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## County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

Bill No. 8 -2016

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

AN ACT adopting the National Fire Protection Association 1, Fire Code, 2015 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; clarifying the duties of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services; amending certain definitions in the Fire Code; requiring certain registration of fire suppression systems; enhancing requirements for certain bulk tire storage; requiring certain inspections of mobile food vending platforms; requiring certain permits for certain actions taken with certain hazardous materials; providing for certain abatement when approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction; updating fire lanes designation; and generally relating to fire safety requirements and fire prevention in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time February 1, 2016. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.  
By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, 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 February 16, 2016.

Tabled on March 7, 2016  
By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on April 4, 2016 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 at 11 a.m./~~p.m.~~

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

~~Approved~~ Vetoed by the County Executive April 14, 2016

Allan H. Kittleman  
Allan H. Kittleman, 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 amending Title 17 - Public Protection Services*

5 *Section 17.100 "Department of Fire and Rescue Services"*  
6 *Paragraph (1) of Subsection (d)*

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8 *Section 17.107 "False Emergency Alarms"*

9 *Paragraph (1) of Subsection (a)*

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11 *Section 17.111 "Fire damaged building or structure"*

12 *Subsection (c)*

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14 *By repealing*

15 *Title 17, Public Protection Services*

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

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18 *By adding*

19 *Title 17, Public Protection Services*

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

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22 *By amending Title 16 - Planning, Zoning, Subdivisions and Land Development Regulations*

23 *Section 16.120 "Lot Layout"*

24 *Paragraph (10) of Subsection (b)*

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26 *By amending Title 21 - Traffic control and transportation*

27 *Section 21.101 "Definitions"*

28 *Subsection (p)*

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30 *Section 21.222 "Parking prohibited in specified places"*

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32 *Section 21.235 "Fire lanes"*

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2 **Title 17. Public Protection Services.**  
3 **Subtitle 1. Fire and Rescue Services.**  
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5 **Section 17.100. Department of Fire and Rescue Services.**

6 (d) *Duties and Responsibilities:*

7 (1) The Department of Fire and Rescue Services shall be responsible for the  
8 administration of the affairs of the County in:

- 9 (i) Fire suppression and prevention.  
10 (ii) Fire training.  
11 (iii) Arson investigation.  
12 (iv) Rescue services.  
13 (v) Emergency medical services.  
14 (vi) COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION.  
15 (vii) FIRE AND SAFETY PUBLIC EDUCATION.  
16 (viii) PLANS REVIEW FOR FIRE SAFETY.  
17 (ix) FIRE CODE DEVELOPMENT AND ENFORCEMENT.  
18 (x) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION.  
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20 **SECTION 17.104. HOWARD COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CODE.**

21 (A) *ADOPTION OF NATIONAL CODES:* EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,  
22 THE NFPA 1, FIRE CODE 2015 EDITION (PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION  
23 ASSOCIATION), IS ADOPTED AS THE HOWARD COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CODE AS IF THE  
24 NATIONAL CODE IS SET OUT IN FULL IN THIS SUBTITLE.

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

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

28 (1) GENERAL:

- 29 (I) THE TERM "CODE OFFICIAL", "ENFORCEMENT OFFICER", OR "FIRE  
30 OFFICIAL" SHALL MEAN THE DIRECTOR, CHIEF OR AHJ OF THE

1 DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES OR THE CHIEF'S AUTHORIZED  
2 DESIGNEE.

3 (II) WHEREVER THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY IS TO BE INDICATED, INSERT  
4 "HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND".

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

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

10 (2) SUBSECTION 1.1.1(2).

11 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

12 INVESTIGATION OF FIRES, EXPLOSIONS, POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE DEVICES,  
13 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENTS, AND OTHER RELATED EMERGENCY INCIDENTS.

14 THESE DUTIES MAY BE PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PUBLIC  
15 AGENCIES.

16 (3) SUBSECTION 1.1.1(3).

17 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

24 (4) SUBSECTION 1.1.1(5).

25 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

26 THE INSPECTION OF EXISTING OCCUPANCIES, STRUCTURES, AND AREAS. IN  
27 CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS,  
28 THE INSPECTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN OF NEW BUILDINGS AND  
29 ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS.

30 (5) SUBSECTION 1.1.1(6).

31 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:



1 THE MAINTENANCE AND TESTING OF EXISTING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND  
2 EQUIPMENT AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS,  
3 LICENSES AND PERMITS, THE DESIGN, ALTERATION, MODIFICATION, AND  
4 INSTALLATION OF NEW AND EXISTING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT.

5 (6) SUBSECTION 1.1.1(16).

6 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

10 (7) SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1.

11 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

17 (8) SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1.1

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

22 (9) SECTION 1.4.2

23 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

28 (10) SECTION 1.7.1.

29 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

1 ADMINISTRATION. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE AND SECTIONS 17.105, 17.106,  
2 17.107, AND 17.111 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE SHALL APPLY WITHOUT  
3 RESTRICTION, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED.

4 (11) SECTION 1.7.5.

5 INSERT THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SECTION:

6 IN ADDITION TO THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE AHJ AND THE  
7 ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE BY SECTION  
8 1.7.4 AND SECTION 65.1.3 OF THIS CODE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS, OR THE DIRECTOR'S AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE,  
10 MAY ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE WHEN:

- 11 (I) REVIEWING PLANS FOR OR INSPECTING NEW CONSTRUCTION;
- 12 (II) REQUESTED TO CONDUCT SPECIFIC INSPECTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE AHJ;
- 13 OR
- 14 (III) INSPECTING COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, SITES,  
15 OR AREAS.

16 (12) SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1

17 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

25 (13) SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1.1

26 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1 AS FOLLOWS:

27 PERSONNEL PERFORMING INSPECTIONS MAY DOCUMENT INSPECTIONS THROUGH  
28 ANY APPROPRIATE MEANS INCLUDING THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO  
29 RECORDING.

30 (14) SUBSECTION 1.7.7.7

31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.7.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.7.6 AS FOLLOWS:

1 A PERSON WHO REFUSES TO ALLOW AN INSPECTION OF A BUILDING, STRUCTURE,  
2 SITE, OR AREA WHEN THE INSPECTION IS AUTHORIZED BY THIS CODE IS GUILTY OF A  
3 MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING  
4 \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY,  
5 AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR  
6 EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES  
7 PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A  
8 VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A  
9 VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

10 (15) SUBSECTION 1.7.9.1

11 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.9.1 AFTER SECTION 1.7.9 AS FOLLOWS:  
12 A PERSON INTERFERING OR CAUSING A CONDITION THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH  
13 THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON  
14 CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT  
15 EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND  
16 CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL  
17 MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL  
18 PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION  
19 IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE  
20 OFFENSE.

21 (16) SUBSECTION 1.7.10.1

22 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.10.1 AFTER SECTION 1.7.10 AS FOLLOWS:  
23 A PERSON IMPERSONATING A FIRE OFFICIAL IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND,  
24 UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT  
25 NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND  
26 CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL  
27 MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL  
28 PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS  
29 A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE  
30 OFFENSE.

31 (17) SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1

1 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
2 AUTHORITY. THE AHJ MAY INVESTIGATE THE ORIGIN, CAUSE, AND  
3 CIRCUMSTANCES OF ANY FIRE, EXPLOSION, POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE DEVICE,  
4 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT, OR OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATION. THESE  
5 DUTIES MAY BE PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES.

6 (18) SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1.1

7 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
8 TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE COUNTY MAY PURSUE LEGAL ACTION TO  
9 SEEK REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED IN  
10 RESPONSE TO AN ARSON FROM THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO COMMIT THE ARSON.

11 (19) SUBSECTION 1.7.11.2

12 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
13 EVIDENCE. THE AHJ MAY TAKE CUSTODY OF ALL PHYSICAL EVIDENCE RELATING  
14 TO THE CAUSE OF A FIRE, EXPLOSION, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT, OR OTHER  
15 EMERGENCY SITUATION.

16 (20) SUBSECTION 1.7.11.5

17 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.11.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.11.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
18 A PERSON INTERFERING OR CAUSING A CONDITION THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH  
19 AN INVESTIGATION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS  
20 SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30  
21 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH  
22 ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS  
23 SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE  
24 HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A  
25 OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

26 (21) SUBSECTION 1.7.13.1

27 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
28 WHEN REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS,  
29 THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT  
30 OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS WITH THE INSPECTION OF NEW

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

3 (22) SUBSECTIONS 1.7.13.2 THROUGH 1.7.13.4

4 DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS.

5 (23) SUBSECTION 1.7.15.1

6 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.15.1 AFTER SECTION 1.7.15

7 WORK SUBJECT TO A STOP WORK ORDER BY THE AHJ SHALL IMMEDIATELY STOP.

8 THE AHJ MAY RESCIND A STOP WORK ORDER AFTER THE SITUATION HAS BEEN

9 CORRECTED AND INSPECTED BY THE AHJ OR AN INSPECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT

10 OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS DEEMS THE BUILDING IS SAFE.

11 (24) SUBSECTION 1.7.15 (4)

12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.15(4) AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.15(3) AS FOLLOWS:

13 THE AHJ MAY ORDER THE EVACUATION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE IF THE FIRE

14 DETECTION OR SUPPRESSION SYSTEM IS NOT IN WORKING ORDER, THE BUILDING OR

15 STRUCTURE IS OVERCROWDED, OR THERE IS A VIOLATION OF THIS CODE THAT

16 CREATES A HAZARDOUS CONDITION, EMERGENCY, OR IMMINENT DANGER.

17 (25) SUBSECTION 1.7.15 (5)

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.15 (5) AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.15(4) AS FOLLOWS:

19 IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION, A PERSON FAILING TO OBEY AN

20 ORDER TO STOP WORK, ABATE A CONDITION, CEASE A USE, OR IMMEDIATELY

21 EVACUATE A BUILDING, STRUCTURE, SITE, OR AREA IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR

22 AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR

23 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN

24 ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY,

25 A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO

26 TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF

27 THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES

28 IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

29 (26) SUBSECTION 1.7.17 .4.

30 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.3 AS FOLLOWS:

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

- (i) HAVE A FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE BUILDING LAYOUT AND THE BUILDING'S SYSTEMS;
- (ii) BE ABLE TO OPERATE VALVES, CLIMB STAIRS, DIAL PHONES, AND SPEAK CALMLY AND CLEARLY IN A STRESSFUL SITUATION;
- (iii) MANAGE PEOPLE IN AN EMERGENCY; AND
- (iv) 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 1.7.17.4.3 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 MAINTAINED ON THE PREMISES.

(32) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.6.

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.5 AS FOLLOWS:

2 THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL DESIGNATE THE LESSER OF EITHER (1) ONE PERSON  
3 PER 100,000 SQ. FT OF BUILDING SPACE; OR (2) ONE PERSON FOR EVERY FIVE (5)  
4 FLOORS. THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL. WHEN  
5 MULTIPLE PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED, THEY SHALL HAVE THE ABILITY TO  
6 COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER.

7 (33) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.7.

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.6 AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

17 (34) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.5.

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4 AS FOLLOWS:

19 A PERSON FAILING TO PROVIDE APPROVED STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL (FIRE WATCH)  
20 OR FAILING TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL IS GUILTY OF  
21 A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING  
22 \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY,  
23 AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR  
24 EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES  
25 PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A  
26 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION  
27 CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

28 (35) SUBSECTION 1.8.1.1

29 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.8.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.8.1 AS FOLLOWS:

30 THE INCIDENT COMMANDER HAS ADDITIONAL POWERS SET FORTH IN SECTION  
31 17.105 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

1 (36) SECTION 1.9.3.

2 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

3 ANY SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE AHJ OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO THE AHJ  
4 HAS DELEGATED THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THIS CODE BECAUSE OF AN ACT OR  
5 OMISSION PERFORMED IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE OR OTHER PERTINENT  
6 LAW IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE OR ENFORCED BY  
7 THE AHJ SHALL BE DEFENDED BY HOWARD COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
8 MARYLAND LAW AND TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

9 (37) SECTION 1.10.

10 DELETE THIS SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.

11 (38) SECTION 1.11.1

12 AT THE END OF THIS SECTION ADD “AND THE MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION  
13 ACT.”

14 (39) SECTION 1.11.2

15 AT THE END OF THIS SECTION ADD “AND THE HOWARD COUNTY RECORDS  
16 RETENTION POLICY.”

17 (40) SUBSECTION 1.12.1.1

18 ADD SUBSECTION 1.12.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.12.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

25 (41) SECTION 1.13.2

26 DELETE “MANDATORY” AND REPLACE “SHALL” WITH “MAY”.

27 (42) SECTION 1.14.1.

28 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

29 WHEN REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS,  
30 THE AHJ SHALL ASSIST IN THE REVIEW OF NEW CONSTRUCTION, MODIFICATIONS,  
31 ALTERATIONS, AND THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT.



1 (43) SECTION 1.14.2 THROUGH SECTION 1.14.5.

2 DELETE THESE SECTIONS.

3 (44) SUBSECTION 1.15.1.1.

4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.15.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.15.1 AS FOLLOWS:

5 THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE REVIEW BY AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY WITH  
6 EXPERTISE IN THE MATTER TO BE REVIEWED, AT THE PERSON'S EXPENSE, WHEN:

7 (I) A PERSON REQUESTS AN EQUIVALENT METHOD, ALTERNATIVE, OR  
8 MODIFICATION TO A CODE REQUIREMENT; OR

9 (II) THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE ON  
10 TECHNICAL MATTERS, USES, OPERATIONS, OR EQUIPMENT.

11 (45) SECTION 1.16.1.

12 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

13 NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE USING  
14 ANY OTHER MEANS PROVIDED BY LAW, INCLUDING EQUITABLE AND CRIMINAL  
15 ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A CLASS A OFFENSE AND AS SET FORTH IN  
16 SUBSECTION 1.16.1.1 OF THIS CODE, IF THE AHJ DETERMINES THAT A VIOLATION OF  
17 THIS CODE EXISTS, THE AHJ SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF VIOLATION TO THE  
18 PROPERTY OWNER. ANY VIOLATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN ABATED WITHIN THE TIME  
19 SPECIFIED BY THE AHJ SHALL BE A CLASS A VIOLATION FOR FAILURE TO ABATE,  
20 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 17.104(B)(25) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (46) SUBSECTION 1.16.1.1.

22 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.16.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.16.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

25 (1) PERSONAL SERVICE;

26 (2) CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL, RESTRICTED DELIVERY, RETURN RECEIPT  
27 REQUESTED;

28 (3) FIRST CLASS MAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE ALLEGED  
29 VIOLATOR; OR

1 (4) WHEN SERVICE CANNOT BE OBTAINED BY ONE OF THESE METHODS, A COPY  
2 OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION MAY BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON  
3 THE PROPERTY.

4 (47) SUBSECTION 1.16.1.2

5 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.16.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.16.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 10 (I) SECTION 1.7.7, INSPECTIONS;
- 11 (II) SECTION 1.7.9, INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT;
- 12 (III) SECTION 1.7.10, IMPERSONATION;
- 13 (IV) SECTION 1.7.11, INVESTIGATION;
- 14 (V) SECTION 1.7.15, STOP WORK OR EVACUATION;
- 15 (VI) SECTION 1.7.16, IMMINENT DANGER;
- 16 (VII) SECTION 1.7.17, STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL;
- 17 (VIII) SECTION 4.4.3, MEANS OF EGRESS;
- 18 (IX) SECTION 10.2.7, RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT;
- 19 (X) SECTIONS 13.1.2, 13.1.7, AND 13.1.13, REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION  
20 SYSTEMS;
- 21 (XI) SECTION 14.4, MEANS OF EGRESS RELIABILITY;
- 22 (XII) SECTION 20.1.5.8.3, REGARDING EXCEEDING OCCUPANCY LIMITS;
- 23 (XIII) SECTION 60.1, HAZMAT PERMITTING; OR
- 24 (XIV) CHAPTER 65, REGARDING EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, FLAME EFFECTS BEFORE  
25 AUDIENCE AND MODEL ROCKETRY.

