

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2019-19

BILL NO. 2019-16

Title of Bill: Amendment – Plumbing Code

Synopsis A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Cecil County Code, Chapter 270, PLUMBING to update references to the Division of Permits and Inspections and Division Chief, and to update the edition of the International Plumbing Code to 2018.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: October 1, 2019

Public hearing scheduled on: November 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration scheduled on: November 19, 2019

By: 
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by October 1, 2019 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, and having been published according to the Charter on October 23, 2019 and October 30, 2019, a public hearing was held on November 5, 2019 and concluded on November 5, 2019.

By: 
Council Manager

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1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 402 of the Cecil County Charter (the “Charter”), the County
2 Executive (the “Executive”) shall see that the affairs of the executive branch are administered properly
3 and efficiently, and that employees of the executive branch faithfully perform their duties; and

4 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 402 of the Charter, the duties and responsibilities of the Executive
5 include, but are not limited to: (a) Supervising and directing offices, agencies and divisions of the
6 executive branch and ensuring that County employees as well as County boards and commissions
7 faithfully perform their duties; and, (b) preparing and submitting to the Council the annual County
8 Budget; and

9 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 270, of the Cecil County Code, there is Plumbing; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Chief of Permits and Inspections Division, Cecil County Department of Land Use and
11 Development Services has recommended amendments, insertions, and deletions to Chapter 270 of the
12 Cecil County Code, as more fully set forth herein; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted the amendments set forth herein to the County
14 Council for consideration and approval.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
16 **MARYLAND**, that the Plumbing Code adopted under Cecil County Code, Chapter 270, is amended as
17 follows:

18 Chapter 270 Plumbing

19 Article I

20 General Provisions.

21 § 270-1. Purpose.

22 The purpose of this chapter is to provide basic and uniform plumbing regulations in terms of performance
23 objectives implemented by specific requirements, establishing reasonable safeguards for sanitation in and adjacent
24 to buildings to protect the public health against the hazards of inadequate facilities.

25 § 270-2. Conformity of work; installations.

26 All plumbing work performed in the County in, about or in connection with any building must conform with this
27 chapter and the regulations of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. All indoor plumbing fixtures
28 must be installed under the supervision of a master plumber licensed in the County and the state. Installation of
29 approved wells, septic tanks, seepage pits or tile fields must be done under the supervision of a licensed master

30 plumber unless the work is performed by the property owner himself or by a person of such knowledge and
31 training as to warrant specific authorization by the County Health Department.

32 § 270-3. Inspections.

- 33 A. The ~~DIVISION Department~~ of Permits and Inspections shall be notified by the plumber to perform
34 an inspection before covering any indoor or outdoor underground installations and rough plumbing
35 work. The Plumbing Inspector shall be requested by the plumber to perform a final inspection at
36 such time as all plumbing work is complete. [Amended 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]
- 37 B. Inspections for plumbing installations can only be scheduled by the individual or his or her
38 representative who acquired the plumbing permit.
- 39 C. A notice of at least 24 hours is required to schedule any inspection.
- 40 D. All connections to a municipal water or sewer line shall be inspected by the Cecil County
41 Department of Public Works or any municipality which regulates such lines or their agent prior to
42 covering of the work performed.

43 § 270-4. Fees.

44 All fees shall be established by resolution of the Cecil County Council as provided for by law. Copies of the fee
45 schedule will be available in the office of the Cecil County Council and the ~~DIVISION Department~~ of Permits and
46 Inspections.

47 § 270-5. Plumbing Board; appeals. [Amended 11-13-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-12]

48 The County Executive, in accordance with the Charter, shall annually appoint a County Plumbing Board, which shall
49 consist of three members made up of a representative of the Master Plumbers Association of the County, the
50 County Health Officer, an architect, engineer, or builder and/or any combination thereof. Said County Plumbing
51 Board shall meet at the request of the Chairman or when it is deemed necessary to resolve disputes concerning
52 plumbing installations. It shall hear and decide all questions in dispute between property owners, or their agents,
53 and the Plumbing Inspector. Said County Plumbing Board shall act as an advisor to the County with respect to the
54 administration and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. Any person, firm or corporation aggrieved by the
55 decision of the County Plumbing Board may appeal to the Circuit Court for Cecil County.

