL INDICATE ROOMS, DOORWAYS,  
27 CORRIDORS, MEANS OF EGRESS, AND EVACUATION ROUTES.

28 (C) AN AHJ APPROVED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INVENTORY STATEMENT  
29 (HMIS) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL FACILITIES. THE INVENTORY STATEMENT  
30 SHALL INCLUDE: HAZARD CLASS, COMMON OR TRADE NAME, CHEMICAL  
31 NAME, MAJOR CONSTITUENTS, AND CONCENTRATIONS IF A MIXTURE. IF THE

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IS WASTE, THE WASTE CATEGORY, CHEMICAL  
ABSTRACT SERVICE NUMBER (CAS NUMBER) FOUND IN TITLE 29 OF THE  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR), WHETHER THE MATERIAL IS PURE  
OR A MIXTURE, AND WHETHER THE MATERIAL IS A SOLID, LIQUID, OR GAS,  
STORAGE CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE STORAGE TYPE, TEMPERATURE, AND  
PRESSURE.

(D) SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS) ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL FACILITIES AND FOR  
ALL CHEMICALS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION.

(E) TYPE I, II, AND III FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF A  
CONTRACT WITH A DISPOSAL/CLEAN-UP COMPANY OR A PLAN TO DISPOSE OF  
CHEMICALS OR CLEAN-UP SPILLS OR LEAKS.

(3) ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INVENTORY STATEMENTS  
SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE AHJ WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE STORAGE OF ANY  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS THAT EITHER:

(A) CHANGES OR ADDS A HAZARD CLASS; OR

(B) THAT CAUSES A 5% INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF ANY ONE HAZARD CLASS.

(4) THE BUSINESS SHALL NOTIFY THE AHJ IN WRITING 30 DAYS PRIOR TO  
VACATING THE PROPERTY OR AREA WHERE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ARE  
LOCATED. THE AHJ SHALL CONDUCT AN INSPECTION ON THE LAST DAY THAT  
THE BUSINESS OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY OR AREA TO CONFIRM THAT ALL  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY OR AREA.  
A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A  
VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

(5) APPLICATIONS FOR A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PERMIT SHALL BE SUBMITTED  
ANNUALLY BY THE FOLLOWING DATES:

(A) TYPE I — FILING DATE: MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

(B) TYPE II — FILING DATE: AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>

(C) TYPE III — FILING DATE: SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

(D) TYPE IV — FILING DATE MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

(E) TYPE V — FILING DATE: JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

1                   FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PERMIT IS A CLASS A  
2                   OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

3                   (6) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A  
4                   VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

5                   (397) *SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1.1*

6                   ADD NEW SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

7                   IN ADDITION TO THIS CODE, APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
8                   ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, SHALL APPLY. WHEN A PERMIT  
9                   CONFLICTS WITH A PROVISION OF THIS CODE, THE MORE STRINGENT REQUIREMENT  
10                  APPLIES.

11                  (398) *SECTION 60.1.2*

12                  AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE THE FIRST PARAGRAPH AND SUBSTITUTE THE  
13                  FOLLOWING:

14                  EXCEPT FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, BUILDINGS, AND  
15                  PORTIONS THEREOF, CONTAINING HIGH HAZARD CONTENTS LIMITED TO ANY OF THE  
16                  FOLLOWING ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THIS CHAPTER.

17                  (399) *SUBSECTION 63.1.1.1.1*

18                  ADD NEW SUBSECTION 63.1.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 63.1.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

19                  CARBON DIOXIDE (CO<sub>2</sub>) BEVERAGE SYSTEMS SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 55 AS  
20                  AMENDED.

21                  (400) *SECTION 65.1.1*

22                  DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

23                  EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS 65.1.1.1, 65.1.5, 65.1.6, AND 65.1.7 OF THIS  
24                  CODE, THE STORAGE, USE, AND HANDLING OF EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, OR MODEL  
25                  ROCKETRY SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER, NFPA  
26                  STANDARDS REFERENCED WITHIN THIS CHAPTER, SECTION 60.1 AND SECTION 60.2  
27                  OF THIS CODE, AND THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
28                  ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

29                  (401) *SUBSECTION 65.1.1.1*

30                  ADD NEW SUBSECTION 65.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 65.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

1 UNLESS THE POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE OF THE DEVICE IS CONDUCTED UNDER A  
2 STATE FIRE MARSHAL PERMIT AND IS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY THE AHJ, A  
3 PERSON SHALL NOT POSSESS, STORE, OFFER FOR SALE, EXPOSE FOR SALE, SELL, USE,  
4 BURN, DISCHARGE, OR EXPLODE A GROUND-BASED SPARKLING DEVICE, INCLUDING  
5 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NON-AERIAL, NON-EXPLOSIVE CONE FOUNTAINS, AND  
6 CYLINDRICAL FOUNTAINS.

