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Executive Action September 5, 2019  
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## County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 35 -2019

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

AN ACT adopting the National Fire Protection Association 1, Fire Code, 2018 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; amending certain definitions in the Fire Code; and generally relating to fire safety requirements and fire prevention in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time July 1, 2019. 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 July 15, 2019.

Life extended & tabled 7/29/19

By order

Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on September 3 2019 and Passed , Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order

Diaine A. Jones  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019 at 11:50 a.m./p.m.

By order

Diaine A. Jones  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive September 5, 2019

Calvin Ball  
Calvin Ball, County Executive

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

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

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4 *By repealing*

5 Title 17, Public Protection Services  
6 Section 17.104 “Howard County Fire Prevention Code”

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8 *By adding*

9 Title 17, Public Protection Services  
10 New Section 17.104 “Howard County Fire Prevention Code”

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12 **Title 17. Public Protection Services.**  
13 **Subtitle 1. Fire and Rescue Services.**

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

16 (A) *ADOPTION OF NATIONAL CODES:* EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,  
17 THE NFPA 1, FIRE CODE 2018 EDITION (PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION  
18 ASSOCIATION), IS ADOPTED AS THE HOWARD COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CODE AS IF THE  
19 NATIONAL CODE IS SET OUT IN FULL IN THIS SUBTITLE.

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

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

23 (1) GENERAL:

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

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

30 (iii) WHEREVER THE TERM “THIS CODE” IS USED, IT REFERS TO THIS SUBTITLE,  
31 WHICH

1 SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE HOWARD COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

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

5 (2) SUBSECTION 1.1.1(2)

6 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

11 (3) SUBSECTION 1.1.1(3)

12 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

19 (4) SUBSECTION 1.1.1(5)

20 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

21 THE INSPECTION OF EXISTING OCCUPANCIES, STRUCTURES, AND AREAS. IN  
22 CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS,  
23 THE INSPECTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN OF NEW BUILDINGS AND  
24 ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS.

25 (5) SUBSECTION 1.1.1(6)

26 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

27 THE MAINTENANCE AND TESTING OF EXISTING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND  
28 EQUIPMENT AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS,  
29 LICENSES AND PERMITS, THE DESIGN, ALTERATION, MODIFICATION, AND  
30 INSTALLATION OF NEW AND EXISTING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT.

31 (6) SUBSECTION 1.1.1(16)

32 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

4 (7) SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1

5 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

11 (8) SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1.1

12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.3.3.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

16 (9) SECTION 1.4.2

17 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

22 (10) SECTION 1.7.1

23 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

24 ADMINISTRATION. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE AND SECTIONS 17.105, 17.106,  
25 17.107, AND 17.111 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE SHALL APPLY WITHOUT  
26 RESTRICTION, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED.

27 (11) SECTION 1.7.5

28 INSERT THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SECTION:

29 IN ADDITION TO THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE AHJ AND THE  
30 ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE BY SECTION  
31 1.7.4 AND SECTION 65.1.3 OF THIS CODE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

1 INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS, OR THE DIRECTOR'S AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE,  
2 MAY ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE WHEN:

- 3 (1) REVIEWING PLANS FOR OR INSPECTING NEW CONSTRUCTION;
- 4 (2) REQUESTED TO CONDUCT SPECIFIC INSPECTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE AHJ;
- 5 OR
- 6 (3) INSPECTING COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, SITES,  
7 OR AREAS.

8 (12) SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1

9 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

17 (13) SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1.1

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.7.1 AS FOLLOWS:

19 PERSONNEL PERFORMING INSPECTIONS MAY DOCUMENT INSPECTIONS THROUGH  
20 ANY APPROPRIATE MEANS INCLUDING THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO  
21 RECORDING.

22 (14) SUBSECTION 1.7.7.7

23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.7.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.7.6 AS FOLLOWS:

24 A PERSON WHO REFUSES TO ALLOW AN INSPECTION OF A BUILDING, STRUCTURE,  
25 SITE, OR AREA WHEN THE INSPECTION IS AUTHORIZED BY THIS CODE IS GUILTY OF A  
26 MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING  
27 \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY,  
28 AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR  
29 EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES  
30 PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A  
31 VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A  
32 VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

1 (15) SUBSECTION 1.7.9.1

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.9.1 AFTER SECTION 1.7.9 AS FOLLOWS:

3 A PERSON INTERFERING OR CAUSING A CONDITION THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH  
4 THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON  
5 CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT  
6 EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND  
7 CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL  
8 MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL  
9 PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION  
10 IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE  
11 OFFENSE.

12 (16) SUBSECTION 1.7.10.1

13 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.10.1 AFTER SECTION 1.7.10 AS FOLLOWS:

14 A PERSON IMPERSONATING A FIRE OFFICIAL IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND,  
15 UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT  
16 NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND  
17 CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL  
18 MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL  
19 PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS  
20 A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE  
21 OFFENSE.

22 (17) SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1

23 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

24 AUTHORITY. THE AHJ MAY INVESTIGATE THE ORIGIN, CAUSE, AND  
25 CIRCUMSTANCES OF ANY FIRE, EXPLOSION, POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE DEVICE,  
26 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT, OR OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATION. THESE  
27 DUTIES MAY BE PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES.

28 (18) SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1.1

29 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.11.1 AS FOLLOWS:

30 TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE COUNTY MAY PURSUE LEGAL ACTION TO  
31 SEEK REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED IN

1 RESPONSE TO ARSON, MALICIOUS BURNS, EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, AND HOAX EXPLOSIVE  
2 DEVICE INCIDENTS FROM THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO COMMITTED THE CRIME(S).

3 (19) SUBSECTION 1.7.11.2

4 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

8 (20) SUBSECTION 1.7.11.5

9 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.11.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.11.4 AS FOLLOWS:

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

18 (21) SUBSECTION 1.7.13.1

19 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

20 WHEN REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS,  
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT  
22 OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS WITH THE INSPECTION OF NEW  
23 CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATIONS, OR THE INSTALLATION OF PROCESSES OR  
24 EQUIPMENT COVERED BY THIS CODE.

25 (22) SUBSECTIONS 1.7.13.2 THROUGH 1.7.13.4

26 DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS.

27 (23) SUBSECTION 1.7.15.1

28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.15.1 AFTER SECTION 1.7.15

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

30 THE AHJ MAY RESCIND A STOP WORK ORDER AFTER THE SITUATION HAS BEEN  
31 CORRECTED AND INSPECTED BY THE AHJ OR AN INSPECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT  
32 OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS DEEMS THE BUILDING IS SAFE.

1 (24) SUBSECTION 1.7.15.2

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.15.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.15.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
3 IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION, A PERSON FAILING TO OBEY AN  
4 ORDER TO STOP WORK, ABATE A CONDITION, CEASE A USE, OR IMMEDIATELY  
5 EVACUATE A BUILDING, STRUCTURE, SITE, OR AREA IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
6 AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR  
7 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN  
8 ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY,  
9 A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO  
10 TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF  
11 THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES  
12 IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

13 (25) SUBSECTION 1.7.16.4

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.16.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.16.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
15 THE AHJ MAY ORDER THE EVACUATION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE IF THE FIRE  
16 DETECTION OR SUPPRESSION SYSTEM IS NOT IN WORKING ORDER, THE BUILDING OR  
17 STRUCTURE IS OVERCROWDED, OR THERE IS A VIOLATION OF THIS CODE THAT  
18 CREATES A HAZARDOUS CONDITION, EMERGENCY, OR IMMINENT DANGER.

19 (26) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
21 INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED AS STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL (FIRE WATCH) MUST:

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

28 (27) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.1

29 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
30 STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL SHALL WALK THE ENTIRE BUILDING AT LEAST ONE TIME  
31 EACH HOUR IN ORDER TO CHECK FOR SMOKE OR FIRE AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL  
32 MEANS OF EGRESS ARE ACCESSIBLE AND UNOBSTRUCTED.



- 1 (28) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.2  
2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
3 STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE A FIRE  
4 EXTINGUISHER. HOWEVER, THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF STANDBY FIRE  
5 PERSONNEL IS THE EVACUATION AND SAFETY OF THE BUILDING'S OCCUPANTS.
- 6 (29) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.3  
7 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
8 STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL SHALL NOT HAVE ANY OTHER DUTIES WHILE THEY ARE  
9 SERVING AS STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL.
- 10 (30) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.4  
11 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
12 THE STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL SHALL HAVE THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH  
13 THE HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS  
14 (911 CENTER).
- 15 (31) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.5  
16 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
17 STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL SHALL MAINTAIN A LOG EVERY HOUR AND SHALL NOTE  
18 THE AREA CHECKED, THE TIME IT WAS CHECKED AND BY WHOM. THE LOG SHALL BE  
19 MAINTAINED ON THE PREMISES.
- 20 (32) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.6  
21 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.5 AS FOLLOWS:  
22 THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL DESIGNATE THE LESSER OF EITHER (1) ONE PERSON  
23 PER 100,000 SQ. FT OF BUILDING SPACE; OR (2) ONE PERSON FOR EVERY FIVE (5)  
24 FLOORS. THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL. WHEN  
25 MULTIPLE PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED, THEY SHALL HAVE THE ABILITY TO  
26 COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER.
- 27 (33) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.7  
28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4.6 AS FOLLOWS:  
29 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL SHALL:  
30 (1) EVACUATE THE OCCUPANTS;  
31 (2) CALL 911 AND REPORT THE EMERGENCY AND PROVIDE AN EXACT BUILDING  
32 ADDRESS AND LOCATION OF SMOKE OR FIRE;

- 1 (3) NOTIFY OTHER STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL;
- 2 (4) ACTIVATE THE IMPAIRED FIRE ALARM AND/OR SPRINKLER SYSTEM IF
- 3 POSSIBLE; AND
- 4 (5) DIRECT RESPONDING FIRE PERSONNEL TO THE SMOKE/FIRE AREA.
- 5 (34) SUBSECTION 1.7.17.5
- 6 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.7.17.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.7.17.4 AS FOLLOWS:
- 7 A PERSON FAILING TO PROVIDE APPROVED STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL (FIRE WATCH)
- 8 OR FAILING TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF STANDBY FIRE PERSONNEL IS GUILTY OF
- 9 A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING
- 10 \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY,
- 11 AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR
- 12 EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES
- 13 PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A
- 14 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION
- 15 CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.
- 16 (35) SUBSECTION 1.8.1.1
- 17 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.8.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.8.1 AS FOLLOWS:
- 18 THE INCIDENT COMMANDER HAS ADDITIONAL POWERS SET FORTH IN SECTION
- 19 17.105 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.
- 20 (36) SECTION 1.9.3
- 21 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:
- 22 ANY SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE AHJ OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO THE AHJ
- 23 HAS DELEGATED THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THIS CODE BECAUSE OF AN ACT OR
- 24 OMISSION PERFORMED IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE OR OTHER PERTINENT
- 25 LAW IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE OR ENFORCED BY
- 26 THE AHJ SHALL BE DEFENDED BY HOWARD COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
- 27 MARYLAND LAW AND THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.
- 28 (37) SECTION 1.10
- 29 DELETE THIS SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- 30 (38) SECTION 1.11.1
- 31 AT THE END OF THIS SECTION ADD "AND THE MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION
- 32 ACT."

- 1 (39) SECTION 1.11.2  
2 AT THE END OF THIS SECTION ADD “IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOWARD COUNTY  
3 RECORDS RETENTION POLICY.”
- 4 (40) SECTION 1.11.3  
5 DELETE THIS SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- 6 (41) SUBSECTION 1.12.1.1  
7 ADD SUBSECTION 1.12.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.12.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
8 THE AHJ MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMIT,  
9 CERTIFICATE, OR APPROVAL REQUIRED BY LAW. A PERMIT REQUIRED BY A STATE  
10 OR OTHER COUNTY AGENCY SHALL BE OBTAINED AND A PERMIT REQUIRED BY THE  
11 HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS SHALL  
12 BE OBTAINED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR ALTERATION OF ANY  
13 BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AREA, OR FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT.
- 14 (42) SUBSECTION 1.12.6.13  
15 IN THE FIRST LINE, DELETE “PERMITS SHALL” AND SUBSTITUTE “PERMITS MAY”.
- 16 (43) SECTION 1.12.8  
17 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
18 A PERMIT FOR A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TABLE  
19 1.12.8(A) THROUGH TABLE 1.12.8(D), AND FOR A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL  
20 IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1 OF THIS CODE.
- 21 (44) SECTION 1.13.2  
22 IN THE SECTION TITLE, DELETE “MANDATORY”. IN THE FIRST SENTENCE, DELETE  
23 “SHALL” AND SUBSTITUTE “MAY”.
- 24 (45) SUBSECTION 1.13.12.4  
25 DELETE THIS SECTION.
- 26 (46) SECTION 1.14.1  
27 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
28 WHEN REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS,  
29 THE AHJ SHALL ASSIST IN THE REVIEW OF NEW CONSTRUCTION, MODIFICATIONS,  
30 ALTERATIONS, AND THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT.
- 31 (47) SECTION 1.14.2 THROUGH SECTION 1.14.5  
32 DELETE THESE SECTIONS.

1 (48) SUBSECTION 1.15.1.1

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.15.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.15.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
3 INCIDENTS THAT MAY REQUIRE A THIRD PARTY REVIEW INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT  
4 LIMITED TO:

- 5 (1) A PERSON REQUESTS AN EQUIVALENT METHOD, ALTERNATIVE, OR  
6 MODIFICATION TO A CODE REQUIREMENT; OR
- 7 (2) THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE ON  
8 TECHNICAL MATTERS, USES, OPERATIONS, OR EQUIPMENT.