56 Article II

57 Regulations

58 § 270-6. Adoption of standards by reference; amendments, additions and deletions.

- 59 A. Cecil County herewith adopts the ~~2018 2012~~ International Plumbing Code and any supplements
60 thereto as prepared by the International Code Council and hereby includes such regulations by
61 reference in the County Plumbing Code. Cecil County herewith also adopts additions and/or
62 modifications to the code and any state plumbing regulations as stated further in this chapter or as

63 may be required for the promotion of public health and safety. Any provisions of the Maryland
64 Building Performance Standards that deal directly with plumbing installations and applications as
65 adopted by the State of Maryland shall also be complied with. [Amended 8-18-2015 by Bill No.
66 2015-14]

67 B. Amendments, additions and deletions. The following sections of the ~~2018 2012~~ International
68 Plumbing Code (IPC) are hereby revised and amended as follows: [Added 8-18-2015 by Bill No.
69 2015-14]1]

70 (1) In Section 101.1, Title, insert "Cecil County."

71 (2) In Section 106.6.2, Fee schedule, insert "See § 270-4 of the County Code."

72 (3) In Section 106.6.3, Fee refunds, insert "50%."

73 (4) Section 108.4, Violation penalties, shall read:

74 108.4 Violation penalties.

75 See § 270-24 of the County Code.

76 (5) Section 108.5, Stop work orders, shall read:

77 108.5 Stop work orders.

78 Upon notice from the Code Official, work on any plumbing system that is being done contrary to
79 the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner shall immediately cease. Such
80 notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner's
81 agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which work is
82 authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the Code Official shall not be required to give
83 a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work in or about
84 the structure after having been served with a stop-work order, except such work as that person
85 is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be assessed a fee
86 established by resolution of the Cecil County Council. Copies of the fee schedule will be available
87 in the ~~OFFICE Department~~ of Permits and Inspections.

88 (6) Section 109, MEANS OF APPEAL, shall read:

89 See § 270-5 of the County Code.

90 (7) In Section 202, general definitions, amend the first part of the definition of "building drain" to
91 read:

92 BUILDING DRAIN. That part of the lowest piping of a drainage system that receives the discharge
93 from soil, waste or other drainage pipes inside and that extends five feet (1,524 mm) beyond the
94 walls of the building and conveys the drainage to the building sewer.

95 (8) Section 305.4, Freezing, shall read, in part, as follows: "Exterior water supply system piping shall
96 be installed not less than 36 inches (914.40 mm) below grade."

97 (9) In Section 305.4.1, Sewer depth, insert "12 inches (304.8 mm)."

98 (10) Section 312.10.2, Testing, shall read:

99 312.10.2 Testing.

100 a. Copies of test reports for the initial installation shall be sent to the administrative authority
101 and the water supplier. Copies of annual test reports shall be sent to the water supplier.

102 b. Testing, inspections and repair of devices shall be performed by certified individuals
103 approved by an agency acceptable to the administrative authority. Certification for testing
104 shall be in accordance with a nationally recognized accredited training program.

105 Certification shall include not less than 32 hours of combined classroom and practice
106 training and successful completion of a written and practical examination.

107 (11) In Table 403.1, insert: "For all construction other than residential, one service sink is required
108 per floor."

109 (12) Section 404, ACCESSIBLE PLUMBING FACILITIES, shall read:

110 SECTION 404 ACCESSIBLE PLUMBING FACILITIES.

111 Plumbing fixtures and installation shall conform to the requirements of the International
112 Building Code except where a more stringent requirement is found in the Code of Maryland
113 Regulations 05.02.02, Maryland Accessibility Code.