7 (402) *SECTION 65.1.5*

8 ADD NEW SECTION 65.1.5 AFTER SECTION 65.1.4 AS FOLLOWS:

9 IN ADDITION TO THE AHJ, THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE MAY  
10 ENFORCE SECTION 65.1.1.1 OF THIS CODE.

11 (403) *SECTION 65.1.6*

12 ADD NEW SECTION 65.1.6 AFTER SECTION 65.1.5 AS FOLLOWS:

13 A PERSON POSSESSING, SELLING, OR DISCHARGING ILLEGAL FIREWORKS,  
14 EXPLOSIVES, UNLAWFULLY STORED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR MODEL ROCKETRY  
15 SHALL FORFEIT THE SAME TO THE AHJ. THE AHJ MAY SEIZE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS,  
16 EXPLOSIVES, UNLAWFULLY STORED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, AND MODEL  
17 ROCKETRY.

18 (404) *SECTION 65.1.7*

19 ADD NEW SECTION 65.1.7 AFTER SECTION 65.1.6 AS FOLLOWS:

20 A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. A PERSON WHO POSSESS,  
21 SELLS, OR DISCHARGES ILLEGAL FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES, UNLAWFULLY STORED  
22 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR MODEL ROCKETRY, OR WHO FAILS TO SURRENDER  
23 ILLEGAL FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES, OR MODEL ROCKETRY TO THE AHJ, OR WHO  
24 FAILS TO GET APPROVAL OR FOLLOW THE REGULATION SET FORTH FOR FLAME  
25 EFFECTS IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A  
26 FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.00 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR  
27 BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL  
28 REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS  
29 SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE  
30 HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A  
31 OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

1 (405) *SUBSECTION 66.23.5*

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 66.23.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 66.23.4 AS FOLLOWS:

3 A PERSON SHALL OBTAIN APPROVAL BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE  
4 ENVIRONMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS TO  
5 REMOVE AN UNDERGROUND TANK. REMOVED TANKS SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM  
6 THE SITE WITHIN 24 HOURS.

7 (406) *SUBSECTION 69.1.1.4*

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 69.1.1.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 69.1.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:

9 CYLINDERS CONNECTED TO A TEMPORARY HEATING DEVICE IN A BUILDING UNDER  
10 CONSTRUCTION OR BEING RENOVATED SHALL BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING,  
11 SECURED IN A MANNER APPROVED BY THE AHJ, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
12 SUBSECTION 16.2.1.15 OF THIS CODE. ANY EXTRA CYLINDERS STORED ON A  
13 CONSTRUCTION SITE SHALL BE SECURED IN A MANNER APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

14 (407) *SUBSECTION 69.3.13.1.3*

15 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

16 EXCEPT FOR ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS, PATIO HEATERS SHALL NOT BE  
17 LOCATED WITHIN 5 FEET OF AN EXIT OR OPENING OF ANY BUILDING.

18 (408) *SUBSECTION 69.5.3.3.1*

19 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 69.5.3.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 69.5.3.3 AS FOLLOWS:

20 EXCEPT FOR CLASS A MERCANTILE OCCUPANCIES, IN MERCANTILE OCCUPANCIES  
21 THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF ALL CYLINDERS SHALL NOT EXCEED 10 LBS.

22 (409) *SUBSECTION A.10.2.7.1*

23 AMEND ANNEX A TO ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH: A.10.2.7.1 THE  
24 FREQUENCY OF FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS OF EXISTING BUILDINGS SHOULD BE  
25 BASED UPON A RISK ASSESSMENT OF THESE PROPERTIES COMPLETED BY THE  
26 RESPONSIBLE AHJ. CONSIDERATIONS FOR THIS ASSESSMENT SHOULD INCLUDE, BUT  
27 NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE  
28 OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION OF THE BUILDING AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH  
29 THAT CLASSIFICATION; THE NUMBER, LOCATION, AND PHYSICAL AND MENTAL  
30 CAPABILITIES OF POTENTIAL BUILDING OCCUPANTS (ESPECIALLY SELF-EVACUATION  
31 ABILITIES); CONSTRUCTION DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY; FIRE

1 PROTECTION FEATURES OF THE BUILDING; SPECIAL HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH  
2 ACTIVITIES OR OPERATIONS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE BUILDING; AVAILABLE FIRE  
3 DEPARTMENT SUPPRESSION RESOURCES WITH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO  
4 NECESSARY SPECIAL SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS; AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR  
5 FIRE CODE INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.

6 (410) *SUBSECTION A.10.15.5.1*

7 AMEND PARAGRAPH A10.15.5.1 TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:

8 FOR THE PURPOSES OF REDUCING THE DISTANCES BETWEEN THE OPERATION AND  
9 REFUELING OF PORTABLE AND VEHICLE-MOUNTED GENERATORS AND ANY BUILDING  
10 OR ENCLOSURE OPENING, INCLUDING WINDOWS, DOORS, AND AIR INTAKES, ONE OR  
11 MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED:

12 (1) NATURE OF THE OCCUPANCY OF THE BUILDING OR ENCLOSURE.