9 (49) SECTION 1.16.1

10 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

11 NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE USING  
12 ANY OTHER MEANS PROVIDED BY LAW, INCLUDING EQUITABLE AND CRIMINAL  
13 ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A CLASS A OFFENSE AND AS SET FORTH IN  
14 SUBSECTION 1.16.2.1 OF THIS CODE, IF THE AHJ DETERMINES THAT A VIOLATION OF  
15 THIS CODE EXISTS, THE AHJ SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF VIOLATION. ANY  
16 VIOLATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN ABATED WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED BY THE AHJ  
17 SHALL BE A CLASS A VIOLATION FOR FAILURE TO ABATE, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
18 17.104(C)(25) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (50) SUBSECTION 1.16.1.1

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.16.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 1.16.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 25 (1) SECTION 1.7.7, INSPECTIONS;
- 26 (2) SECTION 1.7.9, INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT;
- 27 (3) SECTION 1.7.10, IMPERSONATION;
- 28 (4) SECTION 1.7.11, INVESTIGATION;
- 29 (5) SECTION 1.7.15, STOP WORK ORDER;
- 30 (6) SECTION 1.7.16, IMMINENT DANGERS AND EVACUATION;
- 31 (7) SECTION 1.7.17, STANDBY AND FIRE WATCH PERSONNEL;
- 32 (8) SECTION 4.4.3, MEANS OF EGRESS;

- 1 (9) SECTION 10.2.8, RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT;  
2 (10) SECTIONS 13.1.2, 13.1.6.1, 13.1.8, 13.1.9, AND 13.1.14 REGARDING FIRE  
3 PROTECTION SYSTEMS;  
4 (11) SECTION 14.4, MEANS OF EGRESS RELIABILITY;  
5 (12) SECTION 20.1.5.8.3, REGARDING EXCEEDING OCCUPANCY LIMITS;  
6 (13) SECTION 60.1, HAZMAT PERMITTING; OR  
7 (14) CHAPTER 65, REGARDING EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, FLAME EFFECTS BEFORE  
8 AUDIENCE AND MODEL ROCKETRY.

9 (51) SUBSECTION 1.16.2.1

10 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

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

- 13 (1) PERSONAL SERVICE;  
14 (2) CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL, RESTRICTED DELIVERY, RETURN RECEIPT  
15 REQUESTED;  
16 (3) FIRST CLASS MAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE ALLEGED  
17 VIOLATOR; OR  
18 (4) WHEN SERVICE CANNOT BE OBTAINED BY ONE OF THESE METHODS, A COPY  
19 OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION MAY BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON  
20 THE PROPERTY.

21 (52) SUBSECTION 1.16.2.2

22 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY

23 (53) SUBSECTION 1.16.4.3

24 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION

25 (54) SECTION 1.16.6

26 ADD NEW SECTION 1.16.6 AFTER SECTION 1.16.5 AS FOLLOWS:

27 WHEN THERE IS ANY VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THIS CODE, OR ANY ACTION  
28 TAKEN UNDER THIS CODE, THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY INSTITUTE APPROPRIATE ACTION  
29 TO PREVENT, ENJOIN, ABATE, OR REMOVE THE VIOLATION. ALTERNATIVELY AND IN  
30 ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL OTHER REMEDIES PROVIDED BY LAW,  
31 THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SUBTITLE AND THIS CODE BY THE USE OF  
32 CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD

1 COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS CODE IS A CLASS C OFFENSE EXCEPT AS  
2 OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THIS CODE.

3 (55) SUBSECTION 1.16.6.1  
4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 1.16.6.1 AFTER SECTION 1.16.6 AS FOLLOWS:  
5 IF A PERSON REFUSES OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE,  
6 OR TO CORRECT A VIOLATION WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE OF  
7 VIOLATION, OR AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS, THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY PETITION  
8 THE COURT FOR AN ORDER PERMITTING ENTRY UPON THE PROPERTY TO ABATE THE  
9 VIOLATION AT THE OWNER’S EXPENSE OR TO TAKE CUSTODY OF UNLAWFUL  
10 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

11 (56) SECTION 1.17  
12 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
13 AUTHORITY TO ADOPT FEES. THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY ADOPT BY RESOLUTION A  
14 SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE AHJ INCLUDING, WITHOUT  
15 LIMITATION, ISSUING PERMITS AND PERFORMING INSPECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER  
16 SERVICES PERFORMED PURSUANT TO THIS CODE.

17 (57) SECTION 2.1  
18 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
19 GENERAL. THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN THIS CHAPTER ARE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
20 CODE AS IF THEY WERE FULLY SET FORTH IN THIS CODE, EXCEPT FOR THE:  
21 (1) NFPA 5000, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY CODE 2018 EDITION;  
22 (2) NFPA 54, NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, 2018 EDITION; AND  
23 (3) NFPA 70, NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, 2017 EDITION.

24 (58) SECTION 2.1.1  
25 ADD NEW SECTION 2.1.1 AFTER SECTION 2.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
26 EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC TEXT EXTRACTED FROM NFPA 1, A REFERENCE IN THIS CODE  
27 TO “NFPA 5000, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY CODE 2018 EDITION”  
28 MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY BUILDING CODE ADOPTED IN TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 1  
29 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

30 (59) SUBSECTIONS 2.1.1.1 AND 2.1.1.2  
31 AMEND EACH SECTION TO ADD “WHERE PERMITTED BY THE AHJ,” TO THE  
32 BEGINNING.

- 1 (60) SECTION 2.1.2  
2 ADD NEW SECTION 2.1.2 AFTER SECTION 2.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
3 EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC TEXT EXTRACTED FROM NFPA 1, A REFERENCE IN THIS CODE  
4 TO “NFPA 54, NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, 2018 -EDITION” MEANS THE HOWARD  
5 COUNTY PLUMBING AND GASFITTING CODE ADOPTED IN TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 3 OF  
6 THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.
- 7 (61) SECTION 2.1.3  
8 ADD NEW SECTION 2.1.3 AFTER SECTION 2.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
9 EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC TEXT EXTRACTED FROM NFPA 1, A REFERENCE IN THIS CODE  
10 TO “NFPA 70, NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2017 EDITION” MEANS THE HOWARD  
11 COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED IN TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE HOWARD  
12 COUNTY CODE.
- 13 (62) SECTION 2.2  
14 DELETE THE REFERENCED PUBLICATION NFPA 150 STANDARD ON FIRE AND LIFE  
15 SAFETY IN ANIMAL HOUSING FACILITIES, 2016 EDITION.
- 16 (63) SECTION 3.2.2  
17 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
18 AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION (AHJ). FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CODE THE  
19 AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION IS THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE  
20 AND RESCUE SERVICES.
- 21 (64) SUBSECTION 3.2.8.1  
22 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.2.8.1 AFTER SECTION 3.2.8. AS FOLLOWS:  
23 MAY. MAY IS PERMISSIVE AND DISCRETIONARY. WHEN THIS CODE STATES “THE  
24 AHJ MAY REQUIRE” INDICATES A REQUIREMENT, PROVISION, OR PRACTICE THAT  
25 CAN BE MANDATED BY THE AHJ DEPENDING UPON THE SITUATION OR  
26 CIRCUMSTANCES.
- 27 (65) SECTION 3.3.2  
28 AT THE END OF THIS SECTION, ADD THE FOLLOWING:  
29 THE AHJ SHALL SPECIFY THE TYPE OF BOX OR DEVICE.
- 30 (66) SUBSECTION 3.3.14.10.1  
31 ADD SUBSECTION 3.3.14.10.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.14.10

1 CONSUMER FIREWORKS RETAIL SALES AREA. THE PORTION OF A CONSUMER  
2 FIREWORKS RETAIL SALES FACILITY OR STORE, INCLUDING THE IMMEDIATELY  
3 ADJACENT AISLES, WHERE CONSUMER FIREWORKS ARE LOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE  
4 OR RETAIL DISPLAY AND SALE TO THE PUBLIC.

5 (67) SECTION 3.3.19A

6 ADD NEW SECTION 3.3.19 A AFTER SECTION 3.3.19 AS FOLLOWS:

7 BARBECUE GRILL. EQUIPMENT USED FOR OUTDOOR COOKING THAT USES  
8 ELECTRICITY, CHARCOAL, LIQUID PROPANE GAS, NATURAL GAS, OR OTHER FUEL FOR  
9 ITS HEAT SOURCE.

10 (68) SECTION 3.3.34A

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

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

19 (69) SUBSECTION 3.3.54.2

20 DELETE "2.2" AND SUBSTITUTE "2.1.3".

21 (70) SUBSECTION 3.3.54.3

22 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

23 A REFERENCE IN THIS CODE TO THE "MECHANICAL CODE" MEANS THE  
24 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 1  
25 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

26 (71) SUBSECTION 3.3.54.4

27 DELETE "2.2" AND SUBSTITUTE "2.1.2".

28 (72) SECTION 3.3.121

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



- 1 (73) SECTION 3.3.126  
2 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
3 FIRE LANE. A FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS ROAD, CURB, OR ROADWAY THAT IS  
4 DESIGNATED BY THE AHJ AS REQUIRED FOR ACCESS BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND  
5 THAT IS MARKED WITH APPROVED SIGNS OR OTHER NOTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
6 THIS CODE.
- 7 (74) SECTION 3.3.130  
8 AMEND THIS SECTION TO ADD “, OR THAT MEETS THE DEFINITION IN § 10-101 OF  
9 THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND”.
- 10 (75) SUBSECTION 3.3.130.1  
11 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD “OR AS DETERMINED BY THE AHJ.”
- 12 (76) SECTION 3.3.159  
13 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
14 IMMINENT DANGER. A CONDITION OR PRACTICE IN AN OCCUPANCY, STRUCTURE,  
15 SITE, OR AREA THAT POSES A DANGER THAT COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO  
16 CAUSE DEATH, PHYSICAL INJURY, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.
- 17 (77) SECTION 3.3.169A  
18 ADD NEW SECTION 3.3.169A AFTER SECTION 3.3.169 AS FOLLOWS:  
19 LOCK-UP. EXCEPT IN A DETENTION OR CORRECTIONAL OCCUPANCY, AN AREA  
20 WHERE OCCUPANTS ARE RESTRAINED AND MOSTLY INCAPABLE OF SELF-  
21 PRESERVATION BECAUSE OF SECURITY MEASURES THAT ARE NOT UNDER THE  
22 OCCUPANT’S CONTROL.
- 23 (78) SUBSECTION 3.3.192.6  
24 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.
- 25 (79) SUBSECTION 3.3.192.7  
26 DELETE “FOUR OR MORE”.
- 27 (80) SUBSECTION 3.3.192.7A  
28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.192.7A AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.192.7 AS FOLLOWS:  
29 FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME. A DAY-CARE HOME, GENERALLY WITHIN A DWELLING  
30 UNIT, IN WHICH 8 OR FEWER CLIENTS RECEIVE CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND  
31 SUPERVISION BY AN INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN A RELATIVE OR LEGAL GUARDIAN  
32 FOR LESS THAN 24 HOURS PER DAY.

- 1 (81) SUBSECTION 3.3.192.7B  
2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.192.7B AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.192.7A AS FOLLOWS:  
3 GROUP DAY-CARE HOME. A DAY-CARE HOME, GENERALLY WITHIN A DWELLING  
4 UNIT, IN WHICH NOT LESS THAN 9, BUT NOT MORE THAN 12, CLIENTS RECEIVE CARE,  
5 MAINTENANCE, AND SUPERVISION BY AN INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN A RELATIVE OR  
6 LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR LESS THAN 24 HOURS PER DAY.
- 7 (82) SUBSECTION 3.3.192.7C  
8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 3.3.192.7C AFTER SUBSECTION 3.3.192.7B AS FOLLOWS:  
9 DAY CARE CENTER. A DAY CARE OCCUPANCY IN WHICH MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS  
10 RECEIVE CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPERVISION BY AN INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN A  
11 RELATIVE OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, FOR LESS THAN 24 HOURS PER DAY.
- 12 (83) SUBSECTION 3.3.192.17  
13 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
14 LODGING OR ROOMING HOUSE. A BUILDING OR PORTION OF A BUILDING THAT:  
15 (1) DOES NOT QUALIFY AS A ONE- OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING;  
16 (2) PROVIDES SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 6 OR MORE PEOPLE BUT NOT  
17 MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ON A TRANSIENT OR PERMANENT BASIS;  
18 (3) DOES NOT PROVIDE PERSONAL CARE SERVICES;  
19 (4) MAY OR MAY NOT PROVIDE MEALS; AND  
20 (5) DOES NOT HAVE SEPARATE COOKING FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL  
21 OCCUPANTS.
- 22 (84) SUBSECTION 3.3.192.25  
23 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE “THREE” AND SUBSTITUTE “FIVE” AND DELETE  
24 “, IF ANY, ACCOMMODATED IN RENTED ROOMS”.
- 25 (85) SUBSECTION 3.3.192.28  
26 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
27 RESIDENTIAL BOARD AND CARE OCCUPANCY. A BUILDING OR PORTION OF A  
28 BUILDING THAT IS USED FOR LODGING AND BOARDING OF SIX OR MORE RESIDENTS,  
29 NOT RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE TO THE OWNER OR OPERATOR, FOR THE  
30 PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE SERVICES.
- 31 (86) SECTION 3.3.208A  
32 ADD NEW SECTION 3.3.208A AFTER SECTION 3.3.208 AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 PERSON:
- 2 (1) AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION,  
3 ORGANIZATION, OR ANY OTHER GROUP ACTING AS A UNIT; OR
- 4 (2) AN EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, TRUSTEE, RECEIVER, OR OTHER  
5 REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED ACCORDING TO LAW.
- 6 (87) SECTION 3.3.226  
7 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
8 RECREATIONAL FIRE. THE OUTSIDE OPEN BURNING OF ANY MATERIAL FOR  
9 PLEASURE, RELIGIOUS, CEREMONIAL, COOKING, OR SIMILAR PURPOSES THAT IS  
10 SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY THE AHJ.
- 11 (88) SUBSECTION 4.4.3.1.4  
12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 4.4.3.1.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 4.4.3.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
13 VISUAL OBSCURATION SYSTEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY OR BURGLAR ALARM  
14 SYSTEMS ARE NOT PERMITTED.
- 15 (89) SUBSECTION 4.5.8.1  
16 AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE “FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
17 CODE”.
- 18 (90) SUBSECTION 4.5.8.3  
19 AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE “BY THE CODE”.
- 20 (91) SUBSECTION 6.1.8.1.1  
21 AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE “THREE” AND SUBSTITUTE “FIVE” AND TO DELETE  
22 “, IF ANY ACCOMMODATED IN RENTED ROOMS”.
- 23 (92) SECTION 10.1.2  
24 AMEND THIS SECTION TO ADD “EXCEPT AS AMENDED BY TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 1,  
25 SECTION 17.104 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE”
- 26 (93) SUBSECTION 10.1.2.  
27 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.1.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
28 WHEN PROVISIONS OF THE LIFE SAFETY CODE (NFPA 101) CONFLICT WITH THIS  
29 CODE, THE MORE RESTRICTIVE REQUIREMENTS SHALL APPLY.
- 30 (94) SECTION 10.2.7  
31 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AS WELL AS TABLE 10.2.7.1
- 32 (95) SECTION 10.2.8