114 (13) In Section 412.4, add:

115 412.4.1 Floor drains shall be located in the following areas:

116 a. Toilet rooms containing either two or more water closets or wall-hung urinals or a
117 combination of one or more water closets and wall-hung urinals, except in dwelling units.

118 b. Commercial kitchens.

119 c. Common laundry rooms in commercial buildings and buildings having more than two
120 dwelling units.

121 (14) In Section 417.1, add:

122 417.1.1 Fiberglass or plastic tub and shower enclosures cannot be installed back to back unless
123 approved by the administrative authority.

124 (15) In Section 417.4.1, add "No windows shall be in the seventy-inch wall area. Waterproofing
125 materials of epoxy or paint coatings are prohibited."

126 (16) In Section 603, WATER SERVICE, add:

127 603.3 Water service pipe sleeves.

128 a. Pipe sleeves shall be provided where water service pipes penetrate foundation walls or
129 floor slabs to protect against corrosion of the pipe and allow clearance for expansion,
130 contraction and settlement. The sleeve shall form a watertight bond with the wall or floor
131 slab. The annular space between the pipe and the sleeve shall be resiliently sealed
132 watertight.

133 b. Where water service piping is plastic, the wall sleeve shall not be less than five feet long
134 extended outside beyond the wall to undisturbed earth or other equivalent support.

135 (17) In Section 608.14, Location of backflow preventers, add:

136 608.14.3 Double-check valves and reduced-pressure-principal valves.

137 Such devices shall be installed at not less than 12 inches above the floor or permanent
138 platform with the maximum of 60 inches above floor or permanent platform.

139 (18) Section 701.2, Sewer required, shall read:

140 701.2 Sewer required.

141 Every building in which plumbing fixtures are installed and all premises having drainage piping
142 shall be connected to a public sewer, where available, or an approved private sewage disposal
143 system in accordance with Code of Maryland (COMAR) Regulations.

144 (19) In Section 712.4, Sewage pumps and sewage ejectors, add:

145 712.4.3 High-water alarms.

146 a. All sewage ejector or sewage pump systems shall be provided with an audible, visual or
147 combination high-water alarm device.

148 b. Exception: Sewage ejectors and sewage pumps servicing individual fixtures.

149 (20) Section 903.2, Frost closure, shall read:

150 903.2 Frost closure.

151 Where the authority having jurisdiction requires protection against frost closure, vent
152 terminals less than three-inch pipe size shall be increased at least one pipe size to not less
153 than three-inch size. Where an increase is necessary, the increase in size shall be made inside
154 the building at least one foot below a roof or ceiling that is thermally insulated and in an area
155 not subject to freezing temperatures.

156 (21) In Section 904, OUTDOOR VENT EXTENSIONS, add:

157 904.1.3 Location of vent terminal.

158 a. Vent terminals shall not be located where vapors can enter a building.

159 b. No vent terminal shall be located directly beneath any door, window, or other ventilation
160 opening of a building or of another building, nor shall any such vent terminal be within ten