26 (48) SUBSECTION 1.16.4.2

27 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION

28 (49) SECTION 1.16.6

29 ADD NEW SECTION 1.16.6 AFTER SECTION 1.16.5 AS FOLLOWS:

30 WHEN THERE IS ANY VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THIS CODE, OR ANY ACTION  
31 TAKEN UNDER THIS CODE, THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY INSTITUTE APPROPRIATE ACTION

1 TO PREVENT, ENJOIN, ABATE, OR REMOVE THE VIOLATION. ALTERNATIVELY AND IN  
2 ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL OTHER REMEDIES PROVIDED BY LAW,  
3 THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SUBTITLE AND THIS CODE BY THE USE OF  
4 CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD  
5 COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS CODE IS A CLASS C OFFENSE EXCEPT AS  
6 OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THIS CODE.

7 (50) SUBSECTION 1.16.6.1

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.16.6.1 AFTER SECTION 1.16.6 AS FOLLOWS:

9 IF A PERSON REFUSES OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE,  
10 OR TO CORRECT A VIOLATION WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE OF  
11 VIOLATION, OR AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS, THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY PETITION  
12 THE COURT FOR AN ORDER PERMITTING ENTRY UPON THE PROPERTY TO ABATE THE  
13 VIOLATION AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE OR TO TAKE CUSTODY OF UNLAWFUL  
14 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

15 (51) SECTION 1.17

16 ADD NEW SECTION 1.17 AFTER SECTION 1.16 AS FOLLOWS:

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

21 (52) SECTION 2.1

22 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

- 25 (i) NFPA 5000, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY CODE 2015 EDITION;
- 26 (ii) NFPA 54, NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, 2015 EDITION; AND
- 27 (iii) NFPA 70, NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, 2014 EDITION.

28 (53) SECTION 2.1.1

29 ADD NEW SECTION 2.1.1 AFTER SECTION 2.1 AS FOLLOWS:

30 EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC TEXT EXTRACTED FROM NFPA 1, A REFERENCE IN THIS CODE  
31 TO "NFPA 5000, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY CODE 2015 EDITION"

1 MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY BUILDING CODE ADOPTED IN TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 1  
2 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

3 (54) SECTION 2.1.2.

4 ADD NEW SECTION 2.1.2 AFTER SECTION 2.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

5 EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC TEXT EXTRACTED FROM NFPA 1, A REFERENCE IN THIS CODE  
6 TO "NFPA 54, NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, 2015 -EDITION" MEANS THE HOWARD  
7 COUNTY PLUMBING AND GASFITTING CODE ADOPTED IN TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 3 OF  
8 THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

9 (55) SECTION 2.1.3.

10 ADD NEW SECTION 2.1.3 AFTER SECTION 2.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:

11 EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC TEXT EXTRACTED FROM NFPA 1, A REFERENCE IN THIS CODE  
12 TO "NFPA 70, NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2014 EDITION" MEANS THE HOWARD  
13 COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED IN TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE HOWARD  
14 COUNTY CODE.

15 (56) SECTION 2.2

16 ADD THE REFERENCED PUBLICATION NFPA 1124 CODE FOR THE MANUFACTURE,  
17 TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE AND RETAIL SALES OF FIREWORKS AND  
18 PYROTECHNIC ARTICLES, 2006 EDITION.

19 (57) SECTION 3.2.2.

20 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

21 **AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION (AHJ).** FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CODE THE  
22 AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION IS THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE  
23 AND RESCUE SERVICES.

24 (58) SECTION 3.2.8.1

25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.2.8.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 3.2.8. AS FOLLOWS:

26 **MAY.** MAY IS PERMISSIVE AND DISCRETIONARY. WHEN THIS CODE STATES "THE  
27 AHJ MAY REQUIRE" INDICATES A REQUIREMENT, PROVISION, OR PRACTICE THAT  
28 CAN BE MANDATED BY THE AHJ DEPENDING UPON THE SITUATION OR  
29 CIRCUMSTANCES.

30 (59) SECTION 3.3.2.

31 AT THE END OF THIS SECTION, ADD THE FOLLOWING:

1 THE AHJ SHALL SPECIFY THE TYPE OF BOX OR DEVICE.

2 (60) SUBSECTION 3.3.20.A.

3 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.20A AFTER SECTION 3.3.20 AS FOLLOWS:

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

7 (61) SECTION 3.3.34. A.

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

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

16 (62) SUBSECTION 3.3.53.2

17 DELETE "2.2 AND SUBSTITUTE "2.1.3".

18 (63) SUBSECTION 3.3.53.3.

19 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

20 A REFERENCE IN THIS CODE TO THE "MECHANICAL CODE" MEANS THE  
21 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 1  
22 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

23 (64) SUBSECTION 3.3.53.4.

24 DELETE "2.2" AND SUBSTITUTE "2.1.2".

25 (65) SUBSECTION 3.3.68A

26 ADD SUBSECTION 3.3.68A AFTER SECTION 3.3.68

27 **CONSUMER FIREWORKS RETAIL SALES AREA.** THE PORTION OF A CONSUMER  
28 FIREWORKS RETAIL SALES FACILITY OR STORE, INCLUDING THE IMMEDIATELY  
29 ADJACENT AISLES, WHERE CONSUMER FIREWORKS ARE LOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE  
30 OR RETAIL DISPLAY AND SALE TO THE PUBLIC.

31 (66) SECTION 3.3.117.

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

5 (67) SECTION 3.3.122.

6 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

7 **FIRE LANE.** A FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS ROAD, CURB, OR ROADWAY THAT IS  
8 DESIGNATED BY THE AHJ AS REQUIRED FOR ACCESS BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND  
9 THAT IS MARKED WITH APPROVED SIGNS OR OTHER NOTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
10 THIS CODE.

11 (68) SUBSECTION 3.3.125A

12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.125A AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.125

13 **FIREWORKS.** ANY COMPOSITION OR DEVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING A  
14 VISIBLE OR AUDIBLE EFFECT FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES BY COMBUSTION,  
15 DEFLAGRATION OR DETONATION, AND THAT MEETS THE DEFINITION OF CONSUMER  
16 FIREWORKS OR DISPLAY FIREWORKS AS SET FORTH IN NFPA 1124 CODE FOR THE  
17 MANUFACTURE, TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, AND RETAIL SALES OF FIREWORKS  
18 AND PYROTECHNIC ARTICLES, 2006 EDITION, AND AS REFERENCED IN PUBLIC  
19 SAFETY ARTICLE, §10-101, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND ARE SUBJECT TO  
20 THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 65 OF THIS CODE AND THE MARYLAND STATE FIRE  
21 PREVENTION CODE.

22 (69) SECTION 3.3.154.

23 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

24 **IMMINENT DANGER.** A CONDITION OR PRACTICE IN AN OCCUPANCY, STRUCTURE,  
25 SITE, OR AREA THAT POSES A DANGER THAT COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO  
26 CAUSE DEATH, PHYSICAL INJURY, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

27 (70) SECTION 3.3.164A .

28 ADD NEW SECTION 3.3.165A AFTER SECTION 3.3.165 AS FOLLOWS:

29 **LOCK-UP.** EXCEPT IN A DETENTION OR CORRECTIONAL OCCUPANCY, AN AREA  
30 WHERE OCCUPANTS ARE RESTRAINED AND MOSTLY INCAPABLE OF SELF-

1 PRESERVATION BECAUSE OF SECURITY MEASURES THAT ARE NOT UNDER THE  
2 OCCUPANT'S CONTROL.

3 (71) SUBSECTION 3.3.183.6

4 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

5 (72) SUBSECTION 3.3.183.7.

6 DELETE "FOUR OR MORE".

7 (73) SUBSECTION 3.3.183.7A.

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.183.7A AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.183 AS FOLLOWS:

9 **FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME.** A DAY-CARE HOME, GENERALLY WITHIN A DWELLING  
10 UNIT, IN WHICH 8 OR FEWER CLIENTS RECEIVE CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND  
11 SUPERVISION BY AN INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN A RELATIVE OR LEGAL GUARDIAN  
12 FOR LESS THAN 24 HOURS PER DAY.

13 (74) SUBSECTION 3.3.183.7B.

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.183.7B AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.183.7A AS FOLLOWS:

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

19 (75) SUBSECTION 3.3.183.7C.

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.183.7C AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.183.7B AS FOLLOWS:

21 **DAY CARE CENTER.** A DAY CARE OCCUPANCY IN WHICH MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS  
22 RECEIVE CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPERVISION BY AN INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN A  
23 RELATIVE OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, FOR LESS THAN 24 HOURS PER DAY.

24 (76) SUBSECTION 3.3.183.16.

25 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

- 27 (I) DOES NOT QUALIFY AS A ONE- OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING;
- 28 (II) PROVIDES SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 6 OR MORE PEOPLE BUT NOT  
29 MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ON A TRANSIENT OR PERMANENT BASIS;
- 30 (III) DOES NOT PROVIDE PERSONAL CARE SERVICES;
- 31 (IV) MAY OR MAY NOT PROVIDE MEALS; AND

- 1 (V) DOES NOT HAVE SEPARATE COOKING FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL  
2 OCCUPANTS.
- 3 (77) SUBSECTION 3.3.183.22.  
4 DELETE "NOT MORE THAN THREE" AND SUBSTITUTE NOT MORE THAN FIVE".
- 5 (78) SUBSECTION 3.3.183.25  
6 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
7 **RESIDENTIAL BOARD AND CARE OCCUPANCY.** A BUILDING OR PORTION OF A  
8 BUILDING THAT IS USED FOR LODGING AND BOARDING OF SIX OR MORE RESIDENTS,  
9 NOT RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE TO THE OWNER OR OPERATOR, FOR THE  
10 PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE SERVICES.
- 11 (79) SUBSECTION 3.3.198A  
12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.198A AFTER SECTION 3.3.199 AS FOLLOWS:  
13 **PERSON:**  
14 (I) AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION,  
15 ORGANIZATION, OR ANY OTHER GROUP ACTING AS A UNIT; OR  
16 (II) AN EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, TRUSTEE, RECEIVER, OR OTHER  
17 REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED ACCORDING TO LAW.
- 18 (80) SECTION 3.3.217  
19 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
20 **RECREATIONAL FIRE.** THE OUTSIDE OPEN BURNING OF ANY MATERIAL FOR  
21 PLEASURE, RELIGIOUS, CEREMONIAL, COOKING, OR SIMILAR PURPOSES THAT IS  
22 SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY THE AHJ.
- 23 (81) SUBSECTION 4.4.3.1.4  
24 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 4.4.3.1.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 4.4.3.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
25 VISUAL OBSCURATION SYSTEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY OR BURGLAR ALARM  
26 SYSTEMS ARE NOT PERMITTED.
- 27 (82) SUBSECTION 10.1.2.1.  
28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.1.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
29 WHEN PROVISIONS OF THE LIFE SAFETY CODE (NFPA 101) CONFLICT WITH THIS  
30 CODE, THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CODE SHALL APPLY.
- 31 (83) SECTION 10.2.7



1 ADD NEW SECTION 10.2.7 AFTER SECTION 10.2.6 AS FOLLOWS:  
2 RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT. ANY PERSON WHO RECKLESSLY ENGAGES IN  
3 CONDUCT, IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS CODE, THAT CREATES A  
4 SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY IS GUILTY OF A  
5 MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING  
6 \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, OR  
7 IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR  
8 EQUITY, THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES  
9 PURSUANT TO TITLE 24 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF EITHER  
10 SECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A  
11 SEPARATE OFFENSE.

12 (84) SECTION 10.4.1

13 DELETE SECTION 10.4.1 AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

23 (85) SECTION 10.9.5

24 ADD NEW SECTION 10.9.5 AFTER SECTION 10.9.4 AS FOLLOWS:

25 IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION AND  
26 REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC OCCUPANCIES AS SET FORTH IN THIS CODE, THE  
27 REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE SHALL  
28 APPLY.

29 (86) SECTION 10.10.1

30 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

1 EXCEPT FOR COOKING AND RECREATIONAL FIRES THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS  
2 OF SECTION 12.108 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE, OPEN FIRES ARE PROHIBITED.

3 (87) SUBSECTION 10.10.1.1

4 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

5 UNLESS OPEN FLAME DEVICES OR CANDLES MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS,  
6 A PERSON SHALL NOT USE OR ALLOW TO BE USED, OPEN FLAMES OR BURNING  
7 CANDLES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PUBLIC MEETING OR GATHERING FOR THE  
8 PURPOSE OF DELIBERATION, ENTERTAINMENT, AMUSEMENT, INSTRUCTION,  
9 EDUCATION, RECREATION, DISPLAY, OR SIMILAR PURPOSE IN ANY OCCUPANCY OPEN  
10 TO THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING ASSEMBLY, BUSINESS, EDUCATIONAL, DAYCARE AND OR  
11 MERCANTILE OCCUPANCIES. CANDLES OR OPEN FLAME DEVICES NOT MEETING THE  
12 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MAY BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH A WORSHIP  
13 SERVICE IN ANY PLACE OF WORSHIP IF IT IS USED IN SUCH A MANNER AS NOT TO  
14 CREATE A HAZARDOUS CONDITION, EMERGENCY, OR IMMINENT DANGER. FOR A  
15 CANDLE OR DEVICE TO BE APPROVED BY THE AHJ, THE CANDLE OR DEVICE SHALL  
16 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH BELOW AND ALL REFERENCED AND  
17 APPLICABLE CODES.

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

- 22 A. CLASS I: GASOLINE, ALCOHOL, TURPENTINE;
- 23 B. CLASS II: DIESEL FUEL, KEROSENE;
- 24 C. CLASS IIIA: MINERAL OIL, LINSEED OIL, OIL BASED PAINTS; AND
- 25 D. LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES: PROPANE, BUTANE, BUTYLENES,  
26 PROPYLENE

27 (II) EXCEPT FOR CANDLES, LIQUID OR SOLID FUELED LIGHTING DEVICES SHALL  
28 HAVE A SELF-EXTINGUISHING CAPTIVE-FREE FLOATING SNUFFING DEVICE  
29 AND SHALL NOT LEAK FUEL AT A RATE OF MORE THAN 1/4 TEASPOON PER  
30 MINUTE IF TIPPED OVER.

- 1 (III) DEVICES OR HOLDERS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED TO PREVENT THE SPILLING  
2 OF LIQUID FUEL OR WAX AT THE RATE OF MORE THAN 1/4 TEASPOON PER  
3 MINUTE WHEN THE DEVICE OR HOLDER IS NOT IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION.
- 4 (IV) EXCEPT FOR UNITS THAT SELF-EXTINGUISH AND DO NOT SPILL FUEL OR WAX  
5 AT THE RATE OF MORE THAN 1/4 TEASPOON PER MINUTE IF TIPPED OVER,  
6 DEVICES OR HOLDERS SHALL BE DESIGNED TO RETURN TO THE UPRIGHT  
7 POSITION AFTER BEING TILTED TO AN ANGLE OF 45 DEGREES.
- 8 (V) EXCEPT WHERE OPENINGS ON THE SIDES ARE NOT MORE THAN 3/4 OF AN  
9 INCH IN DIAMETER, FLAMES OF CANDLES, DISPOSABLE OR REFILLABLE FUEL  
10 CARTRIDGES, OR OTHER OPEN-FLAME DECORATIVE LIGHTING SHALL BE  
11 ENCLOSED. THE OPENING ON THE TOP AND THE DISTANCE TO THE TOP SHALL  
12 BE SUCH THAT A SINGLE LAYER OF TISSUE PAPER PLACED ON THE TOP WILL  
13 NOT IGNITE IN 10 SECONDS AND THE FUEL CONTAINER SHALL HAVE NO  
14 MEANS OF ADJUSTING THE HEIGHT OF THE FLAME.
- 15 (VI) EXCEPT WHERE AN OPEN FLAME DEVICE SELF-EXTINGUISHES IF THE DEVICE  
16 IS TIPPED OVER, CHIMNEYS SHALL BE MADE OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE  
17 MATERIAL AND SHALL BE SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE OPEN-FLAME  
18 DEVICE.
- 19 (VII) DISPOSABLE OR REFILLABLE LIQUID FUEL CARTRIDGES SHALL NOT BE  
20 UNDER PRESSURE AND SHALL BE SAFELY SEALED FOR STORAGE. THE FUEL  
21 CONTAINER SHALL BE SEALED SO THAT IT CANNOT BE REFILLED ON THE  
22 PREMISES AND SO THAT THE BURNER ASSEMBLY CANNOT BE REMOVED  
23 FROM THE FUEL CONTAINER.
- 24 (VIII) CHIMNEY SHADES, IF USED, SHALL BE MADE OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE  
25 MATERIALS AND SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE OPEN-FLAME DEVICE HOLDER  
26 OR CHIMNEY. THE BASE, DEVICE, OR HOLDER AND ANY DECORATION  
27 AROUND OR NEAR THE BASE MUST BE NONCOMBUSTIBLE. DEVICES MUST BE  
28 LOCATED SO AS TO AVOID IGNITION OF ANY COMBUSTIBLES.