1 ADD NEW SECTION 10.2.8 AFTER SECTION 10.2.7 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 (96) 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 (97) 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 (98) SECTION 10.10.1

30 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

1 (99) SUBSECTION 10.10.1.1

2 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

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

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

29 (3) DEVICES OR HOLDERS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED TO PREVENT THE SPILLING  
30 OF LIQUID FUEL OR WAX AT THE RATE OF MORE THAN 1/4 TEASPOON PER  
31 MINUTE WHEN THE DEVICE OR HOLDER IS NOT IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION.

- 1 (4) EXCEPT FOR UNITS THAT SELF-EXTINGUISH AND DO NOT SPILL FUEL OR WAX  
2 AT THE RATE OF MORE THAN 1/4 TEASPOON PER MINUTE IF TIPPED OVER,  
3 DEVICES OR HOLDERS SHALL BE DESIGNED TO RETURN TO THE UPRIGHT  
4 POSITION AFTER BEING TILTED TO AN ANGLE OF 45 DEGREES.
- 5 (5) EXCEPT WHERE OPENINGS ON THE SIDES ARE NOT MORE THAN 3/4 OF AN  
6 INCH IN DIAMETER, FLAMES OF CANDLES, DISPOSABLE OR REFILLABLE FUEL  
7 CARTRIDGES, OR OTHER OPEN-FLAME DECORATIVE LIGHTING SHALL BE  
8 ENCLOSED. THE OPENING ON THE TOP AND THE DISTANCE TO THE TOP SHALL  
9 BE SUCH THAT A SINGLE LAYER OF TISSUE PAPER PLACED ON THE TOP WILL  
10 NOT IGNITE IN 10 SECONDS AND THE FUEL CONTAINER SHALL HAVE NO  
11 MEANS OF ADJUSTING THE HEIGHT OF THE FLAME.
- 12 (6) EXCEPT WHERE AN OPEN FLAME DEVICE SELF-EXTINGUISHES IF THE DEVICE  
13 IS TIPPED OVER, CHIMNEYS SHALL BE MADE OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE  
14 MATERIAL AND SHALL BE SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE OPEN-FLAME  
15 DEVICE.
- 16 (7) DISPOSABLE OR REFILLABLE LIQUID FUEL CARTRIDGES SHALL NOT BE  
17 UNDER PRESSURE AND SHALL BE SAFELY SEALED FOR STORAGE. THE FUEL  
18 CONTAINER SHALL BE SEALED SO THAT IT CANNOT BE REFILLED ON THE  
19 PREMISES AND SO THAT THE BURNER ASSEMBLY CANNOT BE REMOVED  
20 FROM THE FUEL CONTAINER.
- 21 (8) CHIMNEY SHADES, IF USED, SHALL BE MADE OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE  
22 MATERIALS AND SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE OPEN-FLAME DEVICE HOLDER  
23 OR CHIMNEY. THE BASE, DEVICE, OR HOLDER AND ANY DECORATION  
24 AROUND OR NEAR THE BASE MUST BE NONCOMBUSTIBLE. DEVICES MUST BE  
25 LOCATED SO AS TO AVOID IGNITION OF ANY COMBUSTIBLES.
- 26 (100) SUBSECTIONS 10.10.1.2, 10.10.1.3 AND 10.10.1.4  
27 DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS.
- 28 (101) SECTION 10.10.2  
29 ADD "SKY LANTERNS," AFTER "CANDLES,"
- 30 (102) SUBSECTION 10.10.4.5  
31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.10.4.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.10.4.4 AS FOLLOWS:

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

4 (103) SUBSECTION 10.10.4.6

5 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.10.4.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.10.4.5 AS FOLLOWS:

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

8 (104) SUBSECTION 10.10.6.1

9 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

20 (105) SECTION 10.10.7

21 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE:

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

28 (106) SUBSECTION 10.11.1.1

29 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

30 THE OWNER OF A STRUCTURE SHALL DISPLAY ARABIC NUMBERS DESIGNATING THE  
31 ADDRESS ASSIGNED TO THE STRUCTURE BY THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
32 PLANNING AND ZONING.

- 1 (1) NUMBERS SHALL BE AT LEAST FOUR INCHES HIGH FOR SINGLE-FAMILY  
2 DETACHED AND ATTACHED RESIDENCES AND SIX INCHES HIGH FOR  
3 COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND MULTI-FAMILY STRUCTURES.
- 4 (2) NUMBERS SHALL BE POSTED ON A CONTRASTING BACKGROUND AND  
5 DISPLAYED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE THAT IS UNOBSTRUCTED AND  
6 CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE STREET NAMED IN THE OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF  
7 THE STRUCTURE.
- 8 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBERS REQUIRED ON A STRUCTURE, WHERE THE  
9 STRUCTURE HAS MORE THAN ONE ADDRESS OR WHERE MORE THAN ONE  
10 STRUCTURE SHARE A COMMON ENTRY DRIVEWAY, NUMBERS SHALL  
11 DESIGNATE THE ADDRESSES IN SEQUENCE ON A SIGN POSTED AT THE ENTRY  
12 OR COMMON DRIVEWAY.
- 13 (4) THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE ADDRESS IDENTIFICATION TO BE LOCATED ON MORE  
14 THAN ONE SIDE OF THE STRUCTURE.
- 15 (5) ADDRESS NUMBERS AT LEAST 6 INCHES IN HEIGHT SHALL BE INSTALLED ON  
16 THE REAR ACCESS DOORS TO ALL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. THOSE  
17 DOORS WHICH ARE LOCATED INSIDE OF A MALL, OFFICE BUILDING OR  
18 SIMILAR SPACE WITH ASSIGNED SUITE NUMBERS SHALL HAVE THEIR SUITE  
19 NUMBERS POSTED WITH NUMERALS OR ALPHABET LETTERS AT LEAST 2½  
20 INCHES TALL.
- 21 (6) WHERE NO ADDRESS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY  
22 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING, A PREMISES IDENTIFICATION  
23 MEANS APPROVED BY THE AHJ SHALL BE USED FOR IDENTIFICATION  
24 PURPOSES.
- 25 (107) SUBSECTION 10.11.1.4  
26 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
27 WHERE REQUIRED BY THE AHJ, THE ASSIGNMENT OF ADDRESSES TO BUILDINGS  
28 SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROVED METHOD.
- 29 (108) SUBSECTION 10.11.1.5  
30 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.
- 31 (109) SUBSECTION 10.11.1.7  
32 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION



- 1 (110) SUBSECTION 10.11.3.1  
2 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
3 STAIRS SERVING THREE OR MORE STORIES SHALL COMPLY WITH 10.11.3.1.1  
4 THROUGH 10.11.3.1.16.
- 5 (111) SUBSECTION 10.11.3.1.2  
6 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD “AND STAIR DESIGNATION” AT THE END.
- 7 (112) SUBSECTION 10.12.2.1  
8 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- 9 (113) SECTION 10.12.4  
10 ADD NEW SECTION 10.12.4 AFTER SECTION 10.12.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
11 A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE IS A FIRE HAZARD IF THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE OR  
12 ANY PORTION OF THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE IS VACANT AND UNSECURED.
- 13 (114) SECTION 10.12.5  
14 ADD NEW SECTION 10.12.5 AFTER SECTION 10.12.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
15 THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE ALL UTILITIES TO BE DISCONNECTED IN A VACANT  
16 BUILDING OR STRUCTURE.
- 17 (115) SECTION 10.12.6  
18 ADD NEW SECTION 10.12.6 AFTER SECTION 10.12.5 AS FOLLOWS:  
19 THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE THE VACANT OR ABANDONED STRUCTURE TO BE MARKED  
20 WITH SYMBOLS PROVIDED BY THE AHJ AT THE STRUCTURE’S FRONT DOOR THAT  
21 SHALL INDICATE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 22 (1) VACANT – NORMAL STABILITY AT TIME OF MARKING;  
23 (2) VACANT – INTERIOR HAZARDS EXISTS TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT INTERIOR  
24 OPERATIONS MAY BE CONDUCTED ONLY AFTER EXAMINATION, AND WITH  
25 EXTREME CAUTION; OR  
26 (3) VACANT- EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS FROM  
27 THE EXTERIOR. WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ENTER THE BUILDING,  
28 ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:
- 29 (A) APPROVAL BY THE OFFICER IN COMMAND IS REQUIRED;  
30 (B) EXAMINATION MUST BE CONDUCTED BEFORE UNIT IS COMMITTED;  
31 (C) OPERATING FORCE AND INTERIOR OPERATIONAL TIME TO BE KEPT TO  
32 A MINIMUM.

- 1 (116) SUBSECTION 10.13.1.1  
2 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO:  
3 (1) INSERT “UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE AHJ,” AT THE BEGINNING;  
4 AND  
5 (2) ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END: “AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
6 GUIDELINES OF THE OFFICE OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIRE MARSHAL”.
- 7 (117) SUBSECTION 10.13.1.2  
8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.13.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.13.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
9 THE AHJ SHALL BE PERMITTED TO: APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF A NATURAL CUT  
10 OR BALLED TREE; LIMIT THE NUMBER OF NATURAL CUT OR BALLED TREES  
11 DISPLAYED; AND ORDER THE REMOVAL OF ANY TREE IF THE TREE POSSESSES A  
12 HAZARD TO LIFE OR SAFETY.
- 13 (118) SUBSECTION 10.13.3.1  
14 DELETE “BY THE MANUFACTURER” WITH “BY A TESTING LABORATORY RECOGNIZED  
15 BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OR THE AHJ”.
- 16 (119) SUBSECTION 10.13.9.1  
17 AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE “1/2 IN. (13 MM)” AND SUBSTITUTE “2 IN. (50  
18 MM)” AND ADD THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: “A NATURAL CUT TREE SHALL NOT  
19 EXCEED 10 FT. (3 M) IN HEIGHT, EXCLUDING THE TREE STAND.”
- 20 (120) SUBSECTION 10.13.10.1  
21 INSERT THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:  
22 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17.106 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.
- 23 (121) SUBSECTION 10.14.11.2.6  
24 AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE “ANY VEHICLES” AND SUBSTITUTE “ANY  
25 VEHICLES, BUILDINGS,”.
- 26 (122) SECTION 10.15.1  
27 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
28 OUTSIDE STORAGE OF COMBUSTIBLE OR FLAMMABLE MATERIAL SHALL NOT BE  
29 LOCATED WITHIN 15 FEET OF A PROPERTY LINE, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR  
30 ANYTHING DETERMINED AS AT RISK BY THE AHJ. THE VOLUME OF MATERIAL SHALL  
31 NOT EXCEED 2,500 CUBIC FEET.
- 32 (123) SUBSECTION 10.15.1.1

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.15.1.1 AFTER SECTION 10.15.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

4 (124) SUBSECTION 10.15.1.2

5 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 10.15.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 10.15.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

6 OUTSIDE STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE MATERIAL WHICH EXCEEDS 2,500 CUBIC FEET IN  
7 VOLUME SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS CODE FOR THE STORAGE OF THE  
8 SPECIFIC MATERIAL.

9 (125) SECTION 10.15.2

10 DELETE THIS SECTION.

11 (126) SECTION 10.15.3

12 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SECTION:

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

15 (127) SECTION 10.18.1

16 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

17 COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS SHALL BE STORED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

- 18 (1) ORDERLY;
- 19 (2) 36 INCHES OR MORE FROM HEAT PRODUCING EQUIPMENT OR IN  
20 ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION;
- 21 (3) SHALL NOT BE WITHIN 5 FEET OF AN OPENING TO THE BUILDING;
- 22 (4) WHEN STORED UNDER A WINDOW, THE WINDOW MUST CONTAIN APPROVED  
23 FIRE GLASS;
- 24 (5) SHALL BE STORED IN PILES OR STACKS SMALLER THAN A CORD OF WOOD – 4  
25 FEET BY 4 FEET BY 8 FEET; AND
- 26 (6) SHALL NOT OBSTRUCT THE EXIT AND/OR THE EXIT DISCHARGE.

