

1 **..Title**

2 **Fire Prevention Code – Sprinkler Systems** – For the purpose of requiring property owners to  
3 install sprinkler systems; encouraging property owners to solicit bids from licensed minority  
4 business enterprises; identifying loan eligibility requirements under the sprinkler assistance  
5 revolving fund; clarifying costs that may be funded; establishing a loan amount; identifying loan  
6 repayment criteria; setting a date for sprinkler installation compliance; identifying the  
7 responsibility of applicable property owners; identifying the appropriate body for appeals; and  
8 generally relating to the Fire Prevention Code.

9 **..Body**

10 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
11 **City of Annapolis**

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13 **Ordinance 1-22**

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15 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Tierney and Alderwoman Pindell Charles**  
16 **Co-sponsored by:**

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18 **Referred to**  
19 **Economic Matters Committee**  
20 **Finance Committee**

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23 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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25 **Fire Prevention Code – Sprinkler Systems**

26  
27 **FOR** the purpose of requiring property owners to install sprinkler systems; encouraging property  
28 owners to solicit bids from licensed minority business enterprises; identifying loan  
29 eligibility requirements under the sprinkler assistance revolving fund; clarifying costs that  
30 may be funded; establishing a loan amount; identifying loan repayment criteria; setting a  
31 date for sprinkler installation compliance; identifying the responsibility of applicable  
32 property owners; identifying the appropriate body for appeals; and generally relating to the  
33 Fire Prevention Code.

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35 **BY** repealing and re-enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City  
36 of Annapolis, 2022 Edition  
37 6.04.130  
38 17.20.020  
39 17.20.030  
40 17.20.050  
41 17.20.060  
42 17.20.070  
43 17.20.080  
44 17.20.090  
45 17.20.100  
46 17.20.110

1 17.20.120  
2 17.20.150  
3 17.20.160  
4 17.20.170

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6 **BY** repealing and re-enacting without amendments the following portions of the Code of the  
7 City of Annapolis, 2022 Edition  
8 17.20.010

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10 **BY** adding the following portions to the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2022 Edition  
11 17.20.040  
12 17.20.130  
13 17.20.140

14  
15 **BY:** renumbering the following portions of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2022 Edition  
16 17.20.050  
17 17.20.060  
18 17.20.070  
19 17.20.080  
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21 17.20.100  
22 17.20.110  
23 17.20.120  
24 17.20.150  
25 17.20.160  
26 17.20.170

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29 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**  
30 **COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

31  
32 **6.04.130 Property tax credit—Installation of fire sprinklers.**

- 33  
34 A. A taxpayer may receive a one-time property tax credit against the general City property tax  
35 for an existing residential structure he or she owns in which a fire sprinkler system is legally  
36 required to be installed, if an approved fire sprinkler system is installed on or after July 1,  
37 2009.  
38 B. For an existing residential structure OR A COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE THAT  
39 INCLUDES A LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL UNIT where a sprinkler system is installed,  
40 the taxpayer shall receive a one-time credit for up to the total amount of the property tax to be  
41 paid in the year the system is installed. If the cost of the sprinkler system is less than the total  
42 amount of property tax to be paid in the year the system is installed, the taxpayer is only  
43 eligible for a one-time credit that shall not exceed the cost of the sprinkler system installed.  
44 C. The Department of Finance shall administer this credit and include with each residential  
45 property tax bill a notice of the availability of the credit and where the taxpayer may obtain  
46 more information.

- 1 D. A taxpayer must apply for the tax credit during the year the sprinkler system is installed to  
2 receive the credit in the current or following tax year. The taxpayer must:
- 3 1. Show that the installed sprinkler system complies with standards established by the State  
4 Fire Prevention Commission and any applicable City and County building and fire safety  
5 codes;
  - 6 2. Provide documentation of the cost to the taxpayer for installation of the sprinkler system.
- 7 E. The Finance Director shall report annually to the City Council on the application of this tax  
8 credit.

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10 **Title 17 – BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION**

11 **Chapter 17.20 – FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

12  
13 **Section 17.20.010 - Uniform Fire Code adopted.**

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15 The National Fire Protection Association Uniform Fire Code 1 as referenced, amended,  
16 and promulgated by the State Fire Prevention Commission is adopted by the City of Annapolis.

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18 **17.20.020 - Life Safety Code adopted and amended.**

19  
20 The National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code 101 as referenced, amended,  
21 and promulgated by the State Fire Prevention Commission is adopted by the City of Annapolis,  
22 SUBJECT TO AMENDMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS CHAPTER.