29 (88) SUBSECTIONS 10.10.1.2, 10.10.1.3 AND 10.10.1.4

30 DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS.

31 (89) SUBSECTION 10.10.2

1 ADD "SKY LANTERNS," AFTER "CANDLES,"

2 (90) SUBSECTION 10.10.4.5

3 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.10.4.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.10.4.4 AS FOLLOWS:

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

7 (91) SUBSECTION 10.10.4.6

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.10.4.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.10.4.5 AS FOLLOWS:

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

11 (92) SUBSECTION 10.10.6.1

12 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

13 BARBECUE GRILLS, HIBACHIS, GAS-FIRED GRILLS, CHARCOAL GRILLS, CHIMINEAS,  
14 LUMINARIES, FIREPITS, OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES USED FOR COOKING, HEATING,  
15 OR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, SHALL NOT BE USED OR KINDLED ON A BALCONY, UNDER  
16 AN OVERHANGING PORTION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE , OR WITHIN 15 FEET OF  
17 A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE. THE AHJ MAY APPROVE ELECTRIC GRILLS THAT DO  
18 NOT USE AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL. CHIMINEAS, LUMINARIES, FIRE PITS, AND SIMILAR  
19 DEVICES THAT ARE PART OF THE APPROVED ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE  
20 EQUIPPED WITH SPARK ARRESTORS AND THE FIRE AREA SHALL NOT EXCEED 3 FEET  
21 IN DIAMETER.

22 (93) 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 OR ENCLOSED AREA. PATIO HEATERS WITH AN  
26 OPEN FLAME SHALL BE SECURED, MAINTAINED, AND KEPT AWAY FROM  
27 COMBUSTIBLES. PROPANE FUELED PATIO HEATERS SHALL ALSO MEET  
28 REQUIREMENTS IN 69.3.11 OF THE NFPA 1.

29 (94) SECTION 10.11.1.

30 DELETE THIS SECTION 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 (I) NUMBERS SHALL BE AT LEAST THREE INCHES HIGH FOR SINGLE-FAMILY  
5 DETACHED AND ATTACHED RESIDENCES AND SIX INCHES HIGH FOR  
6 COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND MULTI-FAMILY STRUCTURES.

7 (II) NUMBERS SHALL BE POSTED ON A CONTRASTING BACKGROUND AND  
8 DISPLAYED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE THAT IS UNOBSTRUCTED AND  
9 CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE STREET NAMED IN THE OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF  
10 THE STRUCTURE.

11 (III) IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBERS REQUIRED ON A STRUCTURE, WHERE THE  
12 STRUCTURE HAS MORE THAN ONE ADDRESS OR WHERE MORE THAN ONE  
13 STRUCTURE SHARE A COMMON ENTRY DRIVEWAY, NUMBERS SHALL  
14 DESIGNATE THE ADDRESSES IN SEQUENCE ON A SIGN POSTED AT THE ENTRY  
15 OR COMMON DRIVEWAY.

16 (IV) THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE ADDRESS IDENTIFICATION TO BE LOCATED ON MORE  
17 THAN ONE SIDE OF THE STRUCTURE.

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

24 (95) SUBSECTION 10.11.1.2  
25 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION

26 (96) SUBSECTION 10.11.1.3  
27 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

28 (97) SUBSECTION 10.11.3.1  
29 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
30 STAIRS SERVING THREE OR MORE STORIES SHALL COMPLY WITH 10.11.3.1.1  
31 THROUGH 10.11.3.1.16.

1 (98) SUBSECTION 10.11.3.1.1.1

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.11.3.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.11.3.1.1

3 STAIRWAYS SERVING THREE OR MORE STORIES SHALL MARK INTERIOR STAIRWAY  
4 DOORS TO IDENTIFY THE STAIR DESIGNATION AND THE FLOOR NUMBER.

5 (99) SUBSECTION 10.12.2.1

6 DELETE SUBSECTION 10.12.2.1

7 (100) SECTION 10.12.4.

8 ADD NEW SECTION 10.12.4 AFTER SECTION 10.12.3 AS FOLLOWS:

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

11 (101) SECTION 10.12.5.

12 ADD NEW SECTION 10.12.5 AFTER SECTION 10.12.4 AS FOLLOWS:

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

15 (102) SECTION 10.12.6.

16 ADD NEW SECTION 10.12.6 AFTER SECTION 10.12.5 AS FOLLOWS:

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

20 (I) VACANT – NORMAL STABILITY AT TIME OF MARKING;

21 (II) VACANT – INTERIOR HAZARDS EXISTS TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT INTERIOR  
22 OPERATIONS MAY BE CONDUCTED ONLY AFTER EXAMINATION, AND WITH  
23 EXTREME CAUTION; OR

24 (III) VACANT- EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS FROM  
25 THE EXTERIOR. WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ENTER THE BUILDING,  
26 ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

27 A. APPROVAL BY THE OFFICER IN COMMAND IS REQUIRED;

28 B. EXAMINATION MUST BE CONDUCTED BEFORE UNIT IS COMMITTED;

29 C. OPERATING FORCE AND INTERIOR OPERATIONAL TIME TO BE KEPT TO  
30 A MINIMUM.

31 (103) SUBSECTION 10.13.1.1

- 1 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF SUBSECTION 10.13.1.1:  
2 "AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES OF THE OFFICE OF THE MARYLAND  
3 STATE FIRE MARSHAL OR THE AHJ".
- 4 (104) SUBSECTION 10.13.1.2  
5 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.13.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.13.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
6 THE AHJ SHALL: APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF A NATURAL CUT OR BALLED TREE;  
7 LIMIT THE NUMBER OF NATURAL CUT OR BALLED TREES DISPLAYED; AND ORDER  
8 THE REMOVAL OF ANY TREE IF THE TREE POSSESSES A HAZARD TO LIFE OR SAFETY.
- 9 (105) SUBSECTION 10.13.3.1  
10 DELETE "BY THE MANUFACTURE AS BEING FIRE RETARDANT" WITH "BY A TESTING  
11 LABORATORY RECOGNIZED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OR THE  
12 AHJ".
- 13 (106) SUBSECTION 10.13.10.1  
14 INSERT THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:  
15 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17.106 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.
- 16 (107) SECTION 10.15.1  
17 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
18 OUTSIDE STORAGE OF COMBUSTIBLE OR FLAMMABLE MATERIAL SHALL NOT BE  
19 LOCATED WITHIN 15 FEET OF A PROPERTY LINE, BUILDING, OR STRUCTURE. THE  
20 VOLUME OF MATERIAL SHALL NOT EXCEED 2,500 CUBIC FEET.
- 21 (108) SUBSECTION 10.15.1.1  
22 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.15.1.1 AFTER SECTION 10.15.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
23 THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE THE AREA OF OUTSIDE STORAGE BE ENCLOSED BY A  
24 SECURITY FENCE AT LEAST SIX FEET IN HEIGHT.
- 25 (109) SUBSECTION 10.15.1.2  
26 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.15.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.15.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
27 OUTSIDE STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE MATERIAL WHICH EXCEEDS 2,500 CUBIC FEET IN  
28 VOLUME SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS CODE FOR THE STORAGE OF THE  
29 SPECIFIC MATERIAL.
- 30 (110) SECTION 10.15.2  
31 DELETE THIS SECTION.

1 (111) SECTION 10.15.3

2 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SECTION:

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

5 (112) SECTION 10.18.1

6 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

7 COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS SHALL BE STORED:

8 (I) ORDERLY; AND

9 (II) 36 INCHES OR MORE FROM HEAT PRODUCING EQUIPMENT; OR

10 (III) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.

11 (113) SECTION 10.18.7

12 AFTER "BUILDING" INSERT "OR ON A PATIO, BALCONY, OR DECK".

13 (114) SUBSECTION 11.1.1.1

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.1.1.1 AFTER SECTION 11.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

15 AN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE, FIXTURE, OR CONSUMER PRODUCT SHALL NOT BE SOLD  
16 OR USED UNLESS IT IS CLEARLY LABELED, MARKED, OR STAMPED WITH THE SYMBOL  
17 OF AN ELECTRICAL TESTING LABORATORY THAT IS CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND  
18 OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

19 (115) SUBSECTION 11.1.1.2

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.1.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 11.1.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

21 A MINIMUM CLEAR SPACE OF 36 INCHES SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN FRONT OF ALL  
22 ELECTRICAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT. THE CLEAR SPACE SHALL BE MAINTAINED ON  
23 ALL SIDES OF THE EQUIPMENT IF ACCESS TO THESE AREAS IS REQUIRED. WHERE THE  
24 ELECTRICAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT IS WIDER THAN 36 INCHES, THE WORKING SPACE  
25 SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN THE WIDTH OF THE EQUIPMENT. NOTHING SHALL BE  
26 STORED WITHIN DESIGNATED WORKING SPACES EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

27 (I) WHERE OTHER DIMENSIONS ARE REQUIRED OR PERMITTED BY NFPA 70.

28 (II) ACCESS OPENINGS IN ATTICS OR UNDER-FLOOR AREAS WHICH PROVIDE A  
29 MINIMUM CLEAR OPENING OF 22 IN BY 30 IN.

30 (116) SUBSECTION 11.1.7.3.1.1

31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.1.7.3.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 11.1.7.3.1 AS FOLLOWS:



1 DOORS INTO ELECTRICAL CONTROL PANEL ROOMS SHALL BE MARKED WITH A  
2 PLAINLY VISIBLE AND LEGIBLE SIGN STATING "ELECTRICAL ROOM" OR SIMILAR  
3 APPROVED WORDING. THE DISCONNECTING MEANS FOR EACH SERVICE, FEEDER, OR  
4 BRANCH CIRCUIT ORIGINATING ON A SWITCHBOARD OR PANEL BOARD SHALL BE  
5 LEGIBLY AND DURABLY MARKED TO INDICATE ITS PURPOSE UNLESS SUCH PURPOSE  
6 IS CLEARLY EVIDENT.

7 (117) SUBSECTION 11.2.1.1

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.2.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 11.2.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

11 (118) SECTION 11.3.1

12 (A) IN SUBSECTION 11.3.6.3.1, DELETE "SHALL" AND SUBSTITUTE "MAY".

13 (B) IN SUBSECTION 11.3.6.3.1.3, DELETE "SHALL" AND SUBSTITUTE "MAY".

14 (C) IN SUBSECTION 11.3.6.3.1.5, DELETE THE FIRST "SHALL" AND SUBSTITUTE  
15 "MAY".

16 (119) SUBSECTION 11.3.6.1.1

17 DELETE THE SECOND SENTENCE AND REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

18 KEYS FOR NEW ELEVATORS SHALL BE CUT TO A UNIFORM KEY CODE TO COMPLY  
19 WITH THE MARYLAND STATE ELEVATOR CODE.

20 (120) SUBSECTION 11.5.2.4.

21 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.5.2.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 11.5.2.3 AS FOLLOWS:

22 KEROSENE HEATERS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING OCCUPANCIES:

23 EDUCATIONAL, DAYCARE, HOTELS AND MOTELS, PLACES OF ASSEMBLY, HEALTH  
24 CARE, BOARD AND CARE, ROOMING AND LODGING, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL,  
25 AND OTHER OCCUPANCIES OR SITUATIONS WHERE THE USE OR OPERATION OF  
26 KEROSENE HEATERS COULD CREATE AN EMERGENCY OR IMMINENT DANGER.

27 (121) SECTION 11.9.1

28 REPLACE "APPROVED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT" WITH "APPROVED BY THE AHJ".

29 (122) SECTION 12.1

1 AT THE END OF THIS SECTION, INSERT "THIS CODE REQUIRES THAT THE BUILDING  
2 CONSTRUCTION, FIRE PROTECTION, AND LIFE SAFETY FEATURES BE MAINTAINED BY  
3 THE OWNER TO FUNCTION AS INTENDED".

4 (123) SUBSECTION 12.3.3.1.1.

5 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 12.3.3.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 12.3.3.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
6 MISSING CEILING TILES SHALL BE REPLACED. PENETRATIONS OR OPENINGS IN  
7 CEILING, WALL, AND FLOOR ASSEMBLIES SHALL BE SEALED TO ELIMINATE THE  
8 POSSIBLE SPREAD OF SMOKE OR FIRE.

9 (124) SECTION 13.1.2.

10 BEFORE "TESTING" INSERT "INSTALLATION,".

11 (125) SUBSECTION 13.1.3.1

12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.1.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
13 UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE AHJ, A FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION FOR  
14 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS SHALL BE:

- 15 (i) LOCATED ON THE SIDE OF THE STRUCTURE DISPLAYING THE ADDRESS OR
- 16 APPROVED BY THE AHJ;
- 17 (ii) MARKED IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THIS CODE; AND
- 18 (iii) LOCATED WITHIN 100 FEET OF A FIRE HYDRANT.

19 (126) SECTION 13.1.4

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

28 (127) SUBSECTION 13.1.5.1

29 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.1.5.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.1.5 AS FOLLOWS:  
30 EACH LICENSED COMPANY WORKING ON FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT SHALL FORWARD  
31 TO THE AHJ, ON THE PRESCRIBED FORM OR SYSTEM, A SEPARATE CERTIFICATE OF

1 INSPECTION, ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEES, FOR EACH FIRE SUPPRESSION  
2 SYSTEM THAT THE LICENSED COMPANY MAY INSPECT, TEST OR MAINTAIN. THIS  
3 CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED WHEN THE INSPECTION IS  
4 PREFORMED AND SHALL VERIFY THAT THE AHJ STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS  
5 REGARDING THE INSPECTION, TESTING OR MAINTENANCE HAVE BEEN MET AND ANY  
6 DEFICIENCIES NOTED AT THE TIME OF THE ANNUAL INSPECTION, TESTING OR  
7 MAINTENANCE SHALL BE NOTED, WITH ANY CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN.

8 (128) SECTION 13.1.13

9 ADD NEW SECTION 13.1.13 AFTER SECTION 13.1.12 AS FOLLOWS:

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

13 (129) SUBSECTION 13.1.14

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.1.14 AFTER SECTION 13.1.13 AS FOLLOWS:

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

17 (I) A FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS SHALL BE  
18 LOCATED:

- 19 A. ON THE SIDE OF THE STRUCTURE DISPLAYING THE ADDRESS
- 20 CLEARLY VISIBLE TO RESPONDING FIRE DEPARTMENT UNITS;
- 21 B. WITHIN 100 FEET OF A FIRE HYDRANT.

22 (II) THE APPROPRIATE SIGN SHALL BE MOUNTED ON THE BUILDING'S WALL  
23 BETWEEN 8 AND 12 FEET ABOVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION.

24 (III) A FREE-STANDING FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION SHALL HAVE THE SIGN  
25 MOUNTED ON A POLE DIRECTLY BEHIND THE CONNECTION APPROXIMATELY  
26 6 FEET HIGH.

27 (IV) IF REQUIRED BY THE AHJ, SIGNS SHALL HAVE A WHITE REFLECTIVE  
28 BACKGROUND WITH A RED REFLECTIVE BORDER, RED REFLECTIVE LETTERS  
29 AND A RED REFLECTIVE ARROW. THE BORDER SHALL HAVE A 3/8" STROKE.  
30 THE LETTERS SHALL BE 6" HIGH WITH A 1" STROKE. THE ARROW SHALL

1 HAVE A STROKE NOT LESS THAN 2". THE OVERALL SIGN MEASUREMENTS  
2 SHALL BE 12" BY 18".

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

6 (130) SECTION 13.1.15

7 ADD NEW SECTION 13.1.15 AFTER SECTION 13.1.14 AS FOLLOWS:

8 A VIOLATION OF EITHER SECTION 13.1.7 OR 13.1.13 IS A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON  
9 CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT  
10 EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, OR IN ADDITION TO AND  
11 CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR EQUITY, THE FIRE  
12 OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE  
13 24 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF EITHER SECTION IS A CLASS A  
14 OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

15 (131) SUBSECTION 13.2.2.1

16 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

20 (132) SUBSECTION 13.2.2.2

21 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:

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

24 (133) SUBSECTION 13.2.3.1

25 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:

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

29 (134) SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2

30 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:

1 EXCEPTION: FOR NEW CEILING INSTALLATIONS, DROP-OUT CEILINGS AS  
2 REFERENCED IN NFPA 13, SUBSECTION 15.15, ARE PROHIBITED.