27 (128) SECTION 10.18.7

28 AFTER "REPAIRED" INSERT "UNDER ANY OVERHANGING PORTION, OR"

29 (129) SUBSECTION 11.1.1.1

30 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.1.1.1 AFTER SECTION 11.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

31 AN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE, FIXTURE, OR CONSUMER PRODUCT SHALL NOT BE SOLD  
32 OR USED UNLESS IT IS CLEARLY LABELED, MARKED, OR STAMPED WITH THE SYMBOL

1 OF AN ELECTRICAL TESTING LABORATORY THAT IS CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND  
2 OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

3 (130) SUBSECTION 11.1.1.2

4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.1.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 11.1.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

5 A MINIMUM CLEAR SPACE OF 36 INCHES IN WIDTH, 36 INCHES IN DEPTH, AND 78  
6 INCHES IN HEIGHT SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN FRONT OF ALL ELECTRICAL SERVICE  
7 EQUIPMENT. THE CLEAR SPACE SHALL BE MAINTAINED ON ALL SIDES OF THE  
8 EQUIPMENT IF ACCESS TO THESE AREAS IS REQUIRED. WHERE THE ELECTRICAL  
9 SERVICE EQUIPMENT IS WIDER THAN 36 INCHES, THE WORKING SPACE SHALL NOT BE  
10 LESS THAN THE WIDTH OF THE EQUIPMENT. NOTHING SHALL BE STORED WITHIN  
11 DESIGNATED WORKING SPACES EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

15 (131) SUBSECTION 11.1.7.3.1.1

16 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.1.7.3.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 11.1.7.3.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

24 (132) SECTION 11.2.3

25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.2.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 11.2.2 AS FOLLOWS:

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

28 (133) SUBSECTION 11.3.6.1.1

29 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.3.6.1.1 AFTER SECTION 11.3.6.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

32 (134) SUBSECTION 11.3.6.3.1

- 1 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD “OR AS DETERMINED BY THE AHJ” TO THE END.
- 2 (135) SUBSECTION 11.3.6.3.1.3
- 3 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO ADD “OR AS DETERMINED BY THE AHJ” TO THE END.
- 4 (136) SUBSECTION 11.3.6.3.1.5
- 5 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE THE FIRST “SHALL” AND SUBSTITUTE “MAY”.
- 6 (137) SUBSECTION 11.5.2.4
- 7 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 11.5.2.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 11.5.2.3 AS FOLLOWS:
- 8 KEROSENE HEATERS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING OCCUPANCIES:
- 9 EDUCATIONAL, DAYCARE, HOTELS AND MOTELS, PLACES OF ASSEMBLY, HEALTH
- 10 CARE, BOARD AND CARE, ROOMING AND LODGING, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL,
- 11 AND OTHER OCCUPANCIES OR SITUATIONS WHERE THE USE OR OPERATION OF
- 12 KEROSENE HEATERS COULD CREATE AN EMERGENCY OR IMMINENT DANGER.
- 13 (138) SECTION 11.9.1
- 14 DELETE “APPROVED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT” AND SUBSTITUTE “APPROVED BY
- 15 THE AHJ”.
- 16 (139) SECTION 12.1
- 17 AT THE END OF THIS SECTION, INSERT “THIS CODE REQUIRES THAT THE BUILDING
- 18 CONSTRUCTION, FIRE PROTECTION, AND LIFE SAFETY FEATURES BE MAINTAINED BY
- 19 THE OWNER TO FUNCTION AS INTENDED”.
- 20 (140) SUBSECTION 12.3.3.1.1
- 21 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 12.3.3.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 12.3.3.1 AS FOLLOWS:
- 22 MISSING CEILING TILES SHALL BE REPLACED. PENETRATIONS OR OPENINGS IN
- 23 CEILING, WALL, AND FLOOR ASSEMBLIES SHALL BE SEALED TO ELIMINATE THE
- 24 POSSIBLE SPREAD OF SMOKE OR FIRE.
- 25 (141) SECTION 13.1.2
- 26 BEFORE “TESTING” INSERT “INSTALLATION,”.
- 27 (142) SECTION 13.1.3
- 28 AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE “IN CHAPTERS 11 THROUGH 43” AND SUBSTITUTE
- 29 “BY THE AHJ AND CHAPTERS 11 THROUGH 43”.
- 30 (143) SUBSECTION 13.1.4.1
- 31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.1.4.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.1.4 AS FOLLOWS:

1 UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE AHJ, A FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION FOR  
2 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS SHALL BE:

- 3 (1) LOCATED ON THE SIDE OF THE STRUCTURE DISPLAYING THE ADDRESS OR  
4 APPROVED BY THE AHJ;
- 5 (2) MARKED IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THIS CODE; AND
- 6 (3) LOCATED WITHIN 100 FEET OF A FIRE HYDRANT.

7 (144) SECTION 13.1.5

8 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

16 (145) SUBSECTION 13.1.6.1

17 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.1.6.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.1.6 AS FOLLOWS:

18 EACH LICENSED COMPANY WORKING ON FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT SHALL FORWARD  
19 TO THE AHJ, ON THE PRESCRIBED FORM OR SYSTEM, A SEPARATE CERTIFICATE OF  
20 INSPECTION, ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEES, FOR EACH FIRE SUPPRESSION  
21 SYSTEM THAT THE LICENSED COMPANY MAY INSPECT, TEST OR MAINTAIN. THIS  
22 CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 48 HOURS WHEN  
23 CRITICAL DEFICIENCIES OR IMPAIRMENTS ARE FOUND, OR WITHIN SEVEN (7)  
24 CALENDAR DAYS FOR ALL OTHER INSPECTION CLASSIFICATIONS. THE CERTIFICATE  
25 SHALL VERIFY THAT THE AHJ STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS REGARDING THE  
26 INSPECTION, TESTING OR MAINTENANCE HAVE BEEN MET AND ANY DEFICIENCIES  
27 NOTED AT THE TIME OF THE ANNUAL INSPECTION, TESTING OR MAINTENANCE SHALL  
28 BE NOTED, WITH ANY CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN.

29 (146) SECTION 13.1.14

30 ADD NEW SECTION 13.1.14 AFTER SECTION 13.1.13 AS FOLLOWS:

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

4 (147) SECTION 13.1.15

5 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.1.15 AFTER SECTION 13.1.14 AS FOLLOWS:  
6 APPEARANCE OF EQUIPMENT. THE AHJ SHALL BE PERMITTED TO PROHIBIT ANY  
7 DEVICE THAT HAS THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF A LIFE SAFETY OR FIRE  
8 PROTECTION FUNCTION BUT DOES NOT PERFORM THAT LIFE SAFETY OR FIRE  
9 PROTECTION FUNCTION.

10 (148) SECTION 13.1.16

11 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.1.16 AFTER SECTION 13.1.15 AS FOLLOWS:  
12 UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE AHJ, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL  
13 APPLY TO A FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS:

- 14 (1) A FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS SHALL BE  
15 LOCATED:
  - 16 (A) ON THE SIDE OF THE STRUCTURE DISPLAYING THE ADDRESS  
17 CLEARLY VISIBLE TO RESPONDING FIRE DEPARTMENT UNITS;
  - 18 (B) WITHIN 100 FEET OF A FIRE HYDRANT.
- 19 (2) THE APPROPRIATE SIGN SHALL BE MOUNTED ON THE BUILDING'S WALL  
20 BETWEEN 8 AND 12 FEET ABOVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION.
- 21 (3) A FREE-STANDING FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION SHALL HAVE THE SIGN  
22 MOUNTED ON A POLE DIRECTLY BEHIND THE CONNECTION APPROXIMATELY  
23 6 FEET HIGH.
- 24 (4) IF REQUIRED BY THE AHJ, SIGNS SHALL HAVE A WHITE REFLECTIVE  
25 BACKGROUND WITH A RED REFLECTIVE BORDER, RED REFLECTIVE LETTERS  
26 AND A RED REFLECTIVE ARROW. THE BORDER SHALL HAVE A 3/8" STROKE.  
27 THE LETTERS SHALL BE 6" HIGH WITH A 1" STROKE. THE ARROW SHALL  
28 HAVE A STROKE NOT LESS THAN 2". THE OVERALL SIGN MEASUREMENTS  
29 SHALL BE 12" BY 18".
- 30 (5) ANY OBSTRUCTION OR CONDITION THAT DETERS OR HINDERS ACCESS TO A  
31 FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION IS PROHIBITED. A MINIMUM CLEAR SPACE  
32 OF 15 FEET (7.5 FEET ON ALL SIDES) SHALL BE MAINTAINED.

- 1 (149) SECTION 13.1.17  
2 ADD NEW SECTION 13.1.17 AFTER SECTION 13.1.16 AS FOLLOWS:  
3 A VIOLATION OF EITHER SECTION 13.1.2, 13.1.6.1, 13.1.8, 13.1.9, OR 13.1.14 IS A  
4 MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING  
5 \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH. ALTERNATIVELY, OR  
6 IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR  
7 EQUITY, THE FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES  
8 PURSUANT TO TITLE 24 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF EITHER  
9 SECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A  
10 SEPARATE OFFENSE.
- 11 (150) SUBSECTION 13.2.2.1  
12 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
13 WHERE REQUIRED BY THIS CODE, THE BUILDING CODE, OR THE REFERENCED CODES  
14 AND STANDARDS LISTED IN CHAPTER 2, STANDPIPE SYSTEMS SHALL BE INSTALLED  
15 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13.2.1.
- 16 (151) SUBSECTION 13.2.2.2  
17 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:  
18 (6) IN AN AUTOMOBILE PARKING GARAGE WHERE THE AHJ DETERMINES THERE  
19 IS INADEQUATE FIRE SERVICE ACCESS.
- 20 (152) SUBSECTION 13.2.3.1  
21 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:  
22 STANDPIPES DO NOT HAVE TO BE EQUIPPED WITH HOSE AND NOZZLE FOR FIRE  
23 DEPARTMENT USE. HOWEVER, IF PROVIDED, THE HOSE AND NOZZLE SHALL BE  
24 TESTED AND MAINTAINED.
- 25 (153) SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2  
26 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:  
27 EXCEPTION: FOR NEW CEILING INSTALLATIONS, DROP-OUT CEILINGS AS  
28 REFERENCED IN NFPA 13, SUBSECTION 8.15.15, ARE PROHIBITED.
- 29 (154) SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2.1  
30 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
31 THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE DOORS TO SPRINKLER CONTROL ROOMS BE MARKED IN AN  
32 APPROVED MANNER.



1 (155) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.2

2 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

3 IN A NEW NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING, A BASEMENT THAT IS 2,500 SQUARE FEET OR  
4 MORE SHALL BE PROTECTED THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC  
5 SPRINKLER SYSTEM. IN AN EXISTING NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING, A BASEMENT  
6 EXCEEDING 2,500 SQUARE FEET SHALL CONTAIN AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER  
7 SYSTEM WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND THE AHJ  
8 DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION THAT AN IMMINENT DANGER  
9 EXISTS.

10 (156) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.7.2

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

12 (157) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.7.3

13 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

- 15 (1) AN ASSEMBLY OCCUPANCY THAT IS LESS THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA  
16 AND THAT HAS AN OCCUPANT LOAD OF LESS THAN 100 PERSONS;
- 17 (2) A GYMNASIUM, SKATING RINK, OR SWIMMING POOL THAT IS LESS THAN  
18 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA AND THAT IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
19 PARTICIPANT SPORTS WITH AUDIENCE FACILITIES FOR LESS THAN 100  
20 PERSONS;
- 21 (3) IN AN ENCLOSED STADIUM OR ARENA THAT IS LESS THAN 5,000 SQUARE  
22 FEET AND THAT HAS AN OCCUPANT LOAD OF LESS THAN 100 PERSONS; OR
- 23 (4) IN AN UNENCLOSED STADIUM OR ARENA:
- 24 (A) IN PRESS BOXES CONTAINING LESS THAN 1,000 SQUARE FEET IN  
25 AREA;
- 26 (B) IN STORAGE FACILITIES CONTAINING LESS THAN 1,000 SQUARE FEET  
27 IN AREA IF THE AREA IS ENCLOSED WITH MORE THAN 1-HOUR FIRE  
28 RESISTANCE RATED CONSTRUCTION; OR
- 29 (C) IN ENCLOSED AREAS UNDERNEATH A GRANDSTAND IF THE AREA IS  
30 ENCLOSED WITH MORE THAN 1-HOUR FIRE RESISTANCE RATED  
31 CONSTRUCTION.

32 (158) SUBSECTIONS 13.3.2.7.5.2 AND 13.3.2.7.5.3

1 DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS.

2 (159) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.8.1

3 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

4 WHERE THE OCCUPANT LOAD EXCEEDS 100, THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE THE

5 OCCUPANCY PROTECTED THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED SUPERVISED AUTOMATIC

6 SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 13.

7 (160) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.8.2

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

9 (161) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.8.5.4

10 ADD SUBSECTION 13.3.2.8.5.4 AFTER SECTION 13.3.2.8.5.3 AS FOLLOWS:

11 THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE SPRINKLERS FOR EXISTING STAGES AND UNDER EXISTING

12 STAGES WHEN THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION, THAT

13 AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS.

14 (162) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.9 THROUGH 13.3.2.18.7

15 DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

16 SUBSECTION 13.3.2.9. A NEW EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCY, HEALTH CARE FACILITY,

17 DETENTION OR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, HOTEL, DORMITORY, OR APARTMENT

18 BUILDING SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BUILDING CODE. THE AHJ MAY

19 REQUIRE INSTALLATION OF AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN AN

20 EXISTING EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCY, HEALTH CARE OCCUPANCY, DETENTION OR

21 CORRECTION FACILITY, HOTEL, DORMITORY, OR APARTMENT BUILDING WHEN:

22 (1) A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES,

23 BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION, THAT AN EMERGENCY, OR

24 IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS; OR

25 (2) REQUIRED BY NFPA 101, LIFE SAFETY CODE.