13 (2) EXPECTED DURATION OF GENERATOR USE.

14 (3) USE OF CERTIFIED LOW CO EMISSION GENERATORS.

15 (4) ACTUAL AVAILABLE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE GENERATOR AND BUILDING OR  
16 ENCLOSURE OPENINGS.

17 (5) INSTALLATION OF APPROVED CO DETECTION WITHIN THE BUILDING OR  
18 ENCLOSURE.

19 (6) OPENNESS OF BUILDING OR ENCLOSURE PERIMETER WALLS AND CEILING.

20 (7) PHYSICAL BARRIERS OR OTHER MEANS TO DEFLECT GENERATOR EXHAUST FROM  
21 BUILDING OR ENCLOSURE OPENINGS.

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23 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that*  
24 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*





# HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

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**LOUIS G. WINSTON, FIRE CHIEF • CALVIN BALL, COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

To: Brandee Ganz, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Louis G. Winston, Fire/EMS Chief

Subject: Testimony on Council Bill No. XX-2024

Date: March 26, 2025

Every three years, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) updates its standards, which are comprehensive regulatory guidelines developed through industry research and consensus. These standards cover a wide range of areas, including building construction, safety features, inspection, maintenance, hazardous materials, and fire department access. The primary objective of these guidelines is to provide fire and life safety protection for the public, property, and first responders.

Maryland is one of the many states that adopt NFPA 1 as its fire code, with local amendments made in most jurisdictions to address specific local needs. In Howard County, these local amendments are detailed in Title 17, Section 104 of the Howard County Code, established as the "Howard County Fire Prevention Code." This essential legislation underpins numerous initiatives managed by the Office of the Fire Marshal, contributing to a safer community for all residents and visitors.

Beginning in early 2024, members of the Office of the Fire Marshal engaged with stakeholders throughout the state to participate in the 2024 code amendment cycle. Their contributions fostered consensus, and the Maryland State Fire Prevention Commission is currently adopting a revised state Fire Code, marking the first update since 2018. The Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits (DILP) also collaborated in this process, providing input and support for the local amendments included in this year's edition.

After engaging in the statewide consensus process, the Department of Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS) dedicated extensive hours to reviewing every line of the fire code, ensuring it meets the highest standards. Although new issues arose in the latest edition of NFPA 1, they were fewer than those addressed in 2021, given the significant refinements already made. This allowed DFRS to ensure that each section aligns with our overarching public safety mission. Consequently, while over three hundred lines of locally amended code were revised, most amendments focused on enhancing clarity or updating numerical code references to align with the changes made in the 2024 NFPA 1.

Several proposed local amendments aim to bolster the mission of protecting life and property in Howard County:



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**Collaboration with Private Sector:** New language acknowledges that DFRS Fire Investigators may collaborate with private sector counterparts during fire and explosive investigations (Section 1.7.11.1).

**Micromobility Device Safety:** In response to the rising use of e-bikes and e-scooters, which pose fire risks due to lithium-ion battery malfunctions, the 2024 fire code will require new multi-family dwellings to provide fire-protected charging areas for these devices, isolating them from living spaces. Exemptions will apply to battery-powered devices essential for daily living, such as power wheelchairs (Section 10.21.4 (5)).

**Repair Documentation Requirements:** The current fire code necessitates the submission of certificates for annual fire protection system inspections. However, there is no requirement for companies to document off-cycle repairs, complicating enforcement for out-of-service systems. The new language mandates that contractors submit repair documentation upon request from Fire Marshals to ensure compliance, with a nominal fee for each certification submitted (Section 13.1.6.7).

**Construction Inspection Program:** Since 2018, the Office of the Fire Marshal has administered an inspection program for buildings under construction, renovation, or demolition, aligned with NFPA 1 Chapter 16 and NFPA 241. Proposed local amendments for 2024 will maintain existing changes not yet addressed in NFPA 1 2024 or NFPA 241, along with new requirements on lighting and stairway access to enhance safety for workers and first responders (Sections 16.1.6 through 16.1.10.5).

**Fire Apparatus Access:** Proposed language now requires that any changes to access for fire apparatus be reviewed and approved by the department. Additionally, amendments have clarified marking requirements for fire lanes to ensure consistency with information disseminated by the Office of the Fire Marshal (Sections 18.2.2.3, 18.2.2.4, 18.2.3.6.6(3)).

**Electric Vehicle Fire Safety:** Given the fire risks associated with lithium-ion batteries in electric vehicles (EVs), which can lead to prolonged extinguishment efforts, DFRS proposes that parking garages with EV charging facilities be equipped with early smoke detection systems (Section 29.1.1.1).

## Fiscal Impact

Aside from the fees collected from fire protection contractors submitting repair certifications, these proposed amendments will not impose a fiscal impact on the county or necessitate additional positions. DFRS has collaborated closely with the Office of Law, County Administration, and relevant partner agencies to finalize this edition of the Fire Code for adoption. We appreciate your support for this vital legislative initiative.

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 8, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

