

**THE CITY OF FREDERICK
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

ORDINANCE NO: G-06-24

AN ORDINANCE concerning: residential sprinkler systems

FOR THE PURPOSE of amending the Code of the City of Frederick, 1966, as amended, to require that new residential occupancies be equipped with automatic fire sprinkler systems

BY ADDING Chapter 9, Section 9-1.2, entitled “Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems in New Residential Occupancies”

SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK that the Code of the City of Frederick, 1966, as amended, Chapter 9, entitled “Fire Protection”, be amended by adding Sec. 9-1.2 to read:

Sec. 9-1.2. Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems in New Residential Occupancies.

(a) Scope. Except as provided in subsection (d), this section applies to every residential occupancy, as defined in the NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code, for which a building permit application is submitted on or after October 1, 2006, including a residential occupancy constructed as a replacement for a residential occupancy which has been razed or destroyed.

(b) General requirement. Every new residential occupancy must be equipped with an interior automatic sprinkler system. The City will not issue a Certificate of Occupancy for any residential occupancy unless this requirement has been met.

(c) Installation and maintenance. Every automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with this section shall be installed and maintained in accordance with accepted engineering practices and the applicable NFPA standards.

(d) Exceptions. The requirements set forth in subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to:

(1) Any residential occupancy in existence before October 1, 2006 or for which a building permit has been submitted before October 1, 2006;

(2) The refurbishment, renovation, addition, or alteration of a residential occupancy in existence as of October 1, 2006; or

(3) Any residential occupancy located on a lot for which a ¾-inch water line was installed from the street to the property line before October 1, 2006 in accordance with improvement plans approved by the City. This subsection (d)(3) shall be effective as to a residential occupancy for which a building permit application is submitted before July 1, 2007, and shall be of no further legal effect on or after July 1, 2007.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN THAT in the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence clause or part of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the City that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN THAT this Ordinance shall take effect on October 1, 2006, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall as of that date be repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

WILLIAM J. HOLTZINGER, Mayor

WILLIAM J. HOLTZINGER, President,
Board of Aldermen

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Legal Department