3 (135) SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2.1

4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:

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

7 (136) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.2

8 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

16 (137) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.7.2

17 DELETE "MORE THAN 300" AND SUBSTITUTE "100 or more".

18 (138) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.7.3

19 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

20 THE REQUIREMENTS OF 13.3.2.7.2 SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

21 (I) AN ASSEMBLY OCCUPANCY THAT IS LESS THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA  
22 AND THAT HAS AN OCCUPANT LOAD OF LESS THAN 100 PERSONS;

23 (II) A GYMNASIUM, SKATING RINK, OR SWIMMING POOL THAT IS LESS THAN  
24 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA AND THAT IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
25 PARTICIPANT SPORTS WITH AUDIENCE FACILITIES FOR LESS THAN 100  
26 PERSONS;

27 (III) IN AN ENCLOSED STADIUM OR ARENA THAT IS LESS THAN 5,000 SQUARE  
28 FEET AND THAT HAS AN OCCUPANT LOAD OF LESS THAN 100 PERSONS; OR

29 (IV) IN AN UNENCLOSED STADIUM OR ARENA:

30 A. IN PRESS BOXES CONTAINING LESS THAN 1,000 SQUARE FEET IN  
31 AREA;

1 B. IN STORAGE FACILITIES CONTAINING LESS THAN 1,000 SQUARE FEET  
2 IN AREA IF THE AREA IS ENCLOSED WITH MORE THAN 1-HOUR FIRE  
3 RESISTANCE RATED CONSTRUCTION; OR

4 C. IN ENCLOSED AREAS UNDERNEATH A GRANDSTAND IF THE AREA IS  
5 ENCLOSED WITH MORE THAN 1-HOUR FIRE RESISTANCE RATED  
6 CONSTRUCTION.

7 (139) SUBSECTIONS 13.3.2.7.5.2 AND 13.3.2.7.5.3

8 DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS.

9 (140) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.8.1

10 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

14 (141) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.8.2

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

16 (142) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.8.5.4

17 ADD SUBSECTION 13.3.2.8.5.4 AFTER SECTION 13.3.2.8.5.3 AS FOLLOWS:

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

21 (143) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.9 THROUGH 13.3.2.18.6

22 DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

23 SUBSECTION 13.3.2.9. A NEW EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCY, HEALTH CARE FACILITY,  
24 DETENTION OR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, HOTEL, DORMITORY, OR APARTMENT  
25 BUILDING SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BUILDING CODE. THE AHJ MAY  
26 REQUIRE INSTALLATION OF AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN AN  
27 EXISTING EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCY, HEALTH CARE OCCUPANCY, DETENTION OR  
28 CORRECTION FACILITY, HOTEL, DORMITORY, OR APARTMENT BUILDING WHEN:

29 (I) A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES,  
30 BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION, THAT AN EMERGENCY, OR  
31 IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS; OR

1 (ii) REQUIRED BY NFPA 101, LIFE SAFETY CODE.

2 (144) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.19.1

3 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

4 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION 13.3.2.19.2, A NEW LODGING OR ROOMING  
5 HOUSE SERVING SIX OR MORE RESIDENTS SHALL BE PROTECTED THROUGHOUT BY  
6 AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM. AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER  
7 SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AN EXISTING LODGING OR ROOMING HOUSE SERVING  
8 6 OR MORE RESIDENTS WHEN:

9 (i) A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES,  
10 BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION, THAT AN EMERGENCY, OR  
11 IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS; OR

12 (ii) REQUIRED BY NFPA 101, LIFE SAFETY CODE.

13 (145) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.19.2

14 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

18 (i) TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING AT STREET OR GROUND LEVEL; OR

19 (ii) TO THE OUTSIDE LEADING TO AN EXTERIOR STAIRWAY.

20 (146) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.20 .1

21 ADD AT THE END "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOWARD COUNTY BUILDING CODE."

22 (147) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.21.1.1

23 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

26 (148) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.21.2.2

27 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

28 IN A CONVERSION, AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED IN  
29 A BOARD AND CARE HOME THAT SERVES 5 OR FEWER RESIDENTS WHEN ALL  
30 OCCUPANTS HAVE THE ABILITY TO MOVE AS A GROUP TO A POINT OF SAFETY WITHIN  
31 3 MINUTES.

1 (149) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.22.1.1

2 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END.

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

6 (150) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.23.1(2)

7 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

8 THROUGHOUT A NEW MERCANTILE OCCUPANCY EXCEEDING 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN  
9 GROSS AREA

10 (151) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.23.1

11 ADD NEW PARAGRAPH (5) AS FOLLOWS:

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

16 (152) SECTION 13.3.2.24.1

17 ADD (5) AT THE END AS FOLLOWS:

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

20 (153) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25.1

21 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25 AS FOLLOWS:

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

26 (154) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.26.2.3

27 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

28 THE AHJ SHALL DETERMINE A COMPLETION DATE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN  
29 APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 12 YEARS  
30 FROM THE DATE OF THE APPROVAL OF THE INTENT TO COMPLY.

31 (155) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27



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

2 (156) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2

3 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

7 (157) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2.1

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2 AS FOLLOWS:

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

13 (158) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.5

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

15 (159) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.1

16 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.1. AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29 AS FOLLOWS:

17 AN EXISTING DAY CARE HOME WITH 12 OR FEWER CLIENTS IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE  
18 PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM.

19 (160) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.2

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.1 AS FOLLOWS:

21 A NEW DAY CARE OCCUPANCY WITH MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS SHALL BE PROTECTED  
22 THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM.

23 (161) SECTION 13.3.2.29.3

24 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.2 AS FOLLOWS:

25 AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AN EXISTING DAY CARE  
26 OCCUPANCY SERVING MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS  
27 COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION,  
28 THAT AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS.

29 (162) SUBSECTION 13.3.3.3.1

30 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.3.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.3.3 AS FOLLOWS:

1 FOR NEW CEILING INSTALLATIONS, DROP-OUT CEILINGS AS REFERENCED IN NFPA  
2 13, SUBSECTION 8.14.13, ARE PROHIBITED.

3 (163) SUBSECTION 13.4.1.1.1

4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.4.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.4.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
5 UNLESS APPROVED BY THE AHJ, FIRE PUMP COMPONENTS, INCLUDING PUMPS,  
6 DRIVERS, OR CONTROLLERS, SHALL NOT BE INSTALLED IN BELOW-GROUND VAULTS  
7 OR PITS.

8 (164) SUBSECTION 13.6.1.1

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

16 (165) TABLE 13.6.1.2

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

18 (166) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.7.7.1

19 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.7.7.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.7.7 AS FOLLOWS:  
20 THE AHJ SHALL APPROVE ANY DEVICE INSTALLED TO PREVENT FALSE ALARMS  
21 THAT IS ADDED TO A MANUAL FIRE ALARM BOX OR PULL STATION.

22 (167) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.11

23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.11 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.10 AS FOLLOWS:  
24 A SINGLE STATION OR MULTIPLE STATION SMOKE ALARM SHALL MEET THE  
25 REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED  
26 CODE OF MARYLAND AND THE BUILDING CODE.

27 (168) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.12

28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.12 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.11 AS FOLLOWS:  
29 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED AND  
30 MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELECTRICAL CODE AND THE MOST  
31 RECENTLY ADOPTED EDITION OF NFPA STANDARD 72.

1 (169) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.13

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.13 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.12 AS FOLLOWS:

3 THE OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT SHALL INSTALL ALL SMOKE ALARMS AND SHALL  
4 ANNUALLY INSPECT AND MAINTAIN ALL SMOKE ALARMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
5 MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY AND SUGGESTED MAINTENANCE. THE OWNER OR  
6 OWNER'S AGENT SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF THE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE.  
7 UPON NOTIFICATION BY A TENANT THAT A SMOKE ALARM IS MISSING OR  
8 INOPERATIVE, THE OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT SHALL REPAIR OR REPLACE THE  
9 SMOKE ALARM. NOTIFICATION SHALL BE GIVEN BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND FIRST-  
10 CLASS MAIL. IF THE TENANT PERSONALLY NOTIFIES THE OWNER OR THE OWNER'S  
11 AGENT OF A MECHANICAL FAILURE OF A SMOKE ALARM, THE OWNER OR OWNER'S  
12 AGENT SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN, DATED RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGING THE  
13 NOTIFICATION.

14 (170) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.14

15 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.14 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.13 AS FOLLOWS:

16 WHERE A SMOKE ALARM IS REQUIRED, A PERSON SHALL NOT REMOVE OR RENDER  
17 ANY SMOKE ALARM INOPERATIVE.

18 (171) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.15

19 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.15 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.14 AS FOLLOWS:

20 EXCEPT FOR SMOKE ALARMS IN A HOTEL OR MOTEL, AN OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT  
21 MAY REQUIRE A TENANT TO PAY A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT FOR SMOKE ALARMS, NOT  
22 TO EXCEED THE VALUE OF THE SMOKE ALARM.

23 (172) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.16

24 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.16 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.15 AS FOLLOWS:

25 A DWELLING UNIT OCCUPIED BY A PERSON WHO IS DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED  
26 SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A SMOKE ALARM THAT, WHEN ACTIVATED, SHALL  
27 PROVIDE A SIGNAL THAT IS APPROVED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TESTING  
28 LABORATORY FOR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND IS SUFFICIENT TO WARN A DEAF OR  
29 HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSON. AN OWNER OR THEIR AGENT SHALL PROVIDE THIS  
30 TYPE OF SMOKE ALARM UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE DEAF OR HEARING  
31 IMPAIRED TENANT.

1 (173) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.17

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.17 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.16 AS FOLLOWS:  
3 ANY BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE ALARM REPLACED IS REQUIRED TO BE A 10 YEAR  
4 TYPE DETECTOR WITH A SEALED BATTERY.

5 (174) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.10.5

6 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.10.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.10.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
7 WHERE THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY FORCES  
8 NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 13.7.1.4.11 , APPROVED SIGNS TO  
9 PROVIDE INSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY FORCES NOTIFICATION SHALL BE PROVIDED  
10 AND PERMANENTLY AFFIXED AND MAINTAINED AT EACH MANUAL FIRE ALARM BOX.

11 (175) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.13.1.3.

12 AT THE END OF THE SUBSECTION ADD THE FOLLOWING:  
13 STANDARDS GOVERNING SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 9,  
14 SUBTITLE 1 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF  
15 MARYLAND.

16 (176) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.3

17 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
18 IN LODGING AND ROOMING HOUSES BUILT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1990, SMOKE ALARMS  
19 SHALL BE HARD WIRED TO THE BUILDING'S POWER SUPPLY. IN LODGING AND  
20 ROOMING HOUSES BUILT AFTER JULY 1, 1990, SMOKE ALARMS SHALL HAVE AN  
21 INTEGRAL BATTERY BACKUP POWER SUPPLY OR AN APPROVED EMERGENCY POWER  
22 SUPPLY.

23 (177) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.4

24 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.3 AS  
25 FOLLOWS:  
26 EXCEPT IN A BUILDING PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM, SMOKE  
27 ALARMS ARE REQUIRED IN AN INTERIOR CORRIDOR SERVING ROOMS OF LODGING  
28 AND ROOMING HOUSES. THESE ALARMS SHALL BE CONNECTED TO THE BUILDING  
29 FIRE ALARM.

30 (178) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.1

31 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:

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

4 (179) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.2

5 (I) AFTER "PERMITTED" INSERT "IN HOTELS AND DORMITORIES BUILT PRIOR TO  
6 JULY 1, 1990"; AND

7 (II) AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION ADD "IN A HOTEL, MOTEL, OR DORMITORY  
8 BUILT AFTER JULY 1, 1990, SMOKE ALARMS SHALL HAVE AN INTEGRAL  
9 BATTERY BACKUP POWER SUPPLY OR AN APPROVED EMERGENCY POWER  
10 SUPPLY."

11 (180) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.3

12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.2 AS  
13 FOLLOWS:

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

18 (181) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.4

19 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.3 AS  
20 FOLLOWS:

21 SINGLE STATION SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN EACH SLEEPING AREA OF  
22 A HOTEL, MOTEL, OR DORMITORY. SINGLE-STATION SMOKE DETECTORS SHALL BE  
23 HARD-WIRED DIRECTLY TO THE BUILDING'S POWER SUPPLY. SMOKE ALARMS SHALL  
24 BE INSTALLED IN EVERY ROOM THROUGH WHICH A PERSON MUST PASS TO GET FROM  
25 THE SLEEPING AREA TO THE DOOR LEADING FROM THE GUESTROOM OR SUITE.  
26 INDIVIDUAL GUESTROOM ALARMS SHALL NOT BE CONNECTED TO THE BUILDING'S  
27 ALARM SYSTEM.

28 (182) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.5

29 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
30 A HOTEL OR MOTEL SHALL HAVE AVAILABLE AT LEAST ONE SMOKE ALARM FOR THE  
31 DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED FOR EACH 50 UNITS (OR PORTION THEREOF). THE

1 OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT OF THE HOTEL OR MOTEL MAY REQUIRE A REFUNDABLE  
2 DEPOSIT, NOT TO EXCEED THE COST OF THE SMOKE ALARM, FOR THE USE OF A DEAF  
3 OR HEARING IMPAIRED SMOKE ALARM. THE OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT OF A HOTEL  
4 OR MOTEL SHALL POST, IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK OR  
5 COUNTER, A PERMANENT SIGN STATING THE AVAILABILITY OF SMOKE ALARMS FOR  
6 THE HEARING IMPAIRED.

7 (183) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.18.1.3

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.18.1.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.18.1.2 AS  
9 FOLLOWS:

10 A DWELLING UNIT IN A MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING SHALL MEET THE  
11 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 12 (i) A UNIT BUILT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1989, SHALL HAVE SMOKE ALARMS  
13 HARD-WIRED TO THE BUILDING'S POWER SUPPLY.
- 14 (ii) A UNIT BUILT BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1989 AND JULY 1, 1990, SHALL MEET  
15 THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH I, AND, EXCEPT IN AN ATTIC, SMOKE  
16 ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED ON EACH LEVEL OF A MULTILEVEL  
17 INDIVIDUAL DWELLING UNIT, INCLUDING IN A BASEMENT. ALL SMOKE  
18 ALARMS SHALL BE INTERCONNECTED SO THAT ALL WILL SOUND IF ONE  
19 SMOKE ALARM IS ACTIVATED.
- 20 (iii) A UNIT BUILT AFTER JULY 1, 1990, SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
21 PARAGRAPH I AND II AND SMOKE ALARMS SHALL HAVE AN INTEGRAL  
22 BATTERY BACKUP POWER SUPPLY.
- 23 (iv) A UNIT BUILT AFTER OCTOBER 10, 2001, SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS  
24 OF PARAGRAPH I, II, AND III AND SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE PLACED IN EACH  
25 SLEEPING AREA.

26 (184) SUBSECTION 14.5.3.3(11)

27 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END: "THE CENTRAL CONTROL POINT SHALL BE  
28 APPROVED BY THE AHJ."

29 (185) SECTION 14.5.3.1.1 (3)

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

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

3 (186) SUBSECTION 14.5.3.4.5  
4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 14.5.3.4.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 14.5.3.4.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
5 IN LOCKUPS, AS REFERENCED IN SECTION 22.4.5.1.4 OF NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY  
6 CODE, THE RELEASE TIME FOR DOORS OR OTHER PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS SHALL NOT  
7 EXCEED 30 SECONDS.

8 (187) SUBSECTION 16.2.2.2  
9 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
10 TRASH, DEBRIS, RUBBISH, AND BUILDING MATERIALS SHALL NOT BE BURNED ON  
11 THE PREMISES.

12 (188) SUBSECTION 18.1.3.1  
13 DELETE "FIRE DEPARTMENT" AND SUBSTITUTE "AHJ".

14 (189) SUBSECTION 18.1.3.2  
15 DELETE "FIRE DEPARTMENT" AND SUBSTITUTE "AHJ".

16 (190) SUBSECTION 18.2.2.1  
17 DELETE THE LAST SENTENCE AND REPLACE WITH: THE TYPE OF ACCESS BOX OR  
18 SYSTEM SHALL BE SPECIFIED BY THE AHJ.