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24 **17.20.030 - Life Safety Code amended.**

25  
26 The National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code 101 ADOPTED BY SECTION  
27 17.20.020 ~~as referenced, amended, and promulgated by the State Fire Prevention Commission is~~  
28 ~~adopted by the City of Annapolis and~~ is amended to add the following:

- 29
- 30 A. The occupant load of an assembly occupancy ~~shall~~ MAY not be exceeded.
  - 31 B. Fire sprinkler systems installed in accordance with National Fire Protection Association  
32 StandardS 13D OR 13R ~~are required to~~ SHALL pass a "bucket test" to ensure that the  
33 actual performance of the system meets or exceeds the hydraulic calculation of the  
34 system.
  - 35 C. Fire sprinkler systems installed in accordance with National Fire Protection Association  
36 Standard 13 or 13R shall have an exterior audible device located above the Fire  
37 Department connection initiated by the flow switch, unless otherwise approved.
  - 38 D. Fire sprinkler systems installed in accordance with National Fire Protection Association  
39 Standard 13 or 13R shall be monitored by an approved listed remote monitoring company  
40 for water flowS and tamperS, unless otherwise approved.
  - 41 ~~E. For the purpose of determining the applicability of National Fire Protection Association~~  
42 ~~Standard 13R, all levels of a building including levels below grade shall be counted as a~~  
43 ~~story.~~
  - 44 EE. Pier standpipe systems installed in accordance with National Fire Protection Association  
45 Standards 14 and 303 shall be designed with a fire hose valve at the pier land intersection.
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1 ~~17.20.050~~17.20.040 - Inspections.

2  
3 A. **ENTRY AND EXAMINATION.** THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO SINGLE-  
4 FAMILY DWELLINGS OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS. OTHERWISE, ~~To~~TO the full  
5 FULLEST extent permitted by law, the Fire Department shall have the ~~authorization~~  
6 AUTHORITY to enter and examine, at all reasonable times, any building, structure, marine  
7 vessel, vehicle, or premises for the purpose of making fire safety inspections.

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9 ~~Exception. One and two family dwelling units.~~

10  
11 B. **CREDENTIALS REQUIRED.** Persons ~~authorized to~~ WHO enter and inspect ~~buildings,~~  
12 ~~structures, marine vessels, vehicles and premises as herein set forth in this code~~ AS  
13 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION A shall be identified by credentials issued by the Fire  
14 Department.

15  
16 C. **TRAINING.** Fire Department personnel responsible for administering and enforcing this  
17 ~~code~~ CODE shall be trained to a minimum level of Fire Inspector I in accordance with the  
18 National Fire Protection Association Standard 1031 Professional Qualifications for Fire  
19 Inspector and Plans Examiner.

20  
21 ~~D. **Timing of inspections.** The Fire Department will periodically inspect all buildings and~~  
22 ~~structures as herein set forth in this code on a schedule derived from life safety and fire risk~~  
23 ~~assessment. Within~~ IN the Historic District, all commercial buildings shall be inspected at  
24 least once a year by qualified personnel of the Fire Department.

25  
26 ~~E.D.~~ **ORDERS.** The Fire Department shall have the authority to order any person(s) to remove  
27 or remedy conditions that are in violation of this ~~code~~CODE. ~~Any~~A person(s) failing WHO  
28 FAILS to comply with ~~such~~ AN order ISSUED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ~~shall be~~  
29 in violation of this ~~code~~ CODE.

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31 ~~17.20.060~~17.20.050 - Permit—When Required.

32  
33 Permits are required ~~for~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 1 AND FOR THE  
34 INSTALLATION OR MODIFICATION OF KITCHEN HOODS OR EXHAUST DUCTS.