26 (163) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.19.1

27 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

28 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION 13.3.2.19.2, A NEW LODGING OR ROOMING

29 HOUSE SERVING SIX OR MORE RESIDENTS SHALL BE PROTECTED THROUGHOUT BY

30 AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM. AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER

31 SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AN EXISTING LODGING OR ROOMING HOUSE SERVING

32 6 OR MORE RESIDENTS WHEN:

1 (1) A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES,  
2 BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION, THAT AN EMERGENCY, OR  
3 IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS; OR

4 (2) REQUIRED BY NFPA 101, LIFE SAFETY CODE.

5 (164) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.19.2

6 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

10 (1) TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING AT STREET OR GROUND LEVEL; OR

11 (2) TO THE OUTSIDE LEADING TO AN EXTERIOR STAIRWAY.

12 (165) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.20.1

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

14 (166) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.21.1.1

15 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

18 (167) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.21.2.2

19 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

20 IN A CONVERSION, AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED IN  
21 A BOARD AND CARE HOME THAT SERVES 5 OR FEWER RESIDENTS WHEN ALL  
22 OCCUPANTS HAVE THE ABILITY TO MOVE AS A GROUP TO A POINT OF SAFETY WITHIN  
23 3 MINUTES.

24 (168) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.22.1.1

25 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END.

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

29 (169) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.23.1(2)

30 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

31 THROUGHOUT A NEW MERCANTILE OCCUPANCY EXCEEDING 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN  
32 GROSS AREA

- 1 (170) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.23.1  
2 ADD NEW PARAGRAPH (5) AS FOLLOWS:  
3 (5) AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AN EXISTING  
4 MERCANTILE OCCUPANCY WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED  
5 AND THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION THAT  
6 AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS.
- 7 (171) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.24.1  
8 ADD NEW PARAGRAPH (5) AT THE END AS FOLLOWS:  
9 (5) THE GROSS FLOOR AREA IS MORE THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET AND HAS AN  
10 OCCUPANT LOAD OF 50 OR MORE PERSONS.
- 11 (172) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25.1  
12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.25 AS FOLLOWS:  
13 AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AN EXISTING  
14 UNDERGROUND OR WINDOWLESS STRUCTURE WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS  
15 COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION,  
16 THAT AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS.
- 17 (173) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27  
18 DELETE THE TITLE AND SUBSTITUTE “NEW AND EXISTING STORAGE OCCUPANCIES”.
- 19 (174) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2  
20 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
21 GENERAL STORAGE. AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM SHALL BE INSTALLED  
22 THROUGHOUT ALL NEW STORAGE OCCUPANCIES WITH A GROSS FLOOR AREA  
23 GREATER THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET.
- 24 (175) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2.1  
25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
26 AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AN EXISTING STORAGE  
27 OCCUPANCY WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND THE AHJ  
28 DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION, THAT AN IMMINENT  
29 DANGER EXISTS.
- 30 (176) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.27.5  
31 DELETE “20,000” AND SUBSTITUTE “2,500”.
- 32 (177) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.1

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.1. AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29 AS FOLLOWS:  
2 NEW AND EXISTING DAY CARE HOMES WITH 12 OR FEWER CLIENTS ARE NOT  
3 REQUIRED TO BE PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM UNLESS  
4 SPECIFICALLY MANDATED BY THE AHJ.

5 (178) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.2

6 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
7 A NEW DAY CARE OCCUPANCY WITH MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS SHALL BE PROTECTED  
8 THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM, REGARDLESS OF  
9 WHETHER THERE ARE PROTECTED OPENINGS.

10 (179) SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.3

11 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.2.29.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
12 AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY BE REQUIRED IN ANY EXISTING DAY CARE  
13 OCCUPANCY SERVING MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS WHEN A LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION IS  
14 COMPLETED AND THE AHJ DETERMINES, BASED ON THE LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION,  
15 THAT AN IMMINENT DANGER EXISTS.

16 (180) SUBSECTIONS 13.3.3.1 AND 13.3.3.2

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

18 (181) SUBSECTION 13.3.3.3.1

19 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.3.3.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.3.3.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
20 FOR NEW CEILING INSTALLATIONS, DROP-OUT CEILINGS AS REFERENCED IN NFPA  
21 13, SUBSECTION 8.15.15, ARE PROHIBITED.

22 (182) SUBSECTION 13.4.1.1.1

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

27 (183) SUBSECTION 13.6.1.1

28 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
29 UNLESS THE AHJ APPROVES ALTERNATIVE FEATURE OR REQUIREMENT THAT  
30 PROVIDES THE SAME LEVEL OF PROTECTION OR FIRE SAFETY AS THIS CODE, THE  
31 INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, SELECTION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PORTABLE FIRE  
32 EXTINGUISHER SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 10, STANDARD FOR

- 1 PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, SECTION 13.6 AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE  
2 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.
- 3 (184) SUBSECTION 13.6.1.2  
4 ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END: "UNLESS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY THE AHJ".
- 5 (185) SUBSECTION 13.6.4.1.2.1  
6 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE "CERTIFIED" AND SUBSTITUTE "LICENSED AS  
7 REQUIRED BY THE AHJ".
- 8 (186) SUBSECTIONS 13.6.4.1.2.1.1 THROUGH 13.6.4.1.2.1.6  
9 DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS IN THEIR ENTIRETY.
- 10 (187) SUBSECTION 13.6.4.1.2.3  
11 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE "CERTIFIED" AND SUBSTITUTE "LICENSED".
- 12 (188) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.7.7.1  
13 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.7.7.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.7.7 AS FOLLOWS:  
14 THE AHJ SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE ANY DEVICE INSTALLED TO  
15 PREVENT FALSE ALARMS THAT IS ADDED TO A MANUAL FIRE ALARM BOX OR PULL  
16 STATION.
- 17 (189) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.11  
18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.11 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.10 AS FOLLOWS:  
19 A SINGLE STATION OR MULTIPLE STATION SMOKE ALARM SHALL MEET THE  
20 REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED  
21 CODE OF MARYLAND AND THE BUILDING CODE.
- 22 (190) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.12  
23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.12 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.11 AS FOLLOWS:  
24 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED AND  
25 MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELECTRICAL CODE AND THE MOST  
26 RECENTLY ADOPTED EDITION OF NFPA STANDARD 72.
- 27 (191) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.13  
28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.13 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.12 AS FOLLOWS:  
29 THE OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT SHALL INSTALL ALL SMOKE ALARMS AND SHALL  
30 ANNUALLY INSPECT AND MAINTAIN ALL SMOKE ALARMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
31 MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY AND SUGGESTED MAINTENANCE. THE OWNER OR  
32 OWNER'S AGENT SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF THE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE.

1 UPON NOTIFICATION BY A TENANT THAT A SMOKE ALARM IS MISSING OR  
2 INOPERATIVE, THE OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT SHALL REPAIR OR REPLACE THE  
3 SMOKE ALARM. NOTIFICATION SHALL BE GIVEN BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND FIRST-  
4 CLASS MAIL. IF THE TENANT PERSONALLY NOTIFIES THE OWNER OR THE OWNER'S  
5 AGENT OF A MECHANICAL FAILURE OF A SMOKE ALARM, THE OWNER OR OWNER'S  
6 AGENT SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN, DATED RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGING THE  
7 NOTIFICATION.

8 (192) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.14

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

12 (193) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.15

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

17 (194) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.16

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

26 (195) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.8.17

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

30 (196) SUBSECTION 13.7.1.10.5

31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.1.10.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.1.10.4 AS FOLLOWS:

1 WHERE THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY FORCES  
2 NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 13.7.1.4.11 , APPROVED SIGNS TO  
3 PROVIDE INSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY FORCES NOTIFICATION SHALL BE PROVIDED  
4 AND PERMANENTLY AFFIXED AND MAINTAINED AT EACH MANUAL FIRE ALARM BOX.

5 (197) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.13.1.3

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

10 (198) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.3

11 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
12 IN LODGING AND ROOMING HOUSES BUILT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1990, SMOKE ALARMS  
13 SHALL BE HARD WIRED TO THE BUILDING'S POWER SUPPLY. IN LODGING AND  
14 ROOMING HOUSES BUILT AFTER JULY 1, 1990, SMOKE ALARMS SHALL HAVE AN  
15 INTEGRAL BATTERY BACKUP POWER SUPPLY OR AN APPROVED EMERGENCY POWER  
16 SUPPLY.

17 (199) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.4

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.14.5.3 AS  
19 FOLLOWS:  
20 EXCEPT IN A BUILDING PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM, SMOKE  
21 ALARMS ARE REQUIRED IN AN INTERIOR CORRIDOR SERVING ROOMS OF LODGING  
22 AND ROOMING HOUSES. THESE ALARMS SHALL BE CONNECTED TO THE BUILDING  
23 FIRE ALARM.

24 (200) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.1

25 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:  
26 SINGLE STATION SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE HARD-WIRED DIRECTLY TO THE  
27 BUILDING'S POWER SUPPLY. INDIVIDUAL GUESTROOM ALARMS SHALL NOT BE  
28 CONNECTED TO THE BUILDING ALARM SYSTEM.

29 (201) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.2

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



1 (2) AT THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION ADD “IN A HOTEL, MOTEL, OR DORMITORY  
2 BUILT AFTER JULY 1, 1990, SMOKE ALARMS SHALL HAVE AN INTEGRAL  
3 BATTERY BACKUP POWER SUPPLY OR AN APPROVED EMERGENCY POWER  
4 SUPPLY.”

5 (202) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.3

6 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.2 AS  
7 FOLLOWS:

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

12 (203) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.4

13 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.3 AS  
14 FOLLOWS:

15 SINGLE STATION SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN EACH SLEEPING AREA OF  
16 A HOTEL, MOTEL, OR DORMITORY. SINGLE-STATION SMOKE DETECTORS SHALL BE  
17 HARD-WIRED DIRECTLY TO THE BUILDING’S POWER SUPPLY. SMOKE ALARMS SHALL  
18 BE INSTALLED IN EVERY ROOM THROUGH WHICH A PERSON MUST PASS TO GET FROM  
19 THE SLEEPING AREA TO THE DOOR LEADING FROM THE GUESTROOM OR SUITE.

20 INDIVIDUAL GUESTROOM ALARMS SHALL NOT BE CONNECTED TO THE BUILDING’S  
21 ALARM SYSTEM.

22 (204) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.5

23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.16.5.4 AS  
24 FOLLOWS:

25 A HOTEL OR MOTEL SHALL HAVE AVAILABLE AT LEAST ONE SMOKE ALARM FOR THE  
26 DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED FOR EACH 50 UNITS (OR PORTION THEREOF). THE  
27 OWNER OR OWNER’S AGENT OF THE HOTEL OR MOTEL MAY REQUIRE A REFUNDABLE  
28 DEPOSIT, NOT TO EXCEED THE COST OF THE SMOKE ALARM, FOR THE USE OF A DEAF  
29 OR HEARING IMPAIRED SMOKE ALARM. THE OWNER OR OWNER’S AGENT OF A HOTEL  
30 OR MOTEL SHALL POST, IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK OR  
31 COUNTER, A PERMANENT SIGN STATING THE AVAILABILITY OF SMOKE ALARMS FOR  
32 THE HEARING IMPAIRED.

- 1 (205) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.18.1.3  
2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 13.7.2.18.1.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 13.7.2.18.1.2 AS  
3 FOLLOWS:  
4 A DWELLING UNIT IN A MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING SHALL MEET THE  
5 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:  
6 (1) A UNIT BUILT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1989, SHALL HAVE SMOKE ALARMS  
7 HARD-WIRED TO THE BUILDING'S POWER SUPPLY.  
8 (2) A UNIT BUILT BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1989 AND JULY 1, 1990, SHALL MEET  
9 THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH I, AND, EXCEPT IN AN ATTIC, SMOKE  
10 ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED ON EACH LEVEL OF A MULTILEVEL  
11 INDIVIDUAL DWELLING UNIT, INCLUDING IN A BASEMENT. ALL SMOKE  
12 ALARMS SHALL BE INTERCONNECTED SO THAT ALL WILL SOUND IF ONE  
13 SMOKE ALARM IS ACTIVATED.  
14 (3) A UNIT BUILT AFTER JULY 1, 1990, SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
15 PARAGRAPH I AND II AND SMOKE ALARMS SHALL HAVE AN INTEGRAL  
16 BATTERY BACKUP POWER SUPPLY.  
17 (4) A UNIT BUILT AFTER OCTOBER 10, 2001, SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS  
18 OF PARAGRAPH I, II, AND III AND SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE PLACED IN EACH  
19 SLEEPING AREA.  
20 (206) SUBSECTION 13.7.2.28.1.2 AND 13.7.2.28.1.3  
21 AMEND THESE SUBSECTIONS TO DELETE "STORAGE OCCUPANCIES" AND  
22 SUBSTITUTE "STORAGE OCCUPANCIES LESS THAN THREE STORIES".  
23 (207) SUBSECTION 14.5.3.1.1(3)  
24 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 14.5.3.1.1(3) (E) AFTER SUBSECTION 14.5.3.1.1(3)(D) AS  
25 FOLLOWS:  
26 THE REQUEST TO INCREASE THE DELAY FROM 15 SECONDS TO 30 SECONDS MUST BE  
27 SUBMITTED TO THE AHJ IN WRITING.  
28 (208) SUBSECTION 14.5.3.3(11)  
29 ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END: "THE CENTRAL CONTROL POINT SHALL BE  
30 APPROVED BY THE AHJ."  
31 (209) SUBSECTION 14.5.3.4.6  
32 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 14.5.3.4.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 14.5.3.4.5 AS FOLLOWS:

1 IN LOCKUPS, AS REFERENCED IN SECTION 22.4.5.1.4 OF NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY  
2 CODE, THE RELEASE TIME FOR DOORS OR OTHER PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS SHALL NOT  
3 EXCEED 30 SECONDS.