19 (191) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.2.1.1  
20 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

21 (192) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.2.2.1  
22 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION

23 (193) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.3.1  
24 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
25 MULTIPLE ACCESS ROADS MAY BE REQUIRED WHEN A DEVELOPMENT CONTAINS  
26 MORE THAN 100 RESIDENTIAL UNITS.

27 (194) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.4.1.1  
28 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
29 EXCEPT FOR USE-IN-COMMON DRIVEWAYS FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS ROADS SHALL  
30 HAVE AN UNOBSTRUCTED WIDTH OF NOT LESS THAN 20 FEET, UNLESS APPROVED BY

1 THE AHJ. USE-IN-COMMON DRIVEWAYS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE HOWARD  
2 COUNTY DESIGN MANUAL.

3 (195) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.4.2

4 ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END OF THE SUBSECTION:

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

6 (196) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.4.6.1

7 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

11 (197) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.3

12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.2 AS FOLLOWS:

13 THE AHJ MAY:

14 (I) DESIGNATE PART OF ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ROADWAY, DRIVEWAY, OR  
15 CURB AS A FIRE LANE; AND

16 (II) DESIGNATE HOW THE FIRE LANE SHALL BE MARKED OR ESTABLISHED.

17 (198) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.4

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.3 AS FOLLOWS:

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

21 (i) THE WIDTH OF THE ROADWAY OR DRIVEWAY;

22 (ii) THE ABILITY OF ANY NECESSARY EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT TO HAVE  
23 INGRESS AND/OR EGRESS TO THE OCCUPANCY OR PROPERTY;

24 (iii) THE SIZE AND TURN RADIUS OF ANY NECESSARY EMERGENCY VEHICLE OR  
25 EQUIPMENT;

26 (iv) ACCESS TO FIRE HYDRANTS FIRE CONNECTIONS, AND FIRE EXITS;

27 (v) LOCATION OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES; AND

28 (vi) THE POTENTIAL OR LIKELIHOOD THAT A PERSON WOULD PARK A VEHICLE IN  
29 THE AREA.

30 (199) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.5

31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.4 AS FOLLOWS:



1 REGARDING FIRE LANE DESIGNATION, THE AHJ MAY:

- 2 (I) CONDUCT A SITE VISIT OF THE PROPERTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER AND/OR  
3 HOW A FIRE LANE SHOULD BE DESIGNATED; AND  
4 (II) REQUIRE A FIRE LANE TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE PLACEMENT OF FIRE LANE  
5 SIGNS, A RED PAINTED CURB, A RED HATCHED PATTERN, OR ANY  
6 COMBINATION THEREOF.

7 (200) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.6

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.5 AS FOLLOWS:

9 FOR ANY FIRE LANE THAT THE AHJ DETERMINES SHALL BE MARKED WITH FIRE  
10 LANE SIGNS:

- 11 (I) ALL SIGNS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE MOST RECENTLY ADOPTED STATE  
12 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION STANDARD SIGN BOOK;  
13 (II) SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED AT THE TERMINATION POINTS OF THE FIRE LANE;  
14 (III) SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED AT LEAST EVERY 200 FEET; AND  
15 (IV) SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED IN SUCH A WAY AND IN A LOCATION SO THAT THE  
16 SIGNS SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH PEDESTRIAN OR TRAFFIC MOVEMENT.

17 (201) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.7

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.6 AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 21 (I) ALL CURBS SHALL BE PAINTED WITH RED TRAFFIC PAINT;  
22 (II) THE RED PAINTED MARKING SHALL BE AT LEAST 6 INCHES WIDE; AND  
23 (III) LETTERS STATING "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" SHALL BE STENCILED  
24 ONTO THE RED PAINTED MARKING AT EACH END AND EVERY 20 FEET OF THE  
25 PAINTED AREA. THE LETTERS SHALL BE STENCILED USING WHITE PAINT AND  
26 SHALL BE THREE INCHES HIGH AND LOCATED ON THE TOP SURFACE OF THE  
27 CURB AS DESIGNATED BY THE AHJ.

28 (202) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.8

29 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.7 AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 1 (i) THE AREA SHALL BE MARKED BY RED PAINT APPLIED IN A HATCH PATTERN  
2 COMPOSED OF PARALLEL DIAGONAL STRIPES RUNNING AT A 30 TO 60  
3 DEGREE ANGLE ACROSS THE WIDTH OF THE FIRE LANE;  
4 (ii) THE STRIPING USED TO CREATE THE CROSS HATCH PATTERN SHALL BE AT  
5 LEAST 6 INCHES WIDE AND THE STRIPES PLACED AT A MAXIMUM OF 72  
6 INCHES APART; AND  
7 (iii) LETTERS STATING "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" SHALL BE STENCILED  
8 USING WHITE PAINT WITHIN THE CROSS HATCH PATTERN; AND  
9 (iv) THE SIZE OF THE LETTERS MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE FIRE  
10 LANE MARKING.

11 (203) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.9

12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.8 AS FOLLOWS:  
13 THE AHJ SHALL NOTIFY A PROPERTY OWNER THAT A PARTICULAR AREA IS TO BE  
14 DESIGNATED AS A FIRE LANE. THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF  
15 RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION FROM THE AHJ, INSTALL FIRE LANE MARKINGS OR SIGNS  
16 IN THE LOCATION AND BY THE METHOD DIRECTED BY THE AHJ.

17 (204) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.10

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.10 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.9 AS FOLLOWS:  
19 A PROPERTY OWNER WHO FAILS TO INSTALL OR MAINTAIN FIRE LANES, FIRE LANE  
20 MARKINGS OR SIGNS, OR BOTH MARKINGS AND SIGNS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
21 SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A  
22 FINE OF UP TO \$1,000. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT  
23 WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE  
24 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24,  
25 "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION  
26 CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

27 (205) SUBSECTION 18.2.4.1.5

28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.4.1.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.4.1.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
29 USE IN COMMON DRIVEWAYS, OR ROADS WITH SIMILAR NAMES THAT PROVIDE  
30 ACCESS TO STRUCTURES MAY BE CONSIDERED A FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS ROAD.

31 (206) SUBSECTION 18.5.1.1.1

- 1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.5.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.5.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
2 ALL NEW FIRE HYDRANTS SHALL BE PUBLIC UNLESS THE AHJ APPROVES THE USE OF  
3 PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS.
- 4 (207) SUBSECTION 18.5.2 (2)  
5 DELETE "800 FEET" AND SUBSTITUTE "500 FEET".
- 6 (208) SUBSECTION 18.5.3 (2)  
7 DELETE "500 FEET" AND SUBSTITUTE "350 FEET".
- 8 (209) SUBSECTION 18.5.5.1.1  
9 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.5.5.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.5.5.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
10 ANY REPLACEMENT PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS MUST MEET HOWARD COUNTY  
11 STANDARDS AS CONTAINED IN THE HOWARD COUNTY DESIGN MANUAL.
- 12 (210) SUBSECTION 18.5.7.1  
13 DELETE "36 IN" AND SUBSTITUTE "60 IN".
- 14 (211) SUBSECTION 18.5.10.3.1  
15 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.5.10.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.5.10.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
16 PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS SHALL BE PAINTED YELLOW, RECLAIMED WATER  
17 HYDRANTS SHALL BE PAINTED PURPLE, AND GRAY WATER HYDRANTS SHALL BE  
18 PAINTED GREEN.
- 19 (212) SUBSECTION 19.2.1.4  
20 DELETE "WITH AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY OF 1.5 YD<sup>3</sup> OR MORE" AND SUBSTITUTE  
21 "10 FEET TO 15 FEET".
- 22 (213) SUBSECTION 20.1.4.9  
23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.4.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.4.8 AS FOLLOWS:  
24 A TEMPORARY SPECIAL AMUSEMENT OCCUPANCY OR ATTRACTION THAT IS  
25 OCCUPIED FOR LESS THAN 60 DAYS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A HAUNTED  
26 HOUSE, MAZE, OR SPECIAL AMUSEMENT, SHALL MEET THE STANDARDS SET FORTH  
27 BY THE AHJ AND THIS CODE.
- 28 (214) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(3)  
29 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
30 CANDLES SHALL COMPLY WITH SECTION 10.10.1 OF THIS CODE.
- 31 (215) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(6).

1 INSERT NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(6) AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(5) AS  
2 FOLLOWS:

- 3 (I) ALL DEVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF FOOD SHALL BE  
4 INSTALLED AND OPERATED TO AVOID HAZARD TO THE SAFETY OF  
5 OCCUPANTS. THESE DEVICES SHALL BE OF AN APPROVED TYPE AND SHALL  
6 BE INSTALLED IN AN APPROVED MANNER.
- 7 (II) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ONLY ELECTRIC DEVICES BE UTILIZED.
- 8 (III) CHAFING DISHES USING AN OPEN FLAME MUST BE DESIGNED FOR FOOD  
9 WARMING OPERATIONS ONLY. ONLY DEVICES (SUCH AS STERNO CANS)  
10 DESIGNED FOR USE WITH CHAFING DISHES SHALL BE USED. CHAFING DISH  
11 CONTAINERS FOR THE DEVICES MUST BE IN PLACE. A SNUFFING DEVICE  
12 DESIGNED FOR USE WITH THE CHAFING DISH CONTAINER SHALL BE KEPT IN  
13 CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SERVING AREA.
- 14 (IV) EXTRA FUEL CONTAINERS SHALL BE KEPT AT A LOCATION REMOTE FROM  
15 THE SERVING AREA.
- 16 (V) COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS OR DECORATIONS SHALL NOT BE USED NEAR THE  
17 SERVING DISHES.
- 18 (VI) A RESPONSIBLE PERSON SHALL BE IDENTIFIED TO ENSURE THE DEVICES ARE  
19 COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED AT THE END OF THE EVENT PRIOR TO DISPOSAL.  
20 DEVICES SHALL NOT BE DISPOSED OF UNTIL COOL TO TOUCH.
- 21 (VII) A "FLAMING SWORD" OR OTHER EQUIPMENT INVOLVING OPEN FLAMES AND  
22 FLAMED DISHES SHALL COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.

23 (216) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.3

24 ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:

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

28 (217) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12

29 ADD AT THE END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE, DELETE "20.1.5.5.4.12.5" AND  
30 SUBSTITUTE "20.1.5.5.4.12.10".

31 (218) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.6

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.5 AS  
2 FOLLOWS:  
3 THE PERSON WHO CAUSED THE VEHICLE TO BE DISPLAYED SHALL PROVIDE A NAME  
4 AND A 24 HOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR A RESPONSIBLE PERSON FOR THE VEHICLE.  
5 THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE KEPT WITH THE VEHICLE, THE SECURITY OFFICE AND  
6 THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

7 (219) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.7

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.6 AS  
9 FOLLOWS:  
10 AN IGNITION KEY AND DOOR KEY SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE AND MAY BE KEPT  
11 WITH THE SECURITY OFFICE OR THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

12 (220) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.8

13 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.7 AS  
14 FOLLOWS:  
15 AT NO TIME SHALL THE PLACEMENT OF THE VEHICLE IMPEDE OR OTHERWISE BLOCK  
16 ANY EXIT OR EXIT ACCESS.

17 (221) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.9

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.8 AS  
19 FOLLOWS:  
20 ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES FOLLOW THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS THIS  
21 SECTION.

22 (222) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.10.

23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.10 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.9 AS  
24 FOLLOWS:  
25 LNG AND LPG VEHICLES COMPRESSED FLAMMABLE GASES ARE NOT ALLOWED.  
26 THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL MAY PERMIT LIMITED USE OF FLAMMABLE  
27 GASES UNDER AHJ APPROVAL.

28 (223) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.6.2

29 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
30 THE CROWD MANAGER SHALL RECEIVE TRAINING, APPROVED BY THE AHJ, IN  
31 CROWD MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

1 (224) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.8.3

2 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

- 10 (A) IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE EVENT POINT OUT THE  
11 NUMBER AND LOCATION OF EXITS;
- 12 (B) STATE OR DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING: "NOTICE. FOR YOUR SAFETY, LOOK  
13 FOR YOUR NEAREST EXIT. IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY—WALK, DO NOT RUN,  
14 TO THAT EXIT" WHICH SHALL BE STATED OR DISPLAYED IN ONE OF THE  
15 FOLLOWING METHODS:
- 16 1. AN ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE EVENT;
  - 17 2. SHOWING THE NOTICE ON THE MOTION PICTURE SCREEN;
  - 18 3. PRINTING THE NOTICE IN BOLD LETTERS NOT LESS THAN 1/4 INCH IN  
19 HEIGHT ON THE BACK OF THE EVENT PROGRAM (NOTHING BUT THE  
20 NOTICE SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BACK OF THE PROGRAM); OR
  - 21 4. HAVING A FIXED SIGN OR SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NOTICE THAT CAN  
22 BE EASILY READ FROM EACH POINT IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM;
- 23 (C) MAKE AN INSPECTION BEFORE THE EVENT TO VERIFY THAT THE DOORS ARE  
24 UNLOCKED AND THAT THE MEANS OF EGRESS ARE FREE OF OBSTRUCTIONS;
- 25 (D) CORRECT ANY DEFICIENCIES FOUND PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EVENT;
- 26 AND
- 27 (E) PREVENT OVERCROWDING BY BLOCKING ADMITTANCE OF ANY PERSON  
28 BEYOND THE POSTED OCCUPANT LOAD.

29 (225) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.9.1

30 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE:

1 SMOKING SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 12.606 OF THE HOWARD  
2 COUNTY CODE.

3 (226) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.9.2.

4 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION

5 (227) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.10.4.1

6 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

7 EACH ROOM OR SPACE OF ASSEMBLY SHALL BE POSTED WITH AN APPROVED  
8 LEGIBLE SIGN IN CONTRASTING COLORS AND CONSPICUOUSLY LOCATED NEAR THE  
9 MAIN EXIT FROM THE ROOM OR SPACE STATING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF  
10 OCCUPANTS PERMITTED WITHIN THE SPACE. THE POSTING LOCATION SHALL BE  
11 DETERMINED BY THE AHJ. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS SHALL BE  
12 DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOST RECENTLY ADOPTED EDITION OF THE  
13 NFPA LIFE SAFETY CODE. AN ASSEMBLY ROOM OR SPACE, WHICH HAS A MULTIPLE-  
14 USE CAPACITY, SHALL BE POSTED FOR ALL USES. THE OWNER OR MANAGER OF THE  
15 OCCUPANCY SHALL INSTALL AND MAINTAIN THE SIGNS. SIGNS SHALL BE SUPPLIED  
16 BY THE AHJ.

17 (228) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.10.4.2

18 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

19 (229) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.10.4.3

20 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

21 (230) SUBSECTION 20.2.4.2.3

22 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

23 FIRE EMERGENCY EGRESS DRILLS FOR EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCIES SHALL BE  
24 CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE  
25 MARYLAND STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND THE CODE OF MARYLAND  
26 REGULATIONS 29.06.01.07T.

27 (231) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1

28 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

- 30 (i) THE FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN 8 CLIENTS;  
31 (ii) A CHILD SHALL BE COUNTED AS A CLIENT SERVED IF THE CHILD:

- 1 A. IS UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS; AND  
2 B. IS THE CHILD OF THE DAY-CARE HOME OWNER OR OPERATOR, OR OF  
3 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME;  
4 (III) THERE SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 4 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS;  
5 AND  
6 (IV) FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS, AN ADULT TO CHILD RATIO OF  
7 AT LEAST 1 ADULT TO EVERY 2 CHILDREN SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL  
8 TIMES.

9 (232) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1.1

10 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 12 (i) THE HOME SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS;  
13 (ii) A CHILD SHALL BE COUNTED AS A CLIENT SERVED IF THE CHILD:  
14 A. IS UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS; AND  
15 B. IS THE CHILD OF THE DAY-CARE HOME OWNER OR OPERATOR, OR OF  
16 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE GROUP DAY-CARE HOME;  
17 (iii) THERE SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 4 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS;  
18 (iv) THE MINIMUM STAFF TO CLIENT RATIO SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 2 STAFF  
19 FOR UP TO 12 CLIENTS OR 1 ADULT FOR EVERY 6 CHILDREN; AND  
20 (v) FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS, AN ADULT TO CHILD RATIO OF  
21 AT LEAST 1 ADULT TO EVERY 2 CHILDREN SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL  
22 TIMES.