35  
36 A. ~~Kindling or maintaining an open fire, conducting open burning;~~

37 B. ~~Outdoor dumpsters for trash, garbage, debris all uses, all locations, covered or~~  
38 ~~uncovered;~~

39 C. ~~Installation or modification of any fire sprinkler system or fire standpipe system;~~

40 D. ~~Installation or modification of any automatic fire suppression system;~~

41 E. ~~Installation or modification of any fire alarm and detection system and/or related~~  
42 ~~equipment;~~

43 F. ~~Use of flame effects before an audience;~~

44 G. ~~The display and use of pyrotechnic materials before a proximate audience;~~

45 H. ~~Fireworks displays;~~

- 1 I. ~~Hot work processes such as welding and allied processes, heat treating, hot~~  
 2 ~~riveting, thawing pipe, and other similar applications producing a spark, flame, or~~  
 3 ~~heat;~~  
 4 J. ~~The use of a torch for application of roofing materials;~~  
 5 K. ~~Conducting a spraying or dipping operation utilizing flammable or combustible~~  
 6 ~~liquids or powder coating; for installation or modification of any spray room,~~  
 7 ~~spray booth, or preparation work station.~~  
 8 1. ~~Exception. Portable grills, ovens and similar devices do not require a permit.~~  
 9 2. ~~Exception. Hot work processes performed under a use and occupancy permit~~  
 10 ~~do not require a separate permit.~~  
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12 **~~17.20.070~~ 17.20.060 - Permit—Application—Fee—Start of work.**

13  
 14 A. **APPLICATION FEE.** ~~A person installing or erecting an item or engaging in any activity for~~  
 15 ~~which a permit is required under this chapter shall apply for and receive the permit before~~  
 16 ~~initiation of the work. The Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning or his or her~~  
 17 ~~designee shall receive a written application for each permit and a permit fee as established by~~  
 18 ~~resolution of the City Council. A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN AN ACTIVITY FOR~~  
 19 ~~WHICH A PERMIT IS REQUIRED UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL OBTAIN, PRIOR~~  
 20 ~~TO THE INITIATION OF ANY WORK, A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF~~  
 21 ~~PLANNING AND ZONING AND PAY THE PERMIT FEE ESTABLISHED BY~~  
 22 ~~RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.~~

23  
 24 B. **COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.** A permit is valid for work commenced within a period  
 25 of ~~one hundred twenty~~ 120 days after issuance.; ~~otherwise, it~~ IF WORK IS NOT  
 26 COMMENCED WITHIN 120 DAYS, THE PERMIT is void and of no effect.  
 27

28 **~~17.20.080~~ 17.20.070- Permit—Term—Display—INSPECTION.**

29  
 30 ~~Each~~ A permit under this chapter shall be for ~~periods~~ A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED ONE  
 31 YEAR, UNLESS EXTENDED BY as the Fire Chief ~~determines, not to exceed one year.~~ The  
 32 permit at all times shall be kept on the premises designated in the permit and THE PREMISES  
 33 ARE at all times ~~is~~ subject to inspection by ~~any officer of~~ the Fire Department or THE Police  
 34 Department.  
 35

36 **~~17.20.090~~ 17.20.080 - Sprinkler contractor license – ~~Required~~ MINORITY BUSINESS**  
 37 **ENTERPRISES.**

38  
 39 A. **LICENSE.** ~~No~~ A person ~~shall do~~ MAY NOT DO ANY work in the City as a sprinkler  
 40 contractor without first applying for and receiving a license of the appropriate class from the  
 41 State Fire Marshal's Office.  
 42

43 B. **MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.** PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF  
 44 ANNAPOLIS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SOLICIT BIDS FROM LICENSED MINORITY  
 45 BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.  
 46

1 ~~17.20.100~~ **17.20.090 - Plan review and fire inspection fees.**

2  
3 THE FEES FOR ~~Plan~~ PLAN review; to ensure compliance with applicable Fire Prevention  
4 Codes, and FOR fire ~~inspection fees~~ INSPECTIONS shall be established by resolution of the City  
5 Council.  
6

7 ~~17.20.110~~ **17.20.100 – Re-inspection fees.**

8  
9 ~~A~~ A fee, as established by resolution of the City Council, ~~must~~ SHALL be paid before  
10 ~~another~~ A RE-inspection is made if, for the original inspection, one or more of the following  
11 occurred:  
12

- 13 1. THE REQUESTING ~~Requesting~~ party called for AN inspection, but THE  
14 work was not ready;
- 15 2. THE REQUESTING ~~Requesting~~ party was not on site;
- 16 3. THE BUILDING ~~Building~~ was locked;
- 17 4. Safety features WERE not on site;
- 18 5. Approved drawings WERE not on site.
- 19 6.        THE REQUIRED TEST OR INSPECTION WAS NOT DEEMED AS PASSING.