- 161 (10) feet horizontally of such opening unless it is at least two feet above the top of such
162 opening.
- 163 c. All open vent pipes that extend through a roof shall be terminated at least six inches above
164 the roof, except that, where the roof is to be used for purposes other than weather
165 protection, the vent shall run at least seven feet above the roof.
- 166 (22) Section 905.6, Vent for future fixtures, shall read:
167 905.6 Vent for future fixtures.
168 On new construction of residential dwelling units with basements, a two-inch-minimum-size
169 vent shall be installed between the basement and attic or tied into an existing, properly sized
170 vent and capped for future use.
- 171 (23) Section 918.1, General, shall read:
172 918.1 General.
173 Air admittance valves shall only be installed with the approval of the authority having
174 jurisdiction. Where approved, vent systems utilizing air admittance valves shall comply with
175 this section. Stack-type air admittance valves shall conform to ASSE 1050. Individual and
176 branch-type air admittance valves shall conform to ASSE 1051.
- 177 (24) In Section 1003.2, Approval, add:
178 1003.2.1 Interceptors or separators consisting of underground storage tanks shall be corrosion
179 protected and designed according to COMAR 26.10.03. Any system discharging into an on-site
180 subsurface disposal system shall be subject to the requirements of COMAR 26.08.01 -
181 26.08.04.
- 182 (25) Section 1303.6, Estimating gray water discharge, shall read:
183 1303.6 Estimating gray water discharge.
184 The system shall be sized in accordance with all applicable requirements of COMAR 26.04.02.
- 185 (26) Section 1303.7, Percolation tests, shall read:
186 1303.7 Percolation tests.
187 The permeability of the soil shall be determined in accordance with all applicable
188 requirements of COMAR 26.04.02.
- 189 (27) Section 1303.8, Subsurface landscape irrigation site location, shall read:
190 1303.8 Subsurface landscape irrigation site location. The soil absorption system shall be
191 located in accordance with all applicable requirements of COMAR 26.04.02.
- 192 (28) Section 1303.9, Installation, shall read:
193 1303.9 Installation.

194 Absorption systems shall be installed in accordance with all of the applicable requirements of
195 COMAR 26.04.02.

196 (29) Section 1303.10, Distribution piping shall read:

197 Distribution piping shall be installed in accordance with all of the applicable requirements of
198 COMAR 26.04.02.

199 C. In conjunction with the adoption of the Plumbing Code, the County also adopts the **2018**
200 **INTERNATIONAL National** Fuel Gas Code as prepared by **THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL and**
201 **adopted by the American Gas Association (AGA) and the National Fire Protection Association**
202 **(NFPA).** .

203 § 270-7. Reused tanks and materials.

204 Hot water heater tanks shall not be disconnected and reused if more than two years old. Other plumbing materials
205 such as spigots, sinks, bathtubs, commodes, commode seats, hot-water tanks, water pumps or used piping shall not
206 be disconnected and reused without approval of the County Plumbing Inspector.

207 § 270-8. Traps and cleanouts.

208 The maximum distance of fixture traps from vents shall be the following:

209 Size of Fixture Drain (inches)	Distance from Trap to Vent (feet)
210 1- 1/2	5
211 2	8
212 3	10

213 § 270-9. Plumbing fixtures.

214 A. Indirect waste drains and piping.

215 (1) Clothes washers. The drains from clothes washers may discharge indirectly to the drainage
216 system by means of an air gap without any traps or vents on the indirect piping.

217 (2) Food handling establishments. In food service establishments, all utensils, sinks, dishwashers,
218 ice makers, food preparation sinks and any other compartment which may contain food or
219 utensils and is connected to the drainage system shall be provided with an indirect waste drain
220 with a vertical air gap.

221 B. Frostproof yard hydrants are prohibited for a potable water supply system due to possible cross-
222 connections. A vacuum breaker may be used between the hydrant and the system, but no vacuum
223 breaker shall be allowed underground.

224 C. Sump pumps are prohibited from connection to a municipal or private waste/sewer system.

225 § 270-10. Safety devices.

- 226 A. Pressure relief valves for pumps. All water pumps capable of producing pressures in excess of the
227 safety-rated pressure capacity of the storage tank shall have a proper pressure relief valve installed
228 in the pump discharge line near the storage tank or in the tank itself.
- 229 B. Temperature relief valves. Temperature relief valves shall be of adequate relief rating, expressed in
230 Btu/hour, for the equipment served. The valve shall be installed so that the temperature-sensing
231 element is submerged in the hottest water within the top six inches of the tank. The valve shall be
232 adjusted to open when the stored temperature is 210° F. or less. No temperature relief valve may
233 be reused or transferred but must be replaced by a new valve.
- 234 C. Automatic water cutoffs. Any piping supplying water to a boiler or other device shall be provided
235 with an automatic water cutoff valve. The line shall have the valve installed in the front of and
236 behind the water cutoff device. [Amended 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

237 § 270-11. Flow rates and water consumption.