23 (233) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.7

24 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.6 AS FOLLOWS:

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

29 (234) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.3

30 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.2 AS FOLLOWS:

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



1 (235) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.4

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
3 A SLIDING DOOR USED AS A REQUIRED MEANS OF EGRESS SHALL MEET THE  
4 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 5 (i) THE SLIDING DOOR SHALL HAVE ONLY ONE, EASILY OPERATED LOCKING  
6 DEVICE THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE, EFFORT, OR TOOLS  
7 TO OPERATE;
- 8 (ii) THERE SHALL NOT BE DRAPERIES, SCREENS, OR STORM DOORS THAT COULD  
9 IMPEDE EGRESS;
- 10 (iii) THE SILL OR TRACK HEIGHT MAY NOT EXCEED ½ INCH ABOVE THE INTERIOR  
11 FINISH FLOOR;
- 12 (iv) THE SURFACE ONTO WHICH AN EXIT IS MADE SHALL BE AN ALL-WEATHER  
13 SURFACE, SUCH AS A DECK, PATIO, OR SIDEWALK;
- 14 (v) THE FLOOR LEVEL OUTSIDE THE DOOR MAY BE ONE STEP LOWER THAN THE  
15 INSIDE, BUT NOT MORE THAN 8 INCHES LOWER;
- 16 (vi) THE SLIDING DOOR SHALL BE OPEN TO A CLEAR OPEN WIDTH OF AT LEAST 28  
17 INCHES;
- 18 (vii) EACH DAY BEFORE DAY-CARE USE, THE SLIDING DOOR SHALL BE UNLOCKED  
19 AND TESTED TO THE FULL REQUIRED WIDTH; AND
- 20 (viii) DURING PERIODS OF SNOW OR FREEZING RAIN, THE DOOR TRACK SHALL BE  
21 KEPT CLEAR OF SNOW OR FREEZING RAIN AND THE DOOR OPENED  
22 PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROPER  
23 OPERATION.

24 (236) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.5

25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.4 AS FOLLOWS:

26 IF A DEADBOLT LOCK IS PROVIDED WITH AN APPROVED INTERIOR LATCH, THE  
27 DEADBOLT LOCK SHALL BE OF A CAPTURED KEY DESIGN FROM WHICH THE KEY  
28 CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM THE INTERIOR SIDE OF THE LOCK WHEN IN THE LOCKED  
29 POSITION. THE LOCK SHALL BE UNLOCKED AT ALL TIMES WHEN THE HOME IS  
30 OCCUPIED FOR THE FAMILY DAY-CARE USE, EXCEPT THAT A DOUBLE KEYED,  
31 DEADBOLT LOCK MAY BE USED ON THE SECONDARY MEANS OF EGRESS IF THE KEY IS

1 READILY ACCESSIBLE AND THE LOCK IS UNLOCKED WHEN THE DAY-CARE IS IN  
2 OPERATION.

3 (237) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.5.4

4 INSERT THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION: EXCEPT IN DAY CARE  
5 HOMES WITH THREE OR FEWER CLIENTS FOR OVERNIGHT LODGING.

6 (238) SUBSECTION 25.1.3.6

7 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.3.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.3.5 AS FOLLOWS:  
8 IF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING IS PROVIDED IN THE TENT, THEN EMERGENCY LIGHTING IS  
9 REQUIRED IN THE EVENT THAT THE ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING FAILS.

10 (239) SUBSECTION 25.1.3.7

11 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.3.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.3.6 AS FOLLOWS:  
12 A TENT SHALL NOT BLOCK ANY EXIT FROM A STRUCTURE OR CREATE A SITUATION  
13 WHERE THE BUILDING OCCUPANTS WILL EXIT THROUGH THE TENT TO GET TO A SAFE  
14 AREA.

15 (240) SUBSECTION 25.1.3.8

16 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.3.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.3.7 AS FOLLOWS:  
17 ALL TENTS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM OF ONE EXIT. TENTS WITH A CAPACITY OF  
18 GREATER THAN 49 PERSONS SHALL HAVE TWO EXITS. EGRESS DOORS SHALL BE OF  
19 CONTRASTING COLOR. EXIT SIGNS SHALL BE PROVIDED. DRAPERIES, HANGINGS OR  
20 CURTAINS USED ON EXITS SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 1 SECTION 14.10.2.

21 (241) SUBSECTION 25.1.9.3 1

22 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.9.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.9.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
23 PORTABLE DISTRIBUTION OR TERMINATION BOXES SHALL BE DESIGNED SO NO LIVE  
24 WIRES ARE EXPOSED. WHERE INSTALLED OUTDOORS, THE BOXES SHALL BE  
25 WEATHERPROOF AND MOUNTED NOT LESS THAN SIX INCHES ABOVE THE GROUND.

26 (242) SUBSECTION 25.1.9.4

27 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.9.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.9.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
28 ALL ELECTRICAL DEVICES, WIRING, AND GENERATORS MAY BE USED IF INSPECTED  
29 AND ISSUED A PERMIT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND  
30 PERMITS PRIOR TO USE.

31 (243) SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.4

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
2 ELECTRIC HEATING UNITS USED INSIDE A TENT SHALL BE APPROVED. FUEL FIRED  
3 DEVICES SHALL BE LOCATED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE TENT AND AIR DUCTED TO  
4 THE TENT.

5 (244) SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.5

6 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
7 PROPANE CYLINDERS MUST BE LOCATED NOT LESS THAN 5 FEET FROM ANY TENT.  
8 TANKS SHALL BE SECURED IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION AND PROTECTED FROM  
9 VEHICLE TRAFFIC.

10 (245) SUBSECTION 25.2.1.3

11 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.2.1.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.2.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
12 ANY TENT OVER 120 FT<sup>2</sup> REQUIRES A PERMIT FROM HOWARD COUNTY  
13 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION, LICENSE AND PERMITS. TENTS AND CANOPIES USED  
14 FOR FOOD SERVICE REQUIRE A PERMIT FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH  
15 DEPARTMENT. TENTS SHALL BE PERMITTED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

16 (246) SUBSECTION 25.2.1.4

17 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.2.1.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.2.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
18 TENTS AND CANOPIES SHALL NOT BE SET UP INSIDE A BUILDING UNLESS APPROVED  
19 BY THE AHJ.

20 (247) SUBSECTION 25.2.2.2(3)

21 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.2.2.2(3) AFTER SUBSECTION 25.2.2.2(2) AS FOLLOWS:  
22 (3) THE TENT OR CANOPY SHALL HAVE A LABEL AFFIXED STATING THAT THE TENT  
23 COMPLIES WITH NFPA 701 OR EQUIVALENT TESTING STANDARD APPROVED BY THE  
24 AHJ. NON-FIXED CERTIFICATION MAY BE ACCEPTABLE PROVIDING IT IDENTIFIES  
25 THE MAKE AND MODEL OF THE TENT.

26 (248) SUBSECTION 25.2.3.3

27 DELETE "10 FT" AND SUBSTITUTE "15 FEET".

28 (249) SUBSECTION 25.2.3.4

29 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

1 A SEPARATION OF 10 FEET IS REQUIRED AFTER EVERY 100 FEET OF TENTS. A  
2 SEPARATION OF 10 FEET SHALL BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN ROWS OF TENTS. A ROW  
3 SHALL NOT BE WIDER THAN 40 FEET.

4 (250) SUBSECTION 25.2.4.1.1

5 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.2.4.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.2.4.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
6 HAY, STRAW, SHAVINGS OR SIMILAR COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL SHALL NOT BE  
7 PERMITTED WITHIN THE STRUCTURE UNLESS APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

8 (251) SUBSECTION 26.1.5.2

9 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 26.1.5.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 26.1.5.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
10 WHEN THE AHJ REQUIRES A HAZARD ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE  
11 CONDUCTED BY A TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED PERSON ACCEPTABLE TO THE AHJ.

12 (252) SUBSECTION 26.1.5.3

13 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 26.1.5.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 26.1.5.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
14 WHEN THE AHJ REQUIRES A HAZARD ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSMENT SHALL  
15 INCLUDE A LIST OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS USED IN EACH LABORATORY. THE LIST  
16 SHALL SPECIFY THE CHEMICAL NAME, QUANTITY AND HAZARD CLASS.

17 (253) SUBSECTION 26.1.5.4

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 26.1.5.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 26.1.5.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
19 NEW LABORATORIES OR LABORATORIES WHERE THE NFPA 45 LABORATORY  
20 HAZARD CLASSIFICATION CHANGES SHALL POST AN INFORMATIONAL PLACARD  
21 NEAR THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE LABORATORY. THE PLACARD SHALL STATE THE  
22 BUILDING NAME OR ADDRESS, ROOM NUMBER, NFPA 45 LABORATORY HAZARD  
23 CLASSIFICATION, MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE QUANTITIES OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS  
24 BOTH INSIDE A STORAGE CABINET AND OPEN USE, AND MAXIMUM QUANTITIES OF  
25 FLAMMABLE GASES PERMITTED WITHIN THE LABORATORY.

26 (254) SECTION 26.3

27 ADD NEW SECTION 26.3 AFTER SECTION 26.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
28 ALL LABORATORIES, LABORATORY SUITES, OR LABORATORY UNITS WITHIN THE  
29 SCOPE OF NFPA 45, REGARDLESS OF THE LABORATORY CLASSIFICATION IN NFPA  
30 45, SHALL BE SEPARATED BY AT LEAST ONE-HOUR FIRE RESISTANCE RATED  
31 CONSTRUCTION FROM NON-LABORATORY AREAS. IF A HIGHER FIRE RESISTANCE

1 RATING IS REQUIRED BY TABLE 5.1.1 IN NFPA 45 OR THE BUILDING CODE, THE  
2 HIGHER FIRE RESISTANCE RATING SHALL BE USED. ROOMS THAT ARE AN  
3 INCIDENTAL USE TO THE LABORATORY SHALL BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE  
4 LABORATORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS REQUIREMENT AND SHALL NOT REQUIRE  
5 ADDITIONAL SEPARATION.

6 (255) SECTION 27.2

7 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

8 THE FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A MANUFACTURED  
9 HOME AND A MANUFACTURED HOME SITE, INCLUDING AN ACCESSORY BUILDING,  
10 STRUCTURE, AND COMMUNITY, SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 501A, STANDARD FOR  
11 FIRE SAFETY CRITERIA FOR MANUFACTURED HOME INSTALLATIONS, SITE, AND  
12 COMMUNITIES, SECTION 27.1 OF THIS CODE, AND TITLE 16, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE  
13 HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

14 (256) SUBSECTION 31.2.1

15 ADD NEW SECTION 31.2.1 AFTER SECTION 31.2 AS FOLLOWS:

- 16 (I) A COPY OF THE FACILITY'S NATURAL WOOD WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY  
17 OR COMPOSTING PERMIT APPLICATION, INCLUDING THE OPERATIONS PLAN  
18 AND THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MANUAL, SHALL BE SENT TO THE  
19 AHJ FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 PLANNING AND ZONING.
- 21 (II) A COPY OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS  
22 SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE AHJ WITH EACH STATE PERMIT  
23 RENEWAL (5 YEAR RENEWALS).

24 (257) SUBSECTION 31.3.4.3.2.1

25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 31.3.4.3.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 31.3.4.3.2 AS FOLLOWS:

26 THE PRIMARY ROAD SHALL:

- 27 (I) BE KEPT ADEQUATELY CLEAR IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACCESS THE  
28 PROCESSING/STORAGE AREA ; AND
- 29 (II) BE PAVED OR CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL WEATHER, YEAR  
30 ROUND, ACCESS BY FIRE APPARATUS WITH A WEIGHT OF 75,000 GVW.

31 (258) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.2.2

1 ADD NEW PARAGRAPH 9 AFTER PARAGRAPH 8 AS FOLLOWS:

2 A PILE CONTAINING LEAVES AND OTHER EXTRANEIOUS OR HOGGED MATERIAL, SUCH  
3 AS A WHOLE TREE CHIP PILE, SHALL BE TURNED OR RECLAIMED EVERY THREE  
4 MONTHS.

5 (259) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.1

6 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

7 PILES MAY NOT EXCEED 18 FEET IN HEIGHT, 50 FEET IN WIDTH, AND 350 FEET IN  
8 LENGTH. TWO PILES SHALL BE DIVIDED BY A FIRE LANE HAVING AT LEAST 25 FEET  
9 OF CLEAR SPACE AT THE BASE OF THE PILE.

10 (260) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.2

11 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

12 (261) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.2.1

13 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

14 (262) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.2.2

15 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

16 (263) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.2.3

17 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

18 (264) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.5.1

19 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.5.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.5 AS FOLLOWS:

20 IF THE OPERATION IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF A MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY THE  
21 FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:

22 (i) THE AHJ WILL REQUIRE A RELIABLE CERTIFIED WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM  
23 WITH THE CAPABILITY TO SUPPLY 1000 GALLONS PER EVERY 10,000 CUBIC  
24 FEET OF PILE. THE SUPPLY SYSTEM MUST BE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING A  
25 MINIMUM OF 250 GPM (PREFERRED IS 500GPM) FOR AT LEAST 2 HOURS.

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

28 (iii) IF THE WATER SUPPLY IS STATIC IT IS TO BE CERTIFIED BY AN ENGINEER AND  
29 CAPABLE TO SUPPLY THE AMOUNT REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (i) OF THIS  
30 SUBSECTION. IF THE WATER SUPPLY IS BELOW THE MINIMUM AMOUNT,  
31 THEN THE SUPPLY MUST BE CAPABLE OF AT LEAST 30,000 GALLONS AT ALL

1 TIMES. THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF WATER SUPPLY NEEDED MAY BE BASED ON  
2 THE PROPOSED OPERATION AND APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

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

6 (265) SECTION 33.1.2

7 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

8 WHERE REQUIRED, A PERMIT FOR OUTSIDE STORAGE SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM THE  
9 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT. A PERMIT FROM THE AHJ IS  
10 REQUIRED FOR THE STORAGE OF 500 TIRES OR MORE. A PERSON MAY NOT STORE  
11 MORE THAN ~~1,500~~ 5,000 TIRES.

12 (266) SECTION 33.1.12

13 ADD NEW SECTION 33.1.12 AFTER SECTION 33.1.11 AS FOLLOWS:

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

15 (267) SECTION 33.1.13

16 ADD NEW SECTION 33.1.13 AFTER SECTION 33.1.12 AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 19 (I) TIRES SHALL NOT BE STORED IN VERTICAL STACKS;  
20 (II) STORAGE PILES SHALL NOT EXCEED 10 FEET IN HEIGHT;  
21 (III) STORAGE PILES SHALL NOT BE LARGER THAN 1,250 CUBIC FEET; AND  
22 (IV) TIRES SHALL BE SEPARATED FROM THE PROPERTY LINE, BUILDINGS,  
23 STRUCTURES, OR OTHER EXPOSURES BY A MINIMUM OF 25 FEET.

24 (268) SECTION 33.2.2.3

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

26 (269) SUBSECTION 42.7.5.2.1

27 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 42.7.5.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 42.7.5.2 AS FOLLOWS:

28 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED IN A LOCATION  
29 APPROVED BY THE AHJ:

- 30 (I) THE ADDRESS OF THE UNATTENDED SELF-SERVICE FACILITY; AND

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

3 (270) SUBSECTION 42.7.5.7

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

7 (271) SUBSECTION 42.7.5.8

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

12 (272) SUBSECTION 42.7.5.9

13 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 42.7.5.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 42.2.7.5.8 AS FOLLOWS:  
14 FUEL DISPENSING EQUIPMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 (I) THE AMOUNT OF FUEL BEING DISPENSED IS LIMITED IN QUANTITY BY A PRE-  
16 PROGRAMMED CARD; OR

17 (II) THE DISPENSING DEVICE SHALL BE PROGRAMMED OR SET TO LIMIT  
18 UNINTERRUPTED FUEL DELIVERY OF NOT MORE THAN 25 GALLONS AND  
19 SHALL REQUIRE MANUAL ACTION TO RESUME CONTINUED DELIVERY.

20 (273) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.9

21 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
22 COOKING EQUIPMENT USED IN FIXED, MOBILE, OR TEMPORARY CONCESSIONS, SUCH  
23 AS TRUCKS, BUSES, TRAILERS, PAVILIONS, TENTS, UNDER A CANOPY OR ANY FORM  
24 OF ROOFED ENCLOSURE, SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 96 AND THIS CHAPTER.