4 (210) SUBSECTION 14.13.1.2

5 AMEND THIS SECTION TO DELETE “ONLY” IN THE FIRST SENTENCE AND SUBSTITUTE  
6 “, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO,”.

7 (211) SUBSECTION 16.2.2.2

8 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

11 (212) SUBSECTION 18.2.2.1

12 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

17 (213) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.2.1

18 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE “EXTERIOR DOOR” AND SUBSTITUTE  
19 “EXTERIOR DOOR ACCEPTABLE TO THE AHJ”.

20 (214) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.2.1.1

21 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

22 (215) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.2.2.1

23 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION

24 (216) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.3.1

25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.3 AS FOLLOWS:

26 MULTIPLE ACCESS ROADS MAY BE REQUIRED WHEN A DEVELOPMENT CONTAINS  
27 MORE THAN 100 RESIDENTIAL UNITS.

28 (217) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.4

29 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE “SHALL” AND SUBSTITUTE “MAY BE REQUIRED  
30 BY THE AHJ TO”.

31 (218) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.1.1

32 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

1 EXCEPT FOR USE-IN-COMMON DRIVEWAYS FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS ROADS SHALL  
2 HAVE AN UNOBSTRUCTED WIDTH OF NOT LESS THAN 20 FEET, UNLESS APPROVED BY  
3 THE AHJ. USE-IN-COMMON DRIVEWAYS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE HOWARD  
4 COUNTY DESIGN MANUAL.

5 (219) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.2

6 ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END OF THE SUBSECTION:

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

8 (220) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.5.6.1

9 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

13 (221) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.3

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.2 AS FOLLOWS:

15 THE AHJ MAY:

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

19 (222) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.4

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.3 AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 23 (1) THE WIDTH OF THE ROADWAY OR DRIVEWAY;
- 24 (2) THE ABILITY OF ANY NECESSARY EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT TO HAVE  
25 INGRESS AND/OR EGRESS TO THE OCCUPANCY OR PROPERTY;
- 26 (3) THE SIZE AND TURN RADIUS OF ANY NECESSARY EMERGENCY VEHICLE OR  
27 EQUIPMENT;
- 28 (4) ACCESS TO FIRE HYDRANTS FIRE CONNECTIONS, AND FIRE EXITS;
- 29 (5) LOCATION OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES; AND
- 30 (6) THE POTENTIAL OR LIKELIHOOD THAT A PERSON WOULD PARK A VEHICLE IN  
31 THE AREA.

32 (223) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.5

1 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.4 AS FOLLOWS:

2 REGARDING FIRE LANE DESIGNATION;, THE AHJ MAY:

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

10 (224) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.6

11 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.5 AS FOLLOWS:

12 FOR ANY FIRE LANE THAT THE AHJ DETERMINES SHALL BE MARKED WITH FIRE  
13 LANE SIGNS:

- 14 (1) ALL SIGNS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE MOST RECENTLY ADOPTED STATE  
15 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION STANDARD SIGN BOOK;  
16 (2) SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED AT THE TERMINATION POINTS OF THE FIRE LANE;  
17 (3) SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED AT LEAST EVERY 200 FEET; AND  
18 (4) SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED IN SUCH A WAY AND IN A LOCATION SO THAT THE  
19 SIGNS SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH PEDESTRIAN OR TRAFFIC MOVEMENT.

20 (225) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.7

21 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.6 AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

31 (226) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.8

32 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.7 AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

13 (227) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.9

14 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.8 AS FOLLOWS:  
15 THE AHJ SHALL NOTIFY A PROPERTY OWNER THAT A PARTICULAR AREA IS TO BE  
16 DESIGNATED AS A FIRE LANE. THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF  
17 RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION FROM THE AHJ, INSTALL FIRE LANE MARKINGS OR SIGNS  
18 IN THE LOCATION AND BY THE METHOD DIRECTED BY THE AHJ.

19 (228) SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.10

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.10 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.2.3.6.9 AS FOLLOWS:  
21 A PROPERTY OWNER WHO FAILS TO INSTALL OR MAINTAIN FIRE LANES, FIRE LANE  
22 MARKINGS OR SIGNS, OR BOTH MARKINGS AND SIGNS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
23 SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A  
24 FINE OF UP TO \$1,000. ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT  
25 WITH ALL REMEDIES PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE  
26 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WITH CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24,  
27 "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION  
28 CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

29 (229) SUBSECTION 18.2.4.1.5

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

- 1 (230) SUBSECTION 18.3.1.2  
2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.3.1.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.3.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
3 ANY PROPOSED SUBDIVISIONS OUTSIDE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AREA (PSA), OF 10  
4 OR MORE DWELLINGS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A 0.141 ACRE PARCEL, WITH  
5 DIMENSIONS OF 100 FEET IN LENGTH BY 50 FEET IN WIDTH, ON PUBLIC OR  
6 EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD FRONTAGE; FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A RURAL  
7 WATER SUPPLY CISTERN.
- 8 (231) SUBSECTION 18.5.1.1.1  
9 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.5.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.5.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
10 ALL NEW FIRE HYDRANTS SHALL BE PUBLIC UNLESS THE AHJ APPROVES THE USE OF  
11 PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS.
- 12 (232) SUBSECTION 18.5.2(2)  
13 DELETE “800 FEET” AND SUBSTITUTE “500 FEET”.
- 14 (233) SUBSECTION 18.5.3(2)  
15 DELETE “500 FEET” AND SUBSTITUTE “350 FEET”.
- 16 (234) SUBSECTION 18.5.5.1.1  
17 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.5.5.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.5.5.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
18 ANY REPLACEMENT PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS MUST MEET HOWARD COUNTY  
19 STANDARDS AS CONTAINED IN THE HOWARD COUNTY DESIGN MANUAL.
- 20 (235) SUBSECTION 18.5.7.1  
21 DELETE “36 IN” AND SUBSTITUTE “60 IN”.
- 22 (236) SUBSECTION 18.5.10.3.1  
23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 18.5.10.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 18.5.10.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
24 PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS SHALL BE PAINTED YELLOW, RECLAIMED WATER  
25 HYDRANTS SHALL BE PAINTED PURPLE, HIGH PRESSURE HYDRANTS SHALL BE  
26 PAINTED SILVER, AND GRAY WATER HYDRANTS SHALL BE PAINTED GREEN.
- 27 (237) SUBSECTION 19.2.1.4  
28 AMEND THIS SECTION TO (1) DELETE “WITH AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY OF 1.5 YD<sup>3</sup>  
29 OR MORE” AND (2) DELETE “10 FEET” AND SUBSTITUTE “15 FEET”.
- 30 (238) SUBSECTION 20.1.4.9  
31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.4.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.4.8 AS FOLLOWS:

1 A TEMPORARY SPECIAL AMUSEMENT OCCUPANCY OR ATTRACTION THAT IS  
2 OCCUPIED FOR LESS THAN 60 DAYS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A HAUNTED  
3 HOUSE, MAZE, OR SPECIAL AMUSEMENT, SHALL MEET THE STANDARDS SET FORTH  
4 BY THE AHJ AND THIS CODE.

5 (239) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(3)

6 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

7 CANDLES SHALL COMPLY WITH SECTION 10.10.1 OF THIS CODE.

8 (240) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(6)

9 INSERT NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(6) AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.2.4(5) AS  
10 FOLLOWS:

11 (A) ALL DEVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF FOOD SHALL BE  
12 INSTALLED AND OPERATED TO AVOID HAZARD TO THE SAFETY OF  
13 OCCUPANTS. THESE DEVICES SHALL BE OF AN APPROVED TYPE AND SHALL  
14 BE INSTALLED IN AN APPROVED MANNER.

15 (B) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ONLY ELECTRIC DEVICES BE UTILIZED.

16 (C) CHAFING DISHES USING AN OPEN FLAME MUST BE DESIGNED FOR FOOD  
17 WARMING OPERATIONS ONLY. ONLY DEVICES (SUCH AS STERNO CANS)  
18 DESIGNED FOR USE WITH CHAFING DISHES SHALL BE USED. CHAFING DISH  
19 CONTAINERS FOR THE DEVICES MUST BE IN PLACE. A SNUFFING DEVICE  
20 DESIGNED FOR USE WITH THE CHAFING DISH CONTAINER SHALL BE KEPT IN  
21 CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SERVING AREA.

22 (D) EXTRA FUEL CONTAINERS SHALL BE KEPT AT A LOCATION REMOTE FROM  
23 THE SERVING AREA.

24 (E) COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS OR DECORATIONS SHALL NOT BE USED NEAR THE  
25 SERVING DISHES.

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

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

31 (241) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.3

32 ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END OF THIS SUBSECTION:



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

4 (242) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12

5 ADD AT THE END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE, DELETE "20.1.5.5.4.12.5" AND  
6 SUBSTITUTE "20.1.5.5.4.12.10".

7 (243) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.6

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.5 AS  
9 FOLLOWS:

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

14 (244) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.7

15 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.6 AS  
16 FOLLOWS:

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

19 (245) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.8

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.7 AS  
21 FOLLOWS:

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

24 (246) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.9

25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.8 AS  
26 FOLLOWS:

27 ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES FOLLOW THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS THIS  
28 SECTION.

29 (247) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.10

30 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.10 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.1.5.5.4.12.9 AS  
31 FOLLOWS:

1 LNG AND LPG VEHICLES COMPRESSED FLAMMABLE GASES ARE NOT ALLOWED.  
2 THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL MAY PERMIT LIMITED USE OF FLAMMABLE  
3 GASES UNDER AHJ APPROVAL.

4 (248) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.6.2

5 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

6 THE CROWD MANAGER SHALL RECEIVE TRAINING, APPROVED BY THE AHJ, IN  
7 CROWD MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

8 (249) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.8.3

9 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

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

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

5 (250) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.9.1

6 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE:  
7 SMOKING SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE  
8 HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

9 (251) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.9.2

10 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE:  
11 IN ROOMS OR AREAS WHERE SMOKING IS PROHIBITED, SIGNAGE SHALL MEET THE  
12 REQUIREMENTS IN TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE.

13 (252) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.10.4.1

14 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
15 WHERE REQUIRED BY THE AHJ, A ROOM OR SPACE SHALL BE POSTED WITH AN  
16 APPROVED LEGIBLE SIGN IN CONTRASTING COLORS AND CONSPICUOUSLY LOCATED  
17 NEAR THE MAIN EXIT FROM THE ROOM OR SPACE STATING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER  
18 OF OCCUPANTS PERMITTED WITHIN THE SPACE. THE POSTING LOCATION SHALL BE  
19 DETERMINED BY THE AHJ. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS SHALL BE  
20 DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOST RECENTLY ADOPTED EDITION OF THE  
21 NFPA LIFE SAFETY CODE. A ROOM OR SPACE WHICH HAS A MULTIPLE-USE  
22 CAPACITY, SHALL BE POSTED FOR ALL USES. THE OWNER OR MANAGER OF THE  
23 OCCUPANCY SHALL INSTALL AND MAINTAIN THE SIGNS. SIGNS SHALL BE SUPPLIED  
24 BY THE AHJ.

25 (253) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.10.4.2

26 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

27 (254) SUBSECTION 20.1.5.10.4.3

28 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.

29 (255) SUBSECTION 20.2.4.2.3

30 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
31 FIRE EMERGENCY EGRESS DRILLS FOR EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCIES SHALL BE  
32 CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE

1 MARYLAND STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND THE CODE OF MARYLAND  
2 REGULATIONS 29.06.01.

3 (256) SUBSECTION 20.2.4.2.3.1

4 ADD SUBSECTION 20.2.4.2.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.2.4.2.3 AS FOLLOWS:

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

7 (257) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1

8 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

- 10 (1) THE FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN 8 CLIENTS;
- 11 (2) A CHILD SHALL BE COUNTED AS A CLIENT SERVED IF THE CHILD:
  - 12 (A) IS UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS; AND
  - 13 (B) IS THE CHILD OF THE DAY-CARE HOME OWNER OR OPERATOR, OR OF  
14 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME;
- 15 (3) THERE SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 4 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS;  
16 AND
- 17 (4) FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS, AN ADULT TO CHILD RATIO OF  
18 AT LEAST 1 ADULT TO EVERY 2 CHILDREN SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL  
19 TIMES.