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21 ~~17.20.160~~ **17.20.110 - Sprinkler and ~~Electrical Assistance Revolving Funds~~ FUND.**

22  
23 A. **Purpose.** The Director of Finance shall establish and maintain a Sprinkler Assistance  
24 Revolving Fund ~~and an Electrical Assistance Revolving Fund~~ and necessary procedures for  
25 the purpose of encouraging the installation of sprinklers ~~and upgrading of electrical systems~~  
26 in ~~older~~ EXISTING buildings so as to increase the safety of residents, FIRE FIGHTERS AND  
27 FIRST RESPONDERS, ~~and to~~ minimize damage resulting from fire, and ~~to~~ allow greater  
28 utilization of currently vacant or underutilized space. The Sprinkler Assistance Revolving  
29 Fund will operate by making low cost loans to developers or property owners of ~~older~~  
30 EXISTING buildings that do not ~~currently~~ have sprinkler systems installed at the time of AN  
31 application. ~~The Electrical Assistance Revolving Fund will operate by making low cost loans~~  
32 ~~to developers or property owners of older buildings in the Historic District that do not~~  
33 ~~currently have modern electrical systems installed at the time of application.~~  
34

35 B. **Financing of Revolving Fund.** ~~Through the normal City budgeting and amendment process,~~  
36 ~~funds FUNDS are authorized IN THE BUDGET FOR to be allocated to the SPRINKLER~~  
37 ~~Assistance Revolving Funds from the General Fund. Funds FUND may be made available for~~  
38 ~~eligible COSTS purposes during any budget year. As loans are repaid back into the respective~~  
39 ~~funds, those amounts become available for new loans. At no time may the total outstanding~~  
40 ~~balance of all loans exceed the total amounts made available in the budget process.~~  
41

42 C. **Interest Rate.** The interest rate to be charged to the borrower is to be one percent per ~~annum~~  
43 YEAR unless otherwise established by resolution of the City Council.  
44

45 **D. THOSE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND. Eligibility.**  
46 Loans may ~~only~~ be made to developers or owners for the rehabilitation of existing commercial

1 or residential buildings. LOANS MAY NOT BE MADE FOR NEW BUILDINGS. ~~Further,~~  
2 ~~loans~~ LOANS may only be made ~~where such~~ WHEN THE loans are part of a funding package  
3 that will result in the affected building being fully sprinkled ~~consistent with Chapter 17.20~~  
4 ~~and/or being fully brought into compliance with electrical requirements in Chapter 17.16.~~  
5 ~~Loans may not be made for new buildings.~~ THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE SHALL GIVE  
6 PRIORITY TO THOSE SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR BUILDINGS THAT INCLUDE  
7 LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL UNITS.

8  
9 **E. COSTS THAT MAY BE FUNDED USING THE REVOLVING FUND.** Eligible costs  
10 that may be funded ~~with the~~ BY A loan ~~proceeds~~ are limited to ~~the installation of electrical~~  
11 ~~systems in the Historic District for the Electrical Assistance Revolving Fund, and~~ COSTS  
12 DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE installation of sprinklers, including labor and materials and  
13 hook-up to the City water supply ~~for the Sprinkler Assistance Revolving Fund.~~ LESS ANY  
14 CITY PROPERTY TAX CREDITS FOR WHICH THE PROPERTY OWNER MAY BE  
15 ELIGIBLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.04.130 AND 6.04.230 OF THIS CODE.

16  
17 **F. LOAN AMOUNTS.** A LOAN AMOUNT MAY NOT EXCEED \$20,000, EXCEPT FOR  
18 APPLICANTS THAT RETAIN A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE) TO  
19 INSTALL NO LESS THAN 30% OF THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM. THE MBE SHALL BE  
20 CERTIFIED BY THE OFFICE OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, A DIVISION  
21 OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. APPLICANTS WHO  
22 APPLY FOR A MBE LOAN MUST PROVIDE PROOF TO THE DIRECTOR OF  
23 FINANCE OF THE WORK PERFORMED ON THE PROJECT BY THE MBE. THE MBE  
24 LOAN AMOUNT MAY NOT EXCEED \$25,000.

25  
26 **EG. Loan Approval.** THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
27 CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MAY APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A  
28 LOAN, IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE APPLICATION IS ~~Applications that are~~  
29 complete and ~~meet~~ MEETS all appropriate requirements. ~~may be approved by the Director of~~  
30 Finance on a first come, first served basis. ~~If the loans requested in complete applications in~~  
31 ~~hand exceed the amount available for new loans, the applications shall be ranked by age of~~  
32 ~~building, location of building, historical significance, and other relevant factors as determined~~  
33 ~~by the Director of Finance. A loan may be recalled by the Director of Finance if the Chief of~~  
34 ~~the Fire Department and/or the Director of Planning and Zoning find that any element of the~~  
35 ~~rehabilitation of the building for which a sprinkler or electrical loan is requested is not in~~  
36 compliance with applicable provisions of the City Code.