25 (274) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10

26 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.2.1.9 AS FOLLOWS:  
27 MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS. ALL MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS  
28 THAT USE PROPANE OR ANY OTHER HEAT SOURCE FOR COOKING SHALL BE  
29 INSPECTED BY THE AHJ. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CODE, MOBILE FOOD VENDING  
30 PLATFORM MEANS ANY PUSH CART, TRAILER, ENCLOSED TRAILER, OR ENCLOSED



1 TRUCK THAT USES PROPANE OR ANY OTHER HEAT SOURCE TO PREPARE FOOD OR  
2 BEVERAGE FOR SALE.

3 (275) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10.1

4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10 AS FOLLOWS:  
5 50.2.1.10.1 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A MOBILE  
6 FOOD VENDING PLATFORM SHALL, BEFORE BEGINNING OPERATIONS, OBTAIN AN  
7 INSPECTION AND INSPECTION STICKER FROM THE AHJ AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 10 A. EVIDENCE OF A CURRENT HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH INSPECTION;
- 11 B. A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE;
- 12 C. CURRENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION;
- 13 D. CURRENT VEHICLE INSPECTION STICKER/PAPERWORK; AND
- 14 E. CURRENT VEHICLE STATE INSPECTION.

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

- 18 A. AN INSPECTION IS REQUIRED BY ANY OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A  
19 MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM THAT ESTABLISHES BUSINESS FOR  
20 ANY LENGTH OF TIME IN HOWARD COUNTY. THE OWNER OR  
21 OPERATOR SHALL REQUEST A ONE-DAY INSPECTION STICKER AT  
22 LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN HOWARD  
23 COUNTY.
- 24 B. THE AHJ SHALL DESIGNATE A LOCATION TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS.  
25 INSPECTIONS OR REINSPECTIONS SHALL BE AT DESIGNATED TIMES  
26 EACH MONTH OR MAY BE ARRANGED BY APPOINTMENT.
- 27 C. ONCE THE INSPECTION IS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED, THE AHJ  
28 SHALL ISSUE AN INSPECTION STICKER. EXCEPT FOR A ONE-DAY  
29 INSPECTION STICKER, THE INSPECTION STICKER IS VALID FOR ONE  
30 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. HYDRO DATES OF PROPANE CYLINDERS WILL BE CHECKED BY THE AHJ.

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

- A. OBTAIN ANY OTHER PERMITS, INCLUDING A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PERMIT;
- B. PAY ANY OTHER FEES AS REQUIRED BY LAW;
- C. DISPLAY ANNUAL OR ONE-DAY INSPECTION STICKERS; AND
- D. COMPLETE A DAILY CHECKLIST.

(276) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.11

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.11 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10 AS FOLLOWS:  
FEES RELATED TO MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS.

- (I) THE AHJ MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR AN INSPECTION OR REINSPECTION OF A MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM.
- (II) THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY ADOPT BY RESOLUTION FEES FOR THE INSPECTION AND REINSPECTION OF MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS.
- (III) AN INSPECTION SHALL NOT BE PERFORMED WHERE AN OPERATOR HAS FAILED TO PAY PREVIOUS INSPECTION FEES. WHERE AN INSPECTION CANNOT BE PERFORMED FOR FAILURE TO PAY FEES, THE MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM MAY NOT OPERATE.

(277) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.12

ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.12 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.2.1.11 AS FOLLOWS:  
FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 1 AND THE FOLLOWING:

- (I) FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE, NFPA 1, AND NFPA 96.

- 1 (II) ALL MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS THAT HAVE ANY COMMERCIAL  
2 COOKING EQUIPMENT THAT PRODUCE GREASE LADEN VAPORS SHALL HAVE  
3 AN AUTOMATIC FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM.
- 4 (III) IF MORE THAN 2 FRYING VESSELS OR 10 GALLONS OF FRYING MEDIA ARE  
5 USED, A COMMERCIAL HOOD (TYPE 1) SHALL BE INSTALLED ABOVE ALL  
6 COMMERCIAL COOKING APPLIANCES OR DOMESTIC COOKING APPLIANCES  
7 USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.
- 8 (IV) AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION, HOOD AND EXHAUST SYSTEMS MUST BE CLEAN  
9 AND THE HOOD SHALL HAVE THE APPROPRIATE STICKER ATTACHED BY A  
10 MARYLAND REGISTERED CLEANER.
- 11 (V) FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL MOBILE FOOD VENDING  
12 PLATFORMS AS FOLLOWS:
- 13 A. ALL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND INSPECTED ON  
14 AN ANNUAL BASIS. A FIRE EXTINGUISHER (MINIMUM SIZE OF 2A 40  
15 BC) IS REQUIRED IN ADDITION TO ANY CLASS K EXTINGUISHER. IF  
16 DEEP FAT FRYERS ARE USED OPERATORS SHALL HAVE AND MAINTAIN  
17 A CLASS K PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER.
- 18 B. PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHALL BE LOCATED IN  
19 CONSPICUOUS LOCATIONS WHERE THEY ARE READILY ACCESSIBLE  
20 AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR USE.
- 21 C. IF THE PLATFORM IS A TOWED TRAILER, THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER  
22 SHALL BE KEPT IN THE TRAILER, WHEN THE TRAILER IS OPERATING.
- 23 D. ALL EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE VEHICLE SHALL BE TRAINED IN  
24 THE PROPER USE OF THE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.
- 25 E. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHALL BEAR A CURRENT INSPECTION TAG  
26 VALIDATED WITHIN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS OR A RECEIPT OF  
27 PURCHASE WITHIN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS SHALL BE AVAILABLE  
28 FOR INSPECTION.
- 29 (VI) VENTILATION CONTROL SYSTEMS SHALL BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE COOKING  
30 OPERATIONS CONDUCTED. VENTILATION SYSTEMS SHALL BE CAPABLE OF  
31 EXHAUSTING ALL BYPRODUCTS OF COOKING OPERATIONS. THE HOOD MUST

1 BE DESIGNED TO ADEQUATELY COLLECT AND EXHAUST FUMES, SMOKE AND  
2 VAPORS FROM THE AREA OVER WHICH IT IS INSTALLED. HOOD SYSTEMS  
3 SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND CLEANED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CODE,  
4 NFPA 1, AND NFPA 96.

5 (VII) ALL FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM SHALL BE INSPECTED BY A CERTIFIED FIRE  
6 PROTECTION COMPANY EVERY 6 MONTHS. RECORDS SHALL BE MAINTAINED  
7 AS REQUIRED IN THIS CODE, NFPA 1, AND NFPA 96.

8 (VIII) RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE AHJ IN AN APPROVED METHOD.

9 (278) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.13

10 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.13 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.2.1.12 AS FOLLOWS:  
11 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS FOR MOBILE FOOD  
12 VENDING PLATFORMS. THE STORAGE AND USE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS SHALL  
13 COMPLY WITH NFPA 1, AND THE FOLLOWING:

- 14 (I) INDIVIDUAL CONTAINERS, CARTONS, OR PACKAGES SHALL BE  
15 CONSPICUOUSLY MARKED OR LABELED IN AN APPROVED MANNER.
- 16 (II) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR LIQUIDS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF IN THE PROPER  
17 MANNER AND SHALL NOT BE RELEASED INTO ANY SEWER, STORM DRAIN,  
18 DITCH, DRAINAGE CANAL, CREEK, STREAM, RIVER, LAKE OR TIDAL WATER  
19 OR ON THE GROUND, SIDEWALK, STREET, HIGHWAY, OR INTO THE  
20 ATMOSPHERE.

21 (279) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.14

22 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.14 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.2.1.13 AS FOLLOWS:  
23 PROPANE AND NATURAL GAS HANDLING REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE FOOD  
24 VENDING PLATFORMS SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA AND THE FOLLOWING:

- 25 (I) A "NO SMOKING" SIGN NEXT TO OR DIRECTLY ABOVE THE GAS CONTAINER  
26 AND VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. SUCH SIGN SHALL BE POSTED WITH A  
27 MINIMUM OF 2 INCH LETTERING.
- 28 (II) THE MAIN SHUT-OFF SHALL BE MARKED, IN PLAIN VIEW, AND BE  
29 ACCESSIBLE.
- 30 (III) PROPANE BOTTLES- THE CAPACITY LIMIT OF PROPANE BOTTLES SHALL BE  
31 DETERMINED BY THE AHJ.

- 1 (IV) LPG VESSELS SHALL BE AFFIXED TO THE PORTABLE FOOD SERVICE  
2 PLATFORM IN A SAFE AND SECURE MANNER THAT PROVIDES WHILE PARKED  
3 OR IN TRANSIT. ALL APPLICABLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
4 REGULATIONS SHALL BE FOLLOWED.
- 5 (V) PROPANE AND NATURAL GAS TANKS SHALL BE SHUT OFF WHILE THE MOBILE  
6 FOOD VENDING PLATFORM IS IN MOTION, UNATTENDED AND/OR IN  
7 OVERNIGHT STORAGE.
- 8 (VI) GENERATOR(S) AND LPG STORAGE COMPARTMENTS LOCATED ON THE  
9 EXTERIOR OF THE MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM SHALL BE ENCLOSED.  
10 THESE COMPARTMENTS SHALL HAVE VENTING TO THE EXTERIOR AND SHALL  
11 NOT ALLOW ANY VENTING TO THE INTERIOR OF THE VEHICLE. IF AN LPG  
12 STORAGE COMPARTMENT IS ADDED ON THE REAR OF THE TRUCK, THE  
13 BUMPER SHALL EXTEND BEYOND THE COMPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ADDED  
14 IMPACT PROTECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 58—6.23.3.4.
- 15 (VII) STORAGE OR USE OF LPG CYLINDERS WITHIN VEHICLE TOWING A MOBILE  
16 VENDING FOOD PLATFORM IS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES.
- 17 (VIII) MOUNTING AND PLACEMENT OF PROPANE AND NATURAL GAS TANKS. THE  
18 MOUNTING OF PROPANE AND NATURAL GAS TANKS MUST WITHSTAND  
19 IMPACT EQUAL TO FOUR TIMES THE WEIGHT OF THE FILLED PROPANE OR  
20 NATURAL GAS CONTAINER ACCORDING TO NFPA 58-6.23.3.4. TANKS MUST  
21 BE SECURE (NFPA 58-5.2.4) AND CONFORM WITH NFPA STANDARDS  
22 RELATING TO THE SAFE MOUNTING OF TANKS AS DESCRIBED IN NFPA 58-  
23 6.23.3.3.
- 24 A. OUTSIDE MOUNTED IN A SEMI-ENCLOSED CABINET, WITH VENTS AT  
25 THE TOP AND BOTTOM TO FACILITATE THE DIFFUSION OF VAPORS,  
26 VAPOR-TIGHT TO THE INTERIOR OF THE VEHICLE, WITH A WEATHER-  
27 PROTECTED REGULATOR AND A LEAK INDICATOR AS DESCRIBED IN  
28 NFPA 1192—6.4.8.
- 29 B. OUTSIDE MOUNTED, SECURED ON TOP AND BOTTOM AND STABILIZED  
30 (E.G. WITH A STRAP), VAPOR-TIGHT TO THE INTERIOR OF THE

1 VEHICLE, MOUNTED NO LESS THAN 28" ABOVE THE GROUND WITH A  
2 WEATHER-PROTECTED REGULATOR.

3 (280) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.15

4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.15 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.2.1.14 AS FOLLOWS:  
5 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS. THE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT ON A MOBILE FOOD  
6 VENDOR PLATFORM SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE HOWARD COUNTY  
7 ELECTRICAL CODE.

8 (281) SECTION 60.1

9 ADD NEW SECTION 60.1, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SECTION 60.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
10 60.1 HAZMAT PERMITTING. IF A FACILITY STORES, TRANSPORTS ON SITE,  
11 DISPENSES, USES, OR HANDLES ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS LISTED IN THE TABLES  
12 INCLUDED IN NFPA 1 CHAPTER 60, THE FACILITY SHALL OBTAIN AN ANNUAL  
13 PERMIT ISSUED BY THE AHJ.

14 (I) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, TYPE I, II, III, AND IV SHALL BE AS  
15 DEFINED IN THE EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-  
16 KNOW ACT, 42 USC SECTION 11004. TYPE V SHALL BE DEFINED AS ANY  
17 FACILITY UTILIZING A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL NOT LISTED AS AN  
18 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE BUT LISTED IN THE TABLES INCLUDED  
19 IN CHAPTER 60 OF NFPA 1.

20 (II) A PERMIT APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THE FOLLOWING  
21 ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED WITH THE PERMIT APPLICATION:

22 A. A GENERAL SITE PLAN IS REQUIRED FOR TYPE I, II, AND III  
23 FACILITIES. A GENERAL SITE PLAN SHALL BE DRAWN AT A LEGIBLE  
24 SCALE AND SHALL INCLUDE THE LOCATION OF BUILDINGS, EXTERIOR  
25 STORAGE FACILITIES, PERMANENT ACCESS WAYS, EVACUATION  
26 ROUTES, PARKING LOTS, INTERNAL ROADS, CHEMICAL LOADING  
27 AREAS, EQUIPMENT CLEANING AREAS, STORM AND SANITARY SEWER  
28 ACCESSES, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, AND ADJACENT PROPERTY  
29 USES.

30 B. A BUILDING FLOOR PLAN IS REQUIRED FOR TYPE I, II, AND III  
31 FACILITIES. A BUILDING FLOOR PLAN SHALL BE DRAWN TO A

1 LEGIBLE SCALE THAT SHALL INCLUDE THE IDENTITY OF EACH  
2 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STORAGE AREAS WITHIN THE BUILDING  
3 AND SHALL INDICATE ROOMS, DOORWAYS, CORRIDORS, MEANS OF  
4 EGRESS, AND EVACUATION ROUTES.

- 5 C. A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INVENTORY STATEMENT (HMIS) IS  
6 REQUIRED FOR ALL FACILITIES. THE INVENTORY STATEMENT SHALL  
7 INCLUDE: HAZARD CLASS, COMMON OR TRADE NAME, CHEMICAL  
8 NAME, MAJOR CONSTITUENTS, AND CONCENTRATIONS IF A MIXTURE.  
9 IF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IS WASTE, THE WASTE CATEGORY,  
10 CHEMICAL ABSTRACT SERVICE NUMBER (CAS NUMBER) FOUND IN  
11 TITLE 29 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR),  
12 WHETHER THE MATERIAL IS PURE OR A MIXTURE, AND WHETHER THE  
13 MATERIAL IS A SOLID, LIQUID, OR GAS, STORAGE CONDITIONS  
14 RELATED TO THE STORAGE TYPE, TEMPERATURE, AND PRESSURE.
- 15 D. SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS) ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL FACILITIES AND  
16 FOR ALL CHEMICALS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION.
- 17 E. TYPE I, II, AND III FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF  
18 A CONTRACT WITH A DISPOSAL/CLEAN-UP COMPANY OR A PLAN TO  
19 DISPOSE OF CHEMICALS OR CLEAN-UP SPILLS OR LEAKS.

- 20 (III) ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INVENTORY  
21 STATEMENTS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE AHJ WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE  
22 STORAGE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS THAT EITHER:
- 23 A. CHANGES OR ADDS A HAZARD CLASS; OR  
24 B. THAT CAUSES A 5% INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF ANY ONE HAZARD  
25 CLASS.
- 26 (IV) THE BUSINESS SHALL NOTIFY THE AHJ IN WRITING 30 DAYS PRIOR TO  
27 VACATING THE PROPERTY OR AREA WHERE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ARE  
28 LOCATED. THE AHJ SHALL CONDUCT AN INSPECTION ON THE LAST DAY  
29 THAT THE BUSINESS OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY OR AREA TO CONFIRM THAT  
30 ALL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY OR

1 AREA. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH  
2 DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

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

5 A. TYPE I- FILING DATE: MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

6 B. TYPE II- FILING DATE: AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>

7 C. TYPE III- FILING DATE: SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

8 D. TYPE IV- FILING DATE MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

9 E. TYPE V- FILING DATE: JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

10 FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PERMIT IS A CLASS A  
11 OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE  
12 OFFENSE.

13 (VI) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A  
14 VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

15 (282) SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1

16 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 60.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

17 IN ADDITION TO THIS CODE, APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
18 ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, SHALL APPLY.

19 (283) SUBSECTION 63.1.1.1.1

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 63.1.1.1.1 AFTERSUBSECTION 63.1.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

21 CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2) BEVERAGE SYSTEMS SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 55.