20 (258) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1.1

21 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 23 (1) THE HOME SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN 12 CLIENTS;
- 24 (2) A CHILD SHALL BE COUNTED AS A CLIENT SERVED IF THE CHILD:
  - 25 (A) IS UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS; AND
  - 26 (B) IS THE CHILD OF THE DAY-CARE HOME OWNER OR OPERATOR, OR OF  
27 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE GROUP DAY-CARE HOME;
- 28 (3) THERE SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 4 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS;
- 29 (4) THE MINIMUM STAFF TO CLIENT RATIO SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 2 STAFF  
30 FOR UP TO 12 CLIENTS OR 1 ADULT FOR EVERY 6 CHILDREN; AND

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

4 (259) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.2

5 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION

6 (260) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.7

7 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.1.6 AS FOLLOWS:

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

12 (261) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.3

13 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.2 AS FOLLOWS:

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

15 (262) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.4

16 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.3 AS FOLLOWS:

17 A SLIDING DOOR USED AS A REQUIRED MEANS OF EGRESS SHALL MEET THE  
18 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 19 (1) THE SLIDING DOOR SHALL HAVE ONLY ONE, EASILY OPERATED LOCKING  
20 DEVICE THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE, EFFORT, OR TOOLS  
21 TO OPERATE;
- 22 (2) THERE SHALL NOT BE DRAPERIES, SCREENS, OR STORM DOORS THAT COULD  
23 IMPEDE EGRESS;
- 24 (3) THE SILL OR TRACK HEIGHT MAY NOT EXCEED ½ INCH ABOVE THE INTERIOR  
25 FINISH FLOOR;
- 26 (4) THE SURFACE ONTO WHICH AN EXIT IS MADE SHALL BE AN ALL-WEATHER  
27 SURFACE, SUCH AS A DECK, PATIO, OR SIDEWALK;
- 28 (5) THE FLOOR LEVEL OUTSIDE THE DOOR MAY BE ONE STEP LOWER THAN THE  
29 INSIDE, PROVIDED THAT THIS STEP MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE  
30 BUILDING CODE;
- 31 (6) THE SLIDING DOOR SHALL BE OPEN TO A CLEAR OPEN WIDTH OF AT LEAST 28  
32 INCHES;

1 (7) EACH DAY BEFORE DAY-CARE USE, THE SLIDING DOOR SHALL BE UNLOCKED  
2 AND TESTED TO THE FULL REQUIRED WIDTH; AND

3 (8) DURING PERIODS OF SNOW OR FREEZING RAIN, THE DOOR TRACK SHALL BE  
4 KEPT CLEAR OF SNOW OR FREEZING RAIN AND THE DOOR OPENED  
5 PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROPER  
6 OPERATION.

7 (263) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.5

8 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.2.4 AS FOLLOWS:

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

17 (264) SUBSECTION 20.3.4.2.3.6

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

20 (265) SUBSECTION 25.1.3.6

21 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.3.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.3.5 AS FOLLOWS:

22 IF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING IS PROVIDED IN THE TENT, THEN EMERGENCY LIGHTING IS  
23 REQUIRED IN THE EVENT THAT THE ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING FAILS.

24 (266) SUBSECTION 25.1.3.7

25 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.3.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.3.6 AS FOLLOWS:

26 A TENT SHALL NOT BLOCK ANY EXIT FROM A STRUCTURE OR CREATE A SITUATION  
27 WHERE THE BUILDING OCCUPANTS WILL EXIT THROUGH THE TENT TO GET TO A SAFE  
28 AREA.

29 (267) SUBSECTION 25.1.3.8

30 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.3.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.3.7 AS FOLLOWS:

31 ALL TENTS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM OF ONE EXIT. TENTS WITH A CAPACITY OF  
32 GREATER THAN 49 PERSONS SHALL HAVE TWO EXITS. EGRESS DOORS SHALL BE OF

1 CONTRASTING COLOR. EXIT SIGNS SHALL BE PROVIDED. DRAPERIES, HANGINGS OR  
2 CURTAINS USED ON EXITS SHALL COMPLY WITH NFPA 1 SECTION 14.10.2.

3 (268) SUBSECTION 25.1.5.1.1

4 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.5.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.5.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
5 HAY, STRAW, SHAVINGS OR SIMILAR COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL SHALL NOT BE  
6 PERMITTED WITHIN THE STRUCTURE UNLESS APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

7 (269) SUBSECTION 25.1.9.3 1

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

12 (270) SUBSECTION 25.1.9.4

13 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.9.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.9.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
14 IF REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS, ALL  
15 ELECTRICAL DEVICES, WIRING, AND GENERATORS MAY BE USED IF INSPECTED AND  
16 ISSUED A PERMIT PRIOR TO USE.

17 (271) SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.3.1

18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.3.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
19 FUEL FIRED DEVICES SHALL BE LOCATED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE TENT AND AIR  
20 DUCTED TO THE TENT.

21 (272) SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.6

22 AMEND SUBSECTION 25.1.10.1.6 AS FOLLOWS:  
23 DELETE "INSTALLED" AND SUBSTITUTE "LOCATED" AND ADD THE FOLLOWING  
24 SENTENCE AT THE END: "TANKS SHALL BE SECURED IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION AND  
25 PROTECTED FROM VEHICLE TRAFFIC."

26 (273) SUBSECTION 25.1.10.2.3

27 AMEND THIS SECTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING SECOND SENTENCE: "ELECTRIC  
28 HEATERS CANNOT BE USED INSIDE A TENT UNLESS APPROVED BY THE AHJ FOR  
29 EACH USE".

30 (274) SUBSECTION 25.2.1.3

31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 25.2.1.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 25.2.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:

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

5 (275) SUBSECTION 25.2.1.4

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

9 (276) SUBSECTION 25.2.2.1

10 AMEND SUBSECTION 25.2.2.1 TO ADD “, OR APPROVED BY THE AHJ” TO THE END.

11 (277) SUBSECTION 25.2.2.2(3)

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

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

17 (278) SUBSECTION 25.2.3.4

18 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
19 A SEPARATION OF 10 FEET IS REQUIRED AFTER EVERY 100 FEET OF TENTS. A  
20 SEPARATION OF 10 FEET SHALL BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN ROWS OF TENTS. A ROW  
21 OF TENTS SHALL NOT BE WIDER THAN 40 FEET.

22 (279) SUBSECTION 26.1.6.2

23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 26.1.6.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 26.1.6.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
24 WHEN THE AHJ REQUIRES A HAZARD ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE  
25 CONDUCTED BY A TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED PERSON ACCEPTABLE TO THE AHJ.

26 (280) SUBSECTION 26.1.6.3

27 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 26.1.6.3 AFTER SUBSECTION 26.1.6.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
28 WHEN THE AHJ REQUIRES A HAZARD ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSMENT SHALL  
29 INCLUDE A COMPLETED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INVENTORY STATEMENT FOR THE  
30 CHEMICALS USED IN EACH LABORATORY. THIS STATEMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH  
31 THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PERMITTING PROCESS SET FORTH IN THIS CODE.

32 (281) SUBSECTION 26.1.6.4



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

9 (282) SECTION 27.2

10 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

17 (283) SECTION 31.2.1

18 ADD NEW SECTION 31.2.1 AFTER SECTION 31.2 AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

27 (284) SUBSECTION 31.3.4.3.2.1

28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 31.3.4.3.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 31.3.4.3.2 AS FOLLOWS:

29 THE PRIMARY ROAD SHALL:

30 (1) BE KEPT ADEQUATELY CLEAR IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACCESS THE  
31 PROCESSING/STORAGE AREA; AND

- 1 (2) BE PAVED OR CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL WEATHER, YEAR  
2 ROUND, ACCESS BY FIRE APPARATUS WITH A WEIGHT OF 80,000 GVW.
- 3 (285) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.2.2  
4 ADD NEW PARAGRAPH (9) AFTER PARAGRAPH (8) AS FOLLOWS:  
5 (9) A PILE CONTAINING LEAVES AND OTHER EXTRANEIOUS OR HOGGED  
6 MATERIAL, SUCH AS A WHOLE TREE CHIP PILE, SHALL BE TURNED OR  
7 RECLAIMED EVERY THREE MONTHS.
- 8 (286) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.1  
9 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
10 PILES MAY NOT EXCEED 18 FEET IN HEIGHT, 50 FEET IN WIDTH, AND 350 FEET IN  
11 LENGTH. TWO PILES SHALL BE DIVIDED BY A FIRE LANE HAVING AT LEAST 30 FEET  
12 OF CLEAR SPACE AT THE BASE OF THE PILE.
- 13 (287) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.2  
14 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION.
- 15 (288) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.2.1 THROUGH 31.3.6.3.2.3  
16 DELETE THESE SUBSECTIONS.
- 17 (289) SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.5.1  
18 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.5.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 31.3.6.3.5 AS FOLLOWS:  
19 IF THE OPERATION IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF A MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY THE  
20 FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:  
21 (1) THE AHJ WILL REQUIRE A RELIABLE CERTIFIED WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM  
22 WITH THE CAPABILITY TO SUPPLY 1000 GALLONS PER EVERY 10,000 CUBIC  
23 FEET OF PILE. THE SUPPLY SYSTEM MUST BE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING A  
24 MINIMUM OF 250 GPM (PREFERRED IS 500GPM) FOR AT LEAST 2 HOURS.  
25 (2) THE MULCH/WOOD PROCESSING OPERATION SHALL HAVE A FIRE STATION  
26 LOCATED WITHIN 5 TRAVEL MILES OF THE LOCATION.  
27 (3) IF THE WATER SUPPLY IS STATIC IT IS TO BE CERTIFIED BY AN ENGINEER AND  
28 CAPABLE TO SUPPLY THE AMOUNT REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS  
29 SUBSECTION. IF THE WATER SUPPLY IS BELOW THE MINIMUM AMOUNT,  
30 THEN THE SUPPLY MUST BE CAPABLE OF AT LEAST 30,000 GALLONS AT ALL  
31 TIMES. THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF WATER SUPPLY NEEDED MAY BE BASED ON  
32 THE PROPOSED OPERATION AND APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

- 1 (4) BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL ON SITE, OTHER PROVISIONS SUCH AS  
2 SPRINKLERS, PRE-PIPED SYSTEMS, OR CONSTANT MONITORING OF THE PILE  
3 MAY BE REQUIRED.
- 4 (290) SECTION 33.1.2  
5 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
6 WHERE REQUIRED, A PERMIT FOR OUTSIDE STORAGE SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM THE  
7 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT. A PERMIT FROM THE AHJ IS  
8 REQUIRED FOR THE STORAGE OF 500 TIRES OR MORE. A PERSON MAY NOT STORE  
9 MORE THAN 5,000 TIRES.
- 10 (291) SECTION 33.1.12  
11 ADD NEW SECTION 33.1.12 AFTER SECTION 33.1.11 AS FOLLOWS:  
12 THE AHJ MAY REQUIRE A SECURITY FENCE AROUND THE TIRE STORAGE AREA.
- 13 (292) SECTION 33.1.13  
14 ADD NEW SECTION 33.1.13 AFTER SECTION 33.1.12 AS FOLLOWS:  
15 THE STORAGE OF FEWER THAN 500 TIRES SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING  
16 REQUIREMENTS:  
17 (1) TIRES SHALL NOT BE STORED IN VERTICAL STACKS;  
18 (2) STORAGE PILES SHALL NOT EXCEED 10 FEET IN HEIGHT;  
19 (3) STORAGE PILES SHALL NOT BE LARGER THAN 1,250 CUBIC FEET; AND  
20 (4) TIRES SHALL BE SEPARATED FROM THE PROPERTY LINE, BUILDINGS,  
21 STRUCTURES, OR ANYTHING DETERMINED AS AT RISK BY THE AHJ, BY A  
22 MINIMUM OF 25 FEET.
- 23 (293) SUBSECTION 33.2.2.3  
24 DELETE "20 FT (6M)" AND SUBSTITUTE "10 FT"
- 25 (294) CHAPTER 35  
26 DELETE THIS CHAPTER IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- 27 (295) SUBSECTION 42.7.5.2.1  
28 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 42.7.5.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 42.7.5.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
29 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED IN A LOCATION  
30 APPROVED BY THE AHJ:  
31 (1) THE ADDRESS OF THE UNATTENDED SELF-SERVICE FACILITY; AND

- 1                   (2)     THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE  
2                                   UNATTENDED SELF-SERVICE FACILITY.
- 3           (296) 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           (297) 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          (298) SUBSECTION 42.7.5.9  
13                  ADD NEW SUBSECTION 42.7.5.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 42.7.5.8 AS FOLLOWS:  
14                  FUEL DISPENSING EQUIPMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
15                  (1)     THE AMOUNT OF FUEL BEING DISPENSED IS LIMITED IN QUANTITY BY A PRE-  
16                          PROGRAMMED CARD; OR  
17                  (2)     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          (299) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.2  
21                  AMEND THIS SECTION TO INSERT “THE AHJ AND” AFTER “REQUIREMENTS OF”.
- 22          (300) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.9  
23                  AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO INSERT, “UNDER A CANOPY” AFTER “TENTS” AND TO  
24                  INSERT “AND THIS CHAPTER” TO THE END.
- 25          (301) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10  
26                  ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.2.1.9 AS FOLLOWS:  
27                  COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR COOKING OPERATIONS. THESE REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO  
28                  COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR COOKING OPERATIONS SUCH AS THOSE THAT TYPICALLY  
29                  TAKE PLACE AT FAIRS, FESTIVALS, AND CARNIVALS. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT  
30                  LIMITED TO, DEEP FRYING, SAUTÉING, AND GILLING OPERATIONS.
- 31          (302) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10.1  
32                  ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10.1 AFTER 50.2.1.10 AS FOLLOWS:

1 MOVABLE COOKING EQUIPMENT SHALL HAVE WHEELS REMOVED OR SHALL BE  
2 PLACED ON BLOCKS OR OTHERWISE SECURED TO PREVENT MOVEMENT OF THE  
3 APPLIANCE DURING OPERATION.

4 (303) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10.2

5 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10.2 AFTER 50.2.1.10.1 AS FOLLOWS:

6 PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHALL BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA  
7 1, SECTION 13.6 AND SHALL BE SPECIFICALLY LISTED FOR SUCH USE.

8 (304) SUBSECTION 50.2.1.11

9 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.2.1.11 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.2.1.10 AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

20 (305) SECTION 50.2.3

21 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE “SHALL BE KEPT ON THE PREMISES” AND  
22 SUBSTITUTE “SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AHJ UPON REQUEST”.

23 (306) SECTION 50.4.1

24 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE “AHJ” AND SUBSTITUTE “DEPARTMENT OF  
25 INSPECTIONS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS”.