- 238 A. Flow rates and water consumption for fixtures shall not exceed the amounts listed in the table
239 below for either hot or cold water. When there are separate hot and cold water faucets or valves
240 without a mixing spout or mixing arrangement, each faucet shall be limited to 1/2 the amount
241 specified in the table.
- 242 B. A water closet or urinal which consumes more water per flush than the amounts permitted in the
243 table may be sold or installed only if the water closet or urinal:
- 244 (1) Consumes no more than 3.5 gallons per flush for a water closet and 1.5 gallons per flush for a
245 urinal;
- 246 (2) Meets the requirements of the code which were in effect on January 30, 1992;
- 247 (3) Was manufactured prior to January 31, 1992, and has been permanently stamped with the date
248 of manufacture;
- 249 (4) Was in the inventory of a wholesaler, retailer or installer in Maryland on January 31, 1992; and
250 (5) Is installed on or before December 31, 1992.

251 Water Consumption for Each Flushing Operation

252 Fixture	Water Consumption
253 Water closets	1.6 gallons
254 Urinals	1.0 gallon
255 Lavatory faucet, "self-closing"	0.5 GPM/use
256 Sink faucet, "self-closing"	0.5 GPM/use
257 Article III	
258 Permits	

259 § 270-12. Permits required; applications; exceptions.

260 A. No plumbing work shall be commenced in the County until a permit to do such work has been
261 issued by the ~~DIVISION Department~~ of Permits and Inspections to a licensed master plumber.

262 [Amended 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

263 B. Application for such a permit shall be made on forms prepared and provided by the Office of
264 Permits and Inspections and accompanied by the appropriate fee required.

265 C. Repairs which involve only the working parts of a faucet or valve, the clearance of stoppages, the
266 repairing of leaks or the replacement of defective faucets or valves may be performed without a
267 permit, provided that no alterations are made in the existing piping to fixtures.

268 D. § 270-13. Denial or rescission.

269 A. Bad faith or unreasonable delays in the performance of work or the failure to respond promptly to
270 official communications shall be deemed sufficient reason for rescinding permits or withholding
271 future permits, and the master plumber shall be held responsible for the violation of these
272 regulations by him or his employees.

273 B. At any time that the ~~DIVISION Department~~ of Permits and Inspections or any designated Code
274 Enforcement Officer or inspector of the County determines that any person, firm or corporation
275 erects, constructs, alters, repairs, removes, demolishes, and/or installs any plumbing apparatus or
276 system or causes the same to be done in violation of this Code or the Plumbing Code as adopted by
277 the Cecil County Council, notice shall be sent to said person, firm or corporation advising of said
278 violation and corrections necessary. Said notice shall be presumed received upon being mailed to
279 the address of said person, firm or corporation provided on any permits issued or other information
280 obtainable for such person, firm or corporation three days after mailing. Until such violation(s) has
281 been corrected, the ~~DIVISION Department~~ of Permits and Inspections and/or any appropriate Code
282 Official of the County shall have the power to suspend any permit issued to said person, firm or
283 corporation, withdraw any permits issued to said person, firm or corporation and/or deny any
284 further permits requested by said person, firm or corporation.

285 C. For the purpose of this section, "person, firm or corporation" shall be defined to mean the party to
286 whom the permit was issued and/or the owner of the property not in compliance and shall also
287 include any party actually performing work upon such property. The person, firm or corporation
288 shall include any officer of any corporation, any partner of any partnership or any related
289 corporation, partnership, limited- liability company or limited-liability partnership owned in whole
290 or in part by any aforementioned party. [Amended 11-13-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-12]

291 D. Any person shall have the right to appeal any decision of the Code Official. An application for
292 appeal shall be filed in writing with the ~~DIVISION Department~~ of Permits and Inspections within 10
293 days of receipt of any notice. All appeals shall be heard by the Plumbing Board. [Amended 11-13-
294 2012 by Ord. No. 2012-12]

295 § 270-14. Transfer.

