

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 10-0437

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Branch, Young, Henry, Middleton, Conaway, Spector
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: June 17, 2010

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Residential Code – Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems

FOR the purpose of requiring automatic fire sprinkler systems in certain newly constructed ~~or substantially rehabbed~~ townhouses and other dwellings; ~~providing certain exceptions;~~ repealing superceded provisions; establishing a special effective date; and generally relating to sprinkler systems in residences.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments
Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes
Section(s) 10-102 (IRC § 102.5)
Baltimore City Revised Code
(Edition 2000)

BY adding
Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes
Section(s) 10-102 (IRC § 313A)
Baltimore City Revised Code
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing
Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes
Section(s) 10-102 (IRC Appendix P)
Baltimore City Revised Code
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Revised Code

Article – Building, Fire, and Related Codes

Part X. International Residential Code

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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§ 10-102. City modifications.

The additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications adopted by the City are as follows:

Chapter 1. Administration

SECTION 102 APPLICABILITY

102.5 Appendices adopted. The provisions of the following appendices are adopted as part of this Code:

1. Appendix E: “Manufactured Housing Used as Dwellings”.
2. Appendix F: “Radon Control Methods”.
3. Appendix G: “Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs”.
4. Appendix H: “Patio Covers”.
5. Appendix I: “Private Sewage Disposal”.
6. Appendix K: “Sound Transmission”.
7. Appendix M: “Home Day Care – R-3 Occupancy”.
8. Appendix O: “Gray Water Recycling Systems”.
- [9. Appendix P: “Sprinkling”.]

Chapter 3. Building Planning

SECTION 313A AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

313A.1 AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS REQUIRED. AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM MUST BE INSTALLED IN ANY NEW ~~OR RENOVATED~~:

1. TOWNHOUSE, OR
2. 1- OR 2-FAMILY DWELLING.

~~**EXCEPTIONS:** AN AUTOMATIC RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM IS NOT REQUIRED WHEN WORK IS DONE ON AN EXISTING RESIDENCE THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN AUTOMATIC RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLED IF:~~

- ~~1. THE WORK IS AN ADDITION THAT ADDS LESS THAN 30% TO THE GROSS FLOOR AREA (AS DEFINED IN ZONING CODE § 1-304) OF THE RESIDENCE, OR~~
- ~~2. THE WORK IS AN ALTERATION THAT AFFECTS LESS THAN 30% OF THE GROSS FLOOR AREA (AS DEFINED IN ZONING CODE § 1-304) OF THE RESIDENCE.~~

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1 **313A.2 313A.1.1 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION.** AUTOMATIC RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER
2 SYSTEMS FOR TOWNHOUSES AND 1- AND 2-FAMILY DWELLINGS MUST BE DESIGNED AND
3 INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUILDING CODE § 903.3.

4 **312A.3 313A.2 DPW REGULATIONS.** IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS REGULATIONS, THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MUST REQUIRE MINIMUM SERVICE SIZES FOR WATER LINES
6 AND METERS FOR BUILDINGS WITH SPRINKLERS.

7 **Appendix P. Sprinkling**
8 *{NOT ADOPTED}*

9 **[Section 101 Fire Sprinklers**

10 **101.1 General.** An approved automatic fire sprinkler system must be installed in
11 townhouses, as required by State law. In accordance with its regulations, the Department of
12 Public works must require minimum service sizes for water lines and meters for buildings
13 with sprinklers.]

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
15 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
16 Ordinance.

17 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance does not apply to work
18 done under a permit issued on or before the effective date of this Ordinance.

19 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on ~~the 30th day~~
20 ~~after the date it is enacted~~ July 1, 2010.

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Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City