

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Bill No. 85-08

Introduced by Ms. Vitale

By the County Council, October 20, 2008

Introduced and first read on October 20, 2008
Public Hearing set for and held on November 17, 2008
Bill AMENDED December 15, 2008
Public Hearing on AMENDED BILL set for January 5, 2009
Bill Expires January 23, 2009

By Order: Judy C. Holmes, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

- 1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Construction and Property Maintenance Codes
2 Supplement - International Residential Code – Residential Sprinklers
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4 FOR the purpose of repealing and adding certain provisions concerning residential
5 sprinkler systems; setting requirements for installation of residential sprinkler
6 systems; and generally relating to the laws pertaining to building and construction of
7 residential dwellings.
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9 BY repealing: International Residential Code Amendments, Item (25)
10 Anne Arundel County Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement,
11 October 1, 2005 (as amended)
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13 BY renumbering: International Residential Code Amendments, Items (26) through (34)
14 to be Items (25) through (33)
15 Anne Arundel County Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement,
16 October 1, 2005 (as amended)
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18 BY adding: International Residential Code Amendments, Item (34)
19 Anne Arundel County Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement,
20 October 1, 2005 (as amended)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment

1 WHEREAS, Bill No. 82-05, enacted on November 8, 2005, adopted the Anne
2 Arundel County Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement, October
3 1, 2005 (Supplement) to the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended); and
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5 WHEREAS, Section 15-1-108 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as
6 amended) provides that the provisions of the Supplement may not be altered or
7 revised except by ordinance adopted by the County Council; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Supplement includes the International Residential Code; and
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11 WHEREAS, The County Council finds it necessary to amend the International
12 Residential Code, now, therefore
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14 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
15 *that the International Residential Code Amendments, Item (25), Anne Arundel County*
16 *Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement, October 1, 2005 (as*
17 *amended) be and is hereby repealed.*
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19 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the International Residential Code
20 Amendments, Items (26) through (34), Anne Arundel County Construction and Property
21 Maintenance Codes Supplement, October 1, 2005 (as amended) are hereby renumbered
22 to be the International Residential Code Amendments, Items (25) through (33),
23 respectively.
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25 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Anne Arundel County Construction
26 and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement, October 1, 2005 (as amended) read as
27 follows:
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29 **CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES SUPPLEMENT**
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31 **INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AMENDMENTS**
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33 The provisions of the 2003 International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family
34 Dwellings are amended, deleted, or corrected as follows and the following provisions
35 shall supersede the part of the text of the 2003 International Residential Code for One-
36 and Two-Family Dwellings as indicated:
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38 (34) AFTER SECTION R324.5, INSERT:
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40 **R325 SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**
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42 R325.1 DEFINITIONS. IN THIS SECTION, "SPRINKLER SYSTEM" HAS THE DEFINITION
43 CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION STANDARDS
44 NFPA 13, NFPA 13D OR NFPA 13R.
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46 R325.2 REQUIRED. A SPRINKLER SYSTEM SHALL BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED
47 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF NFPA 13, NFPA 13D, OR
48 NFPA 13R, AS APPLICABLE, IN ALL NEW ONE- OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS,
49 TOWNHOMES, AND FIRST-OCCUPANCY MANUFACTURED HOMES.

1 R325.3 EXCEPTIONS. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO:
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3 R325.3.1 CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, REPLACEMENT OR
4 REPAIR TO A BUILDING UNLESS A BUILDING IS DEMOLISHED OR DESTROYED
5 AND REPLACED, OR THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT,
6 REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR CONSTITUTES SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT, AS
7 THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN § 16-1-101 OF THE COUNTY CODE;
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9 R325.3.2 NON-HABITABLE STRUCTURES;
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11 R325.3.3 NEW BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED ON LOTS WHERE THE WATER AND
12 SEWER PLANS RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL PRIOR TO
13 JANUARY 1, 2009 ~~OR THE WATER SUPPLY OR PRESSURE WILL NOT SUPPORT A~~
14 ~~SPRINKLER SYSTEM AS DEFINED BY THE COUNTY; AND~~
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16 R325.3.4 BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1,
17 2009 FOR ~~BUILDINGS~~ DWELLINGS TO BE SERVED BY A PRIVATE WELL.
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19 SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
20 from the date it becomes law.