37  
38 **FH. Loan Disbursement.** Upon issuance of ~~the building~~ A FIRE permit ~~by the Department of~~  
39 ~~Planning and Zoning,~~ the Director of Finance may disburse the funds for the approved loan to  
40 the borrower. The borrower ~~must~~ SHALL request disbursement of the loan within one year of  
41 notification of loan approval unless the Chief of the Fire Department ~~and/or~~ the Director of  
42 Planning and Zoning ~~find~~ FINDS that the delay in the borrower's request for disbursement is  
43 not due to factors under the borrower's control.

44  
45 **GI. Repayment.** THE BORROWER SHALL REPAY ~~Repayment of the loan by the borrower~~  
46 ~~will be made on a monthly basis~~ according to terms and procedures established by the Director

1 of Finance. ~~A~~ THE TERM OF THE loan ~~period~~ may not exceed five years from the date the  
 2 funds are disbursed to the borrower. ~~However, if~~ IF the property for which the loan is made is  
 3 TRANSFERRED BEFORE THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST HAS  
 4 BEEN REPAID, ~~sold within the loan period, then~~ the outstanding PRINCIPAL, INTEREST,  
 5 AND ANY ACCUMULATED LATE FEES AND PENALTIES ~~balance of the loan on the~~  
 6 ~~date of sale must~~ SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY DUE AND PAYABLE AND SHALL BE  
 7 FULLY REPAID AT OR BEFORE THE TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY. ~~be repaid~~  
 8 ~~within thirty days~~ The amount of the outstanding ~~balance of the~~ loan shall be secured by a lien  
 9 ~~placed upon~~ ON the property and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as real  
 10 property taxes. THE BORROWER SHALL BE IN DEFAULT ON THE LOAN FOR  
 11 FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE TERMS ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR OF  
 12 FINANCE, AND ALL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST AMOUNTS OWED SHALL BE  
 13 IMMEDIATELY DUE AND PAYABLE. THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE MAY ALSO  
 14 FIND THE BORROWER IN DEFAULT, AND ALL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST  
 15 AMOUNTS SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY DUE AND PAYABLE IF THE CHIEF OF THE  
 16 FIRE DEPARTMENT OR THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ZONING FINDS THAT  
 17 ANY ELEMENT OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE BUILDING IS NOT IN  
 18 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CODE.  
 19

20 ~~17.20.170~~ **17.20.120 Fire suppression SPRINKLER systems in the Historic District.**

21  
 22 A. **Applicability.** ~~This section applies only to any buildings and structures in the Historic District~~  
 23 ~~are subject to the requirement of a building permit issued by the City of Annapolis.~~ ALL  
 24 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS LOCATED ON MAIN STREET OR FRANCIS STREET IN  
 25 THE HISTORIC DISTRICT THAT ARE ADJACENT TO EXISTING UNDERGROUND  
 26 LATERAL LINES ARE REQUIRED TO BE SPRINKLERED NO LATER THAN FIVE  
 27 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE. ANY COMMERCIAL  
 28 BUILDING WITHIN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS THAT SUBSEQUENTLY BENEFITS  
 29 FROM THE INSTALLATION OF ADJACENT UNDERGROUND LATERAL LINES  
 30 AFTER THE DATE OF PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE SPRINKLERED  
 31 NO LATER THAN THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE LATERAL LINE  
 32 INSTALLATION.  
 33

34 B. **REQUIREMENT TO HAVE FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM.** ~~All new construction and all~~  
 35 ~~renovations which have a value of at least ten percent of the assessed value of the existing~~  
 36 ~~building or structure are subject to the requirement that upon completion of construction or~~  
 37 ~~renovation, there will have been installed a fully functioning interior fire suppression system~~  
 38 ~~throughout the structure. For purposes of this section, "renovation" includes an addition to the~~  
 39 ~~existing structure. The term "value" does not include the cost of the fire suppression system.~~  
 40 ~~In applying for a building permit, the owner shall submit plans for an appropriate interior fire~~  
 41 ~~suppression system which will be capable of containing a fire until the fire suppression~~  
 42 ~~personnel can respond and extinguish the fire. When activated, the system shall immediately~~  
 43 ~~and automatically alert a monitoring service of the occurrence of a fire and the location of the~~  
 44 ~~structure. The proposed fire suppression system shall be one which can be installed with the~~  
 45 ~~least damage to the existing interior fabric and still perform the intended function. The plans~~  
 46 ~~shall be approved by the Fire Chief. In consultation with the Historic Preservation Officer,~~



