



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 10-0437 **Version:** 0 **Name:** Residential Code - Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems
Type: Ordinance **Status:** Enacted
File created: 1/11/2010 **In control:** City Council
On agenda: **Final action:** 6/24/2010
Enactment date: **Enactment #:** 10-338
Title: 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newly constructed or substantially rehabbed townhouses and other dwellings; providing certain exceptions; repealing superceded provisions; and generally relating to sprinkler systems in residences.

Sponsors: Mary Pat Clarke, Warren Branch, President Young, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Belinda Conaway, Rochelle Spector

Indexes: Code, Fire Sprinkler Systems, Residential

Code sections:

Attachments: 1. 10-0437 - 1st Reader.pdf, 2. BDC - 10-0437.pdf, 3. Fire - 10-0437.pdf, 4. DPW - 10-0437.pdf, 5. Law - 10-0437.pdf, 6. HCD - 10-0437.pdf, 7. 10-0437 - 3rd Reader.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
6/24/2010	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
6/21/2010	0	City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
6/17/2010	0	City Council	Advanced to 3rd Rdr., Adopted Comm. Report	
6/17/2010	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably with Amendment	
6/17/2010	0	City Council	Amended	
5/3/2010	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
1/14/2010	0	The City Council	Referred for a Report	
1/14/2010	0	The City Council	Referred for a Report	
1/14/2010	0	The City Council	Referred for a Report	
1/14/2010	0	The City Council	Referred for a Report	
1/14/2010	0	The City Council	Referred for a Report	
1/11/2010	0	City Council	Assigned	
1/11/2010	0	City Council	Introduced	

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

* WARNING: THIS IS AN UNOFFICIAL, INTRODUCTORY COPY OF THE BILL.
THE OFFICIAL COPY CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IS THE FIRST READER COPY.
INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke and Branch

A BILL ENTITLED

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newly constructed or substantially rehabbed townhouses and other dwellings; providing certain exceptions; repealing superceded provisions; and generally relating to sprinkler systems in residences.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

§ 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.

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

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

Appendix P. Sprinkling
{NOT ADOPTED}

[Section 101 Fire Sprinklers

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

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

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

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

dlr09-0960(2)~intro/06Jan10
BFR/Sprinkler/tw:aa

dlr09-0960(2)~intro/06Jan10
??2??
BFR/Sprinkler/tw:aa