22 (284) SUBSECTION 65.1.1

23 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

24 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS 65.1.1.1, 65.1.3, 65.1.4, AND 65.1.5 OF THIS  
25 CODE, THE STORAGE, USE, AND HANDLING OF EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, OR MODEL  
26 ROCKETRY SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER, NFPA  
27 STANDARDS REFERENCED WITHIN THIS CHAPTER, SECTION 60.1 AND SECTION 60.2  
28 OF THIS CODE, AND THE REQUIREMENTS SET FOR FORTH IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
29 ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

30 (285) SUBSECTION 65.1.1.1

31 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 (286) SECTION 65.1.3

8 ADD NEW SECTION 65.1.3 AFTER SECTION 65.1.2 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 (287) SECTION 65.1.4.

12 ADD NEW SECTION 65.1.4 AFTER SECTION 65.1.3 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 (288) SECTION 65.1.5.

19 ADD NEW SECTION 65.1.5 AFTER SECTION 65.1.4 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 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH.  
27 ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES  
28 PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH  
29 CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD  
30 COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH  
31 DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

1 (289) SUBSECTION 66.21.7.4.3.1.1

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 66.21.7.4.3.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 66.21.7.4.3.1 AS  
3 FOLLOWS:

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

8 (290) SUBSECTION 69.1.1.4

9 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 69.1.1.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 69.1.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:

10 CYLINDERS CONNECTED TO A TEMPORARY HEATING DEVICE IN A BUILDING UNDER  
11 CONSTRUCTION OR BEING RENOVATED SHALL BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING  
12 AND SECURED IN A MANNER APPROVED BY THE AHJ. AN EXTRA CYLINDER STORED  
13 ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE SHALL BE SECURED IN MANNER APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

14 (291) SUBSECTION 69.3.10.9.2

15 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

16 CYLINDERS SHALL NOT BE LOCATED ON DECKS OR BALCONIES OF DWELLINGS OF  
17 TWO OR MORE LIVING UNITS.

18 (292) SUBSECTION 69.3.11.1.3

19 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

20 PATIO HEATERS SHALL NOT BE LOCATED WITHIN 5 FEET OF AN EXIT OR OPENING OR  
21 USED UNDER A TENT OR CANOPY.

22 (293) SUBSECTION 69.5.3.2.4

23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 69.5.3.2.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 69.5.3.2.3 AS FOLLOWS:

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

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27 **Section 17.107 False Emergency Alarms**

28 (a) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

- 29 (1) Alarm system means an automatic ~~[[fire]]~~ alarm system DESIGNED TO NOTIFY THE  
30 COUNTY'S EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS/911 CENTER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
31 FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES.

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**Section 17.111. Fire damaged building or structure.**

(c) *Abatement of Fire Damaged Building or Structure.* It shall be unlawful for any fire damaged building or structure to remain on any lot or parcel of ground FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS, unless [[the danger to the public posed by the fire damaged building can be prevented by alternative measures]] APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

**Title 16. Planning, Zoning, Subdivisions and Land Development Regulations.**

**Subtitle 1. Subdivision and land development regulations.**

**Section 16.120. Lot Layout.**

(b) *Lot design.*

(10) *Fire access:*

[[i]] Fire lanes or other approved access ways may be required [[in the rear of]] adjacent to commercial, industrial, townhouse and apartment buildings to PROVIDE [[assure]] reasonable fire [[protection]] access.

ii) [[Fire lanes will not be required for townhouses or apartments without elevators if the majority of a building is within 80 feet and its main entrance is within 150 feet of a road or parking lot and there is suitable pedestrian access along the rear or side building lines.

iii) The Department of Planning and Zoning, shall determine when and where fire lanes are to be required FOR ALL TYPES OF STRUCTURES, INCLUDING MULTIFAMILY RESIDENCES, based upon the recommendation of the Director of Fire and Rescue Services

**Title 21. Traffic control and transportation.**

**Subtitle 1. Definitions; general provisions.**

**Section 21.101. Definitions.**

(p) *Fire lane* means PART OF A HIGHWAY, ROAD, CURB, OR FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS ROAD THAT IS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES AS REQUIRED FOR ACCESS BY

1 EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THAT IS MARKED WITH APPROVED SIGNS OR OTHER APPROVED NOTICES  
2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOWARD COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CODE. [[an area of a curb or an  
3 edge of a roadway on commercial private property that is designated by the Department of Fire  
4 and Rescue Services as required for access by department equipment, where the stopping,  
5 standing, or parking of vehicles is prohibited.]]

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7 **Title 21. Traffic control and transportation.**

8 **Subtitle 2. Standing, stopping, and parking of vehicles; automated enforcement.**

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10 **Section 21.222. Parking prohibited in specified places.**

11 (a) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or  
12 directions of a Police Officer or traffic control device, an individual may not park a vehicle in the  
13 following locations [[where posted]]:

- 14 (1) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
- 15 (2) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk;
- 16 (3) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance or exit to any fire station;
- 17 (4) Within 75 feet on the side of a street opposite the driveway entrance or exit to a  
18 fire station, when signs or red curb markings are present;
- 19 (5) On a curve or the brow of a hill where solid lines indicating a no-passing zone  
20 appear on the surface of the road;
- 21 (6) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- 22 (7) Outside of any lines painted on a roadway or public parking area designating a  
23 parking space; or
- 24 (8) On a highway or public parking area for more than 18 consecutive hours in a  
25 nonoperable, unregistered, untagged or disabled condition.

26 (b) The Police Department may impound a vehicle for a violation of subsection (a)(8) of this  
27 section.

28  
29 **Section 21.235. Fire lanes.**

30 (a) *Creation of Fire Lanes:* IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOWARD COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION  
31 CODE, THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER A FIRE

1 LANE SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AND SHALL CREATE FIRE LANES CONSISTENT WITH STANDARDS  
2 INCLUDED IN THE CODE.

3        [[ (1) The Director of Fire and Rescue Services may make rules and adopt regulations  
4                consistent with this title governing the creation of fire lanes on commercial  
5                private property.

6        (2) The Department of Fire and Rescue Services shall notify in writing the property  
7                owner of a commercial private property, designating the area established as a fire  
8                lane.]]

9 (B) *NOTICE.* THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES SHALL NOTIFY A PROPERTY OWNER  
10 BEFORE DESIGNATING THE AREA ESTABLISHED AS A FIRE LANE.

11 ([[b]]C) *Installation of Fire Lane Markings.* The property owner shall install fire lane markings  
12 or signs within 20 days of receipt of the notification under subsection ([[a]]B) of this section.

13 ([[c]]D) *Penalties for Failure to Comply:*

14        [[ (1) ]] A property owner who fails to comply with the requirements of this section is  
15                SUBJECT TO PENALTIES AS SET FORTH IN THE HOWARD COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION  
16                CODE. [[guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction is subject to a fine of up to  
17                \$500.00.

18        (2) Alternative to or in addition to other remedies, the Department of Fire and Rescue  
19                Services may enforce the provisions of this section with civil penalties pursuant to  
20                title 24, "civil penalties," of the Howard County Code. A violation of this section  
21                is a Class D violation. Each consecutive day of noncompliance shall constitute a  
22                separate offense.]]

23 (e) *Parking in Fire Lane Prohibited.* An individual may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in a  
24 fire lane.

25 (f) *Vehicle in Fire Lane Impounded.* The Police Department may impound a vehicle that is in  
26 violation of this section.

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

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BY: The Chairperson  
at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 4  
Date: April 4, 2016

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ADOPTED 4/4/16  
FAILED \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE Jessica Feldman

1 TIMES. THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF WATER SUPPLY NEEDED MAY BE BASED ON  
2 THE PROPOSED OPERATION AND APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

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

6 (265) SECTION 33.1.2

7 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

8 WHERE REQUIRED, A PERMIT FOR OUTSIDE STORAGE SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM THE  
9 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT. A PERMIT FROM THE AHJ IS  
10 REQUIRED FOR THE STORAGE OF 500 TIRES OR MORE. A PERSON MAY NOT STORE  
11 MORE THAN 1,500 TIRES.

12 (266) SECTION 33.1.12

13 ADD NEW SECTION 33.1.12 AFTER SECTION 33.1.11 AS FOLLOWS:

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

15 (267) SECTION 33.1.13

16 ADD NEW SECTION 33.1.13 AFTER SECTION 33.1.12 AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 19 (I) TIRES SHALL NOT BE STORED IN VERTICAL STACKS;
- 20 (II) STORAGE PILES SHALL NOT EXCEED 10 FEET IN HEIGHT;
- 21 (III) STORAGE PILES SHALL NOT BE LARGER THAN 1,250 CUBIC FEET; AND
- 22 (IV) TIRES SHALL BE SEPARATED FROM THE PROPERTY LINE, BUILDINGS,  
23 STRUCTURES, OR OTHER EXPOSURES BY A MINIMUM OF 25 FEET.

24 (268) SECTION 33.2.2.3

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

26 (269) SUBSECTION 42.7.5.2.1

27 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 42.7.5.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 42.7.5.2 AS FOLLOWS:

28 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED IN A LOCATION  
29 APPROVED BY THE AHJ:

- 30 (I) THE ADDRESS OF THE UNATTENDED SELF-SERVICE FACILITY; AND

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

3 (270) SUBSECTION 42.7.5.7

4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 42.7.5.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 42.7.5.6 AS FOLLOWS:

5 AN OWNER, MANAGER, OR EMPLOYEE SHALL CONDUCT A DAILY SITE VISIT TO  
6 ENSURE THAT ALL EQUIPMENT IS OPERATING PROPERLY.

7 (271) SUBSECTION 42.7.5.8

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 42.7.5.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 42.7.5.7 AS FOLLOWS:

9 AN OWNER, MANAGER, OR EMPLOYEE SHALL CONDUCT INSPECTIONS AND  
10 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AT REGULAR INTERVALS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
11 THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

12 (272) SUBSECTION 42.7.5.9

13 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 42.7.5.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 42.2.7.5.8 AS FOLLOWS:

14 FUEL DISPENSING EQUIPMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 (i) THE AMOUNT OF FUEL BEING DISPENSED IS LIMITED IN QUANTITY BY A PRE-  
16 PROGRAMMED CARD; OR

17 (ii) THE DISPENSING DEVICE SHALL BE PROGRAMMED OR SET TO LIMIT  
18 UNINTERRUPTED FUEL DELIVERY OF NOT MORE THAN 25 GALLONS AND  
19 SHALL REQUIRE MANUAL ACTION TO RESUME CONTINUED DELIVERY.

20 (273) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.9

21 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

22 COOKING EQUIPMENT USED IN FIXED, MOBILE, OR TEMPORARY CONCESSIONS, SUCH  
23 AS TRUCKS, BUSES, TRAILERS, PAVILIONS, TENTS, UNDER A CANOPY OR ANY FORM  
24 OF ROOFED ENCLOSURE, SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 96 AND THIS CHAPTER.

25 (274) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10

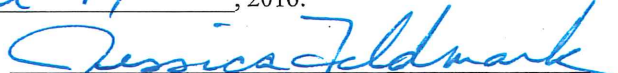
26 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.2.1.9 AS FOLLOWS:

27 MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS. ALL MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS  
28 THAT USE PROPANE OR ANY OTHER HEAT SOURCE FOR COOKING SHALL BE  
29 INSPECTED BY THE AHJ. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CODE, MOBILE FOOD VENDING  
30 PLATFORM MEANS ANY PUSH CART, TRAILER, ENCLOSED TRAILER, OR ENCLOSED



BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on April 14, 2016.

  
Jessica Feldmark, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Jessica Feldmark, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Not voted  
moved & 2nd on 3/7/16  
motion to approve was  
withdrawn on 4/4/16

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 8-2016

BY: The Chairperson  
at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 3  
Date: March 7, 2016

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To: Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer  
From: John S. Butler, Fire Chief *JSB*  
Subject: Testimony on Council Bill No. 8-2016  
Date: January 28, 2016

Every three years, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) updates their standards which are comprehensive regulatory guidelines developed through industry research and consensus in areas that include building construction, safety features, inspection, maintenance, hazardous materials and fire department access in an effort to advance fire and life safety protection for the public, property and first responders.

Adopted in 19 states including Maryland, NFPA1 is then amended locally in most jurisdictions. In Howard County, local amendments are outlined in Title 17, Section 104 which serves as the 'Howard County Fire Prevention Code.' This critical legislation is the basis for numerous initiatives managed by the Office of the Fire Marshal [OFM] that help make this community a safer place to live, work and visit.

The department is currently using the NFPA1, 2006 amended edition. Significant changes have occurred in the code over these nine years resulting in more changes than usual. Multiple provisions are now very outdated and no longer align with the national and state standard which is presenting significant challenges.

Last winter, the Department of Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS) actively participated in the process to amend NFPA1 at the state level. The Maryland State Fire Commission adopted the new state Fire Code in June, which became effective on January 1, 2016, and most state amendments have been incorporated into the proposed Fire Code. Additionally, DFRS has researched best practices and innovative solutions to common safety issues regionally and nationally to develop several new provisions to better address both ongoing and emerging safety issues.

DFRS is recommending continued local requirements for personal fireworks despite less stringent guidelines now at the state level and in NFPA1. The local amendments proposed in CB 8 would continue our current requirements related to personal fireworks. Likewise, guidelines for recreational burn permits remain intact but DFRS is recommending elimination of the associated permit requirement. DFRS will continue its current requirements related to recreational burns, without a permit requirement.



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The fee schedule for fire inspection functions may be submitted for consideration during the upcoming budget cycle. Subject to Administration approval, the fee schedule may propose fees for the Hazardous Materials Permit (ranging from \$100-1,000), the Tire Permit (ranging from \$150 – 500) , Inspection fees for Mobile Food Vending Platforms (annual is \$75 daily is \$45) and the annual reporting of fire detection and suppression systems (Contractor Portal is \$5 per system). Subject to Administration approval, we will also be proposing an increase in State Fire Commission fees that is commensurate with increases at the State level. There is also a provision in the proposed code to recover operational response costs from an individual when the individual is convicted of arson. The fiscal impact of the code will be minimal and balanced by the fees collected.

There are several local amendments proposed by DFRS, based, in part, on successful best practices in other jurisdictions and, in part, to enable the Department to more effectively address safety issues and hazards here in Howard County. They include:

- This code integrates the requirements for topics such as recreational fires, forest products, vacant structures, and fire lanes into the Fire Code. Regarding these items, there has been no change to their substantive requirements. Regulations pertaining to Fire Watch, Candles, Address Numbers, Fire Department Connections (FDC's), Vehicles on Display, and Tents for special events are proposed to be added to the Fire Code. Until now, these areas have been regulated by General Orders adopted by DFRS.
- Refinement of the duties of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services as outlined in 17.100 to include community risk reduction, efforts in fire and life safety education, building and development plans review, Fire Code development and enforcement, and hazardous materials mitigation. (p.3)
- Including reckless endangerment (p.20 Subsection 10.2.7) and imminent danger (p.18 Subsection 3.3.154) as cause for enforcement action, as requested by the Office of Law.
- A requirement that fire alarm and fire suppression system companies register the systems they serve, and provide required alarm and sprinkler inspection, testing and maintenance documentation. DFRS is referring to this as the Contractor Portal. (p.30 Subsection 13.1.5.1)
- Elimination of the ability to install new private hydrants unless approved by the AHJ (p.46 Subsection 18.5.1.1.1) and changes to the standards for existing private hydrants (p.46 Subsection 18.5.5.1.1) that will require that all new hydrants be public unless approved by DFRS.





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- Enhanced requirements for bulk tire storage at auto repair and retail facilities. (p.59 Subsection 33.1.2)
- An inspection requirement for mobile food preparation, otherwise known as Mobile Food Vending Platforms, and service vehicles utilizing cooking equipment such as trucks, trailers and carts. (p.60 Subsection 50.2.1.10)
- A local permit requirement for facilities that handle and store hazardous materials which would include an emergency response pre-plan and annual inspection. (p.66 Subsection 60.1)
- A requirement that action to demolish or rebuild a home following a fire incident be taken within a specific time frame. This is to be accomplished within six months of the incident unless approved by the AHJ. (Section 17.111 on p.71)
- Transition of oversight, as documented in the code, for Fire Lanes from DPW to DFRS to be consistent with current practice. Modifications for clarity have been made to the language in the Fire Code (p.44 Subsection 18.2.3.5.4), Title 16 and Title 21 (p.72).

DFRS has worked with the Office of Law, the Legislative Analyst, and relevant partner agencies to complete the Fire Code for adoption. Your support of this important legislative initiative is sincerely appreciated.