- 296 A. In the case where a plumber signs an application for a permit and does not desire to do the work
297 covered by it, either in part or in its entirety, he shall so notify the County Plumbing
298 Inspector/~~DIVISION Department~~ of Permits and Inspections in writing, requesting that he be
299 released from responsibility for that part of the work that he does not desire to do. He will,
300 however, be held responsible for any work which he has completed. The Plumbing Inspector's
301 record will indicate the extent of such completed work and such responsibility, and the permit will
302 be revised accordingly and held in abeyance.
- 303 B. In the event that the plumber who signed the application for a permit dies and the owner calls in a
304 new plumber, the original permit will remain active upon request, in writing, from the new plumber
305 to the extent of the incomplete work.
- 306 C. In the case where the plumber who originally signed the application (and to whom the permit was
307 issued) is removed from the work by the owner and is replaced by another plumber, the owner
308 shall notify the ~~DIVISION Department~~ of Permits and Inspections, in writing, of the proposed
309 change and no transfer of the permit will be made without his consent in fewer than seven days.
310 The transfer may then be made by the ~~DIVISION Department~~ of Permits and Inspections. **THE NEW**
311 **CONTRACTOR WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE WORK COVERED UNDER THE SCOPE**
312 **OF THE PERMIT and the first plumber will be held responsible for that part of the work**
313 **constructed by him.** [Amended 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]
- 314 D. Licensed master plumbers shall not be allowed to apply for and be issued a plumbing permit for
315 unlicensed plumbers. Such action is just cause for revocation of the master plumber's license.

316 § 270-15. Homeowners plumbing permits.

- 317 A. At the time of application for a plumbing permit, any homeowner wanting to perform the plumbing
318 work within his or her dwelling must take a test and submit a drawing of all plumbing, including
319 drainage and water lines. Upon receiving a score of 75, a permit may be issued to the homeowner.
320 If the homeowner contracts the work to a plumber, it is his responsibility to determine that the
321 plumber is licensed in the State and County. It shall be understood that no one except the
322 homeowner or a licensed master plumber shall be permitted to do plumbing in the residence.

323 B. An individual may not provide plumbing services that make a final connection between the
324 residence of the individual and a public or private disposal system or water supply system. This
325 connection shall only be made by a Maryland licensed master plumber.

326 C. Homeowners can only obtain a plumbing permit to provide plumbing services within their own
327 dwelling once in a five-year period for new construction. For repair work or additions, the work
328 performed shall be within the personal residence only.

329 § 270-16. Verbal permits.

330 Under no circumstance whatsoever shall verbal permission be given at any time by any person be considered as a
331 justification for any work to be accomplished or deviation from approved plans to be made which violates any of
332 these regulations.

333 Article IV

334 Plumbers

335 § 270-17. Licensing; applications.

336 [Amended 11-13-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-12; 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

337 All master plumbers doing work in the County must be licensed by the County in accordance with the provisions of
338 the law with respect thereto as set forth in Title 12, Plumbers, of the Business Occupations and Professions Article
339 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Prior to submitting an application for a County license, the applicant must
340 present valid proof of his master plumber's certificate as issued by the Maryland State Board of Plumbing, and the
341 applicant must also furnish copies of liability insurance.

342 § 270-18. Nonresident plumbers.

343 [Amended 11-13-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-12; 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

344 Any master plumber licensed outside of the state must be licensed in the state and also in the County in accordance
345 with the provisions of the law with respect thereto as set forth in Title 12, Plumbers, of the Business Occupations
346 and Professions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Any plumber unable to produce valid proof, as required
347 by the County, of his master plumber's certificate, as issued by the Maryland State Board of Plumbing, may not
348 acquire any permits until such time as the license is obtained.

349 § 270-19. Misuse of license.