1 ~~the Fire Chief shall interior fire suppression systems which meet recognized national~~  
 2 ~~standards. These regulations shall be posted on the City's website. The recognition of specific~~  
 3 ~~interior fire suppression systems does not preclude an owner from proposing a system which~~  
 4 ~~is not the subject of the regulation nor does it preclude the Fire Chief from approving the~~  
 5 ~~proposed system. This section shall not take effect until the State and/or Federal governments~~  
 6 ~~have enacted legislation which grants a credit against income tax liability for at least seventy-~~  
 7 ~~five percent of the cost of installing an appropriate fire suppression system. ALL~~  
 8 BUILDINGS TO WHICH THIS SECTION APPLIES SHALL HAVE A FULLY  
 9 FUNCTIONING INTERIOR FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM. WHEN ACTIVATED, THE  
 10 SYSTEM SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND AUTOMATICALLY ALERT A MONITORING  
 11 SERVICE.  
 12

13 **C. PLANS.** IN APPLYING FOR A PERMIT, THE OWNER SHALL SUBMIT PLANS FOR  
 14 THE APPLICABLE SPRINKLER SYSTEM SPECIFIED IN THE BUILDING CODE,  
 15 SUBJECT TO NFPA REVIEW, AN ALTERNATE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM MAY BE  
 16 APPROVED IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINE'S THAT A WET SPRINKLER  
 17 SYSTEM CANNOT BE INSTALLED WITHOUT JEOPARDISING ANY HISTORIC  
 18 COMPONENTS AND THE EXISTING FABRIC OF THE BUILDING. APPLICATIONS  
 19 TO INSTALL ALTERNATE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO  
 20 RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE SPRINKLER REVOLVING FUND.  
 21

22 **D. RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPERTY OWNER.** THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL PAY  
 23 FOR INSTALLATION OF THE ENTIRE FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE  
 24 LATERAL FROM THE WATER MAIN INTO THE BUILDING. FOR PURPOSES OF  
 25 THIS CHAPTER, ALL TAPPING OF WATER MAINS SHALL BE PERFORMED IN  
 26 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 16.04.010 OF THE CITY CODE.  
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28 ~~17.20.120~~**17.20.130 - Fire Prevention Code violation.**

- 29
- 30 A. A violation of any provision of this chapter is declared a municipal infraction subject to a civil  
 31 fine as established by resolution of the City Council. Each day that a violation continues  
 32 constitutes a separate offense.  
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- 34 B. It is unlawful to ignore or deface a stop work order, unsafe order, or unfit order issued by the  
 35 Code Official.  
 36

37 ~~17.20.150~~**17.20.140 – Appeals to the State Fire Prevention Commission BUILDING BOARD**  
 38 **OF APPEALS.**

39

40 ~~A.~~ A person aggrieved by a decision of the Fire Chief under this chapter may appeal  
 41 the decision within ~~thirty~~ 30 days after the decision to the Board of Building Appeals, ~~as provided~~  
 42 ~~for in Article II of Chapter 2.48 of this code.~~  
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45 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**  
 46 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that sections 17.20.050 through 17.20.110, respectively, be

1 renumbered to be 17.20.040 through 17.20.100, sections 17.20.160 and 17.20.170, respectively,  
2 be renumbered to be 17.20.110 and 17.20.120, and sections 17.20.120 and 17.20.150, respectively,  
3 be renumbered to be 17.20.130 and 17.20.140.

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5 **SECTION III: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**  
6 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the catchlines or captions contained in this ordinance are  
7 not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as part of this ordinance.

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9 **SECTION IV: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**  
10 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the publisher of the Code of the City of Annapolis, in  
11 consultation with and subject to the approval of the City of Annapolis Office of Law, shall correct,  
12 with no further action required by the City Council, cross-referenced and terminology rendered  
13 incorrect by this ordinance. The publisher shall adequately describe any correction that is made  
14 in an editor's note following the section affected.

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16 **SECTION V: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**  
17 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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20 **Explanation:**

21 UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.

22 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

23 Underlining indicates amendments.

24