26 (307) SUBSECTION 50.7.1.2

27 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

1 (308) SUBSECTION 50.7.1.2.1

2 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.7.1.2.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.7.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:  
3 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A MOBILE FOOD  
4 VENDING PLATFORM SHALL, BEFORE BEGINNING OPERATIONS, OBTAIN AN  
5 INSPECTION AND INSPECTION STICKER FROM THE AHJ AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

16 (A) AN INSPECTION IS REQUIRED BY ANY OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A  
17 MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM THAT ESTABLISHES BUSINESS FOR  
18 ANY LENGTH OF TIME IN HOWARD COUNTY. THE OWNER OR  
19 OPERATOR SHALL REQUEST AN ANNUAL OR ONE-DAY INSPECTION  
20 STICKER AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN  
21 HOWARD COUNTY.

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

25 (C) ONCE THE INSPECTION IS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED, THE AHJ  
26 SHALL ISSUE AN INSPECTION STICKER. EXCEPT FOR A ONE-DAY  
27 INSPECTION STICKER, THE INSPECTION STICKER IS VALID FOR ONE  
28 CALENDAR YEAR FROM THE LAST INSPECTION.

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

31 (E) ANY CHANGES TO ITEMS, PROCESSES, STORAGE OR CONFIGURATION  
32 WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE

1 AHJ IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE VALIDITY OF AN INSPECTION  
2 STICKER.

3 (F) HYDROSTATIC DATES OF PROPANE CYLINDERS WILL BE CHECKED BY  
4 THE AHJ.

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

6 (A) OBTAIN ANY OTHER PERMITS AS REQUIRED, INCLUDING A  
7 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PERMIT;

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

9 (C) DISPLAY A VALID ANNUAL OR ONE-DAY INSPECTION STICKER; AND

10 (D) COMPLETE A DAILY CHECKLIST.

11 (309) SUBSECTION 50.7.1.2.2

12 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.7.1.2.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.7.1.2.1 AS FOLLOWS:

13 FEES RELATED TO MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS.

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

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

18 (3) AN INSPECTION SHALL NOT BE PERFORMED WHERE AN OPERATOR HAS  
19 FAILED TO PAY PREVIOUS INSPECTION FEES. WHERE AN INSPECTION  
20 CANNOT BE PERFORMED FOR FAILURE TO PAY FEES, THE MOBILE FOOD  
21 VENDING PLATFORM MAY NOT OPERATE IN HOWARD COUNTY.

22 (310) SUBSECTION 50.7.1.4.4

23 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.7.1.4.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.7.1.4.3 AS FOLLOWS:

24 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORM AS  
25 FOLLOWS:

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

31 (2) PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHALL BE LOCATED IN CONSPICUOUS

1 LOCATIONS WHERE THEY ARE READILY ACCESSIBLE AND IMMEDIATELY  
2 AVAILABLE FOR USE.

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

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

8 (311) SUBSECTION 50.7.1.13

9 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.7.1.13 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.7.1.12 AS FOLLOWS:

10 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDING PLATFORMS SHALL COMPLY  
11 WITH NFPA 1 AND THE FOLLOWING:

12 (1) IF MORE THAN 2 FRYING VESSELS OR 10 GALLONS OF FRYING MEDIA ARE  
13 USED, A COMMERCIAL HOOD (TYPE 1) SHALL BE INSTALLED ABOVE ALL  
14 COMMERCIAL COOKING APPLIANCES OR DOMESTIC COOKING APPLIANCES  
15 USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

16 (2) AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION, HOOD AND EXHAUST SYSTEMS MUST BE CLEAN  
17 AND THE HOOD SHALL HAVE THE APPROPRIATE STICKER ATTACHED BY A  
18 MARYLAND REGISTERED CLEANER.

19 (3) VENTILATION CONTROL SYSTEMS SHALL BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE COOKING  
20 OPERATIONS CONDUCTED. VENTILATION SYSTEMS SHALL BE CAPABLE OF  
21 EXHAUSTING ALL BYPRODUCTS OF COOKING OPERATIONS. THE HOOD MUST  
22 BE DESIGNED TO ADEQUATELY COLLECT AND EXHAUST FUMES, SMOKE AND  
23 VAPORS FROM THE AREA OVER WHICH IT IS INSTALLED. HOOD SYSTEMS  
24 SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND CLEANED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CODE,  
25 NFPA 1, AND NFPA 96.

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

29 (5) RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE AHJ IN AN APPROVED METHOD.

30 (312) SUBSECTION 50.7.2.2

31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.7.2.2 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.7.2.1 AS FOLLOWS:



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

4 (313) SUBSECTION 50.7.2.3.1

5 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE “50.7.1.8” AND SUBSTITUTE “50.7.1.9”.

6 (314) SUBSECTION 50.7.2.3.4

7 AMEND THIS SUBSECTION TO DELETE “AN APPROVED COMPANY” AND SUBSTITUTE  
8 “A GAS FITTER CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING,  
9 AND REGULATION” AND ADD THE FOLLOWING: THE CERTIFICATION  
10 DOCUMENTATION SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 11 (1) THE NAME OF THE CERTIFIED GAS FITTER;
- 12 (2) THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION NUMBER THAT DEMONSTRATES THE GAS  
13 FITTER IS APPROVED TO INSTALL, INSPECT, AND MAINTAIN LP-GAS  
14 SYSTEMS;
- 15 (3) THE CORPORATE NAME OF THE MOBILE FOOD SERVICE BUSINESS;
- 16 (4) THE IDENTIFYING NAME ON THE SIDE OF THE MOBILE FOOD VEHICLE;
- 17 (5) THE DATE OF INSPECTION;
- 18 (6) THE VEHICLE TAG NUMBER AND VIN; AND
- 19 (7) A SIGNED STATEMENT BY THE CERTIFIED GAS FITTER THAT READS: “THE  
20 LP-GAS SYSTEM HAS BEEN INSPECTED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
21 CURRENT EDITION OF NFPA 58 AND FOUND TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
22 PROVISIONS OF THE CODE. IN ADDITION, LEAK DETECTION HAS BEEN  
23 CONDUCTED ON THE LP-GAS SYSTEM PIPING AND THE PIPING HAS BEEN  
24 FOUND TO MAINTAIN INTEGRITY.”

25 (315) SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.5

26 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.5 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.4 AS FOLLOWS:  
27 CONTAINERS SHALL BE INSTALLED BY A GAS FITTER LICENSED BY THE MARYLAND  
28 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION.

29 (316) SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.6

30 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.6 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.5 AS FOLLOWS:  
31 A “NO SMOKING” SIGN NEXT TO OR DIRECTLY ABOVE THE GAS CONTAINER AND

1                   VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC SHALL BE INSTALLED. THE SIGN SHALL BE POSTED WITH A  
2                   MINIMUM OF 2 INCH LETTERING.

3           (317) SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.7

4                   ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.7 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.6 AS FOLLOWS:  
5                   PROPANE AND NATURAL GAS TANKS SHALL BE SHUT OFF WHILE THE MOBILE FOOD  
6                   VENDING PLATFORM IS IN MOTION, UNATTENDED, OR IN OVERNIGHT STORAGE.

7           (318) SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.8

8                   ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.8 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.7 AS FOLLOWS:  
9                   IF AN LPG STORAGE COMPARTMENT IS ADDED ON THE REAR OF THE TRUCK, THE  
10                   BUMPER SHALL EXTEND BEYOND THE COMPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ADDED IMPACT  
11                   PROTECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 58—6.23.3.4.

12          (319) SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.9

13                   ADD NEW SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.9 AFTER SUBSECTION 50.7.2.4.3.8 AS FOLLOWS:  
14                   MOUNTING AND PLACEMENT OF PROPANE AND NATURAL GAS TANKS. THE  
15                   MOUNTING OF PROPANE AND NATURAL GAS TANKS MUST WITHSTAND  
16                   IMPACT EQUAL TO FOUR TIMES THE WEIGHT OF THE FILLED PROPANE OR NATURAL  
17                   GAS CONTAINER ACCORDING TO NFPA 58-6.23.3.4. TANKS MUST BE SECURE  
18                   (NFPA 58-5.2.4) AND CONFORM WITH NFPA STANDARDS RELATING TO THE SAFE  
19                   MOUNTING OF TANKS AS DESCRIBED IN NFPA 58-6.23.3.3.

20          (320) SECTION 60.1.1.1

21                   ADD NEW SECTION 60.1.1.1, IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 60.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:  
22                   60.1.1.1 HAZMAT PERMITTING. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF  
23                   THIS CODE, AN ANNUAL PERMIT ISSUED BY THE AHJ IS REQUIRED FOR ANY  
24                   FACILITY THAT STORES, RECEIVES, DISPENSES, USES, OR HANDLES ANY HAZARDOUS  
25                   MATERIALS IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1(1) OF THIS CODE. FOR THE  
26                   PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM “HAZARDOUS MATERIAL” IS EQUIVALENT TO  
27                   “HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE” AND “HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (C) A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INVENTORY STATEMENT (HMIS) IS  
31 REQUIRED FOR ALL FACILITIES. THE INVENTORY STATEMENT SHALL  
32 INCLUDE: HAZARD CLASS, COMMON OR TRADE NAME, CHEMICAL

1 NAME, MAJOR CONSTITUENTS, AND CONCENTRATIONS IF A MIXTURE.  
2 IF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IS WASTE, THE WASTE CATEGORY,  
3 CHEMICAL ABSTRACT SERVICE NUMBER (CAS NUMBER) FOUND IN  
4 TITLE 29 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR),  
5 WHETHER THE MATERIAL IS PURE OR A MIXTURE, AND WHETHER THE  
6 MATERIAL IS A SOLID, LIQUID, OR GAS, STORAGE CONDITIONS  
7 RELATED TO THE STORAGE TYPE, TEMPERATURE, AND PRESSURE.

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

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

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

16 (A) CHANGES OR ADDS A HAZARD CLASS; OR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 (321) SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1.1

7 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 60.1.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

12 (322) SECTION 60.1.2

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

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

18 (323) SUBSECTION 63.1.1.1.1

19 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 63.1.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 63.1.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

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

21 (324) SECTION 65.1.1

22 DELETE THIS SECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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

29 (325) SUBSECTION 65.1.1.1

30 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 65.1.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 65.1.1 AS FOLLOWS:

31 UNLESS THE POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE OF THE DEVICE IS CONDUCTED UNDER A  
32 STATE FIRE MARSHAL PERMIT AND IS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY THE AHJ, A

1 PERSON SHALL NOT POSSESS, STORE, OFFER FOR SALE, EXPOSE FOR SALE, SELL, USE,  
2 BURN, DISCHARGE, OR EXPLODE A GROUND-BASED SPARKLING DEVICE, INCLUDING  
3 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NON-AERIAL, NON-EXPLOSIVE CONE FOUNTAINS, AND  
4 CYLINDRICAL FOUNTAINS.

5 (326) SECTION 65.1.3

6 ADD NEW SECTION 65.1.3 AFTER SECTION 65.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:

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

9 (327) SECTION 65.1.4

10 ADD NEW SECTION 65.1.4 AFTER SECTION 65.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:

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

16 (328) SECTION 65.1.5

17 ADD NEW SECTION 65.1.5 AFTER SECTION 65.1.4 AS FOLLOWS:

18 A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. A PERSON WHO POSSESS,  
19 SELLS, OR DISCHARGES ILLEGAL FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES, UNLAWFULLY STORED  
20 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR MODEL ROCKETRY, OR WHO FAILS TO SURRENDER  
21 ILLEGAL FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES, OR MODEL ROCKETRY TO THE AHJ, OR WHO  
22 FAILS TO GET APPROVAL OR FOLLOW THE REGULATION SET FORTH FOR FLAME  
23 EFFECTS IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A  
24 FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH.  
25 ALTERNATIVELY, AND IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT WITH ALL REMEDIES  
26 PROVIDED AT LAW OR EQUITY, A FIRE OFFICIAL MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION WITH  
27 CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO TITLE 24, "CIVIL PENALTIES," OF THE HOWARD  
28 COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE. EACH  
29 DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

30 (329) SUBSECTION 66.21.7.4.3.1.1

31 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 66.21.7.4.3.1.1 AFTER SUBSECTION 66.21.7.4.3.1 AS  
32 FOLLOWS:

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

5 (330) SUBSECTION 69.1.1.4

6 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 69.1.1.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 69.1.1.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
7 CYLINDERS CONNECTED TO A TEMPORARY HEATING DEVICE IN A BUILDING UNDER  
8 CONSTRUCTION OR BEING RENOVATED SHALL BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING  
9 AND SECURED IN A MANNER APPROVED BY THE AHJ. AN EXTRA CYLINDER STORED  
10 ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE SHALL BE SECURED IN MANNER APPROVED BY THE AHJ.

11 (331) SUBSECTION 69.3.12.9.2

12 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
13 CYLINDERS SHALL NOT BE LOCATED ON DECKS OR BALCONIES OF DWELLINGS OF  
14 TWO OR MORE LIVING UNITS.

15 (332) SUBSECTION 69.3.13.1.3

16 DELETE THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:  
17 PATIO HEATERS SHALL NOT BE LOCATED WITHIN 5 FEET OF AN EXIT OR OPENING OR  
18 USED UNDER A TENT OR CANOPY.

19 (333) SUBSECTION 69.5.3.2.4

20 ADD NEW SUBSECTION 69.5.3.2.4 AFTER SUBSECTION 69.5.3.2.3 AS FOLLOWS:  
21 EXCEPT FOR CLASS A MERCANTILE OCCUPANCIES, IN MERCANTILE OCCUPANCIES  
22 THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF ALL CYLINDERS SHALL NOT EXCEED 10 LBS.

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