350 Under no circumstances whatsoever shall a master plumber or journeyman plumber licensed in the State or in the
351 County sell, lend or transfer his license for the purpose of performing plumbing work.

352 § 270-20. Display of information; vehicles.

353 A. It shall be required of every master plumber to display in clear view at his place of business, in a
354 conspicuous place, a sign with the full registered name or names and the words "Registered

355 Plumber(s)" immediately following, or beneath his state certificate number or numbers. [Amended
356 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

- 357 B. All trucks or other vehicles owned and used by the master plumber's firm or corporation must
358 display in a conspicuous place the name of the person(s) holding the master plumbing certificate,
359 the words "Registered Plumber(s)," and the state certificate number or numbers.
- 360 C. No pleasure vehicles shall be used when conducting plumbing work.
- 361 D. Failure to comply with these requirements shall result in revocation or suspension of the master
362 plumber's license until such time as compliance is made with the above regulations.

363 § 270-21. Connections to municipal system or regulated utility.

- 364 A. A licensed master plumber shall install all piping necessary for connections between the water
365 distribution and drainage systems of any building in which plumbing fixtures are installed and shall
366 be connected to a public water or sewer system. The County Plumbing Inspector shall inspect all
367 lines between the building and the property line before they are covered up.
- 368 B. In the case where the public lines are already installed to the property line, a licensed master
369 plumber is required to make the connection of the line at that point to the building's lines under
370 the inspection of the County Plumbing Inspector.
- 371 C. In the case where the public lines are not installed to the property line, it is required that a licensed
372 master plumber tap the public lines and extend the service connection to the property line; this
373 work is subject to inspection by the County Department of Public Works or any municipality which
374 regulates such lines or its agent prior to covering any lines. The connection between the public line
375 and the private line at the property line must be performed by a licensed master plumber and
376 inspected by the County Plumbing Inspector as well.
- 377 D. If any service lines are covered up prior to inspection by either the County Department of Public
378 Works, responsible municipality or the County Plumbing Inspector, all work shall be uncovered by
379 order of the Plumbing Inspector.

380 § 270-22. Plumbing in commercial/industrial building.

381 Anyone building a commercial/industrial building in Cecil County must obtain the services of a Maryland licensed
382 master plumber to do the plumbing work.

383 Article V

384 Violations

385 § 270-23. Failure to remedy defects.

386 Failure of a master plumber to remedy any defective work or refusal to open any walls, floors or ditches as required
387 by the Plumbing Inspector, after written notice, shall result in no further permits being issued to the plumber until
388 such requirements are corrected or met.

389 § 270-24. Violations and penalties.

390 Any person who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or
391 who erects, constructs, alters or repairs any plumbing in violation of an approved plan or directive of the Code
392 Official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code shall be liable for a civil offense, and
393 upon a judicial finding of said violation shall be liable for a fine of not more than \$500 and, in addition, shall pay all
394 costs and expenses associated with the County's abatement of said violation as well as any and all fair and
395 reasonable attorneys' fees incurred as a result of said abatement efforts. Each day that a violation continues shall
396 be deemed a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the County from taking such other lawful
397 action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

398 **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that this
399 Act shall take effect in 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.


BY Council Manager

BILL NO: 2019-16

Title of Bill: Amendment – Plumbing Code

is hereby submitted to the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

James Massey
Council Manager

Date: November 19, 2019

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Council President

Date: November 19, 2019

BY THE COUNCIL

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BY: James Massey
Council Manager

SEALED WITH THE COUNTY SEAL AND PRESENTED TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE for approval this

20th day of November, 20 19 at 1:00 am/pm.
(within 10 business days from adoption §306)



BY: James Massey
Council Manager

BY THE EXECUTIVE:
John J. McElroy
Cecil County Executive

APPROVED Date: 11/20/2019

VETOED Date: _____
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BY THE COUNCIL

Bill No. 2019-16 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council becomes law

on November 20, 2019 with an effective date of January 21, 2020

BY: James Massey
Council Manager