



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

O-32-24

Fire Sprinkler System Requirement Clarification

This summary was prepared by the City of Annapolis Office of Law for use by members of the Annapolis City Council during consideration of the legislation.

BILL SUMMARY

In 2022, the City Council passed a requirement that commercial buildings on Main Street and Francis Street in downtown Annapolis' historic district must have fire suppression systems installed by February 28, 2029.

O-32-24 makes the following changes to the Fire Sprinkler Systems section of the City Code.

Subsection A:

- Clarifies that any building on Main Street or Frances Street with "any portion of commercial use" must abide by these requirements.
- Adds the deadline date in the City Code.

Subsection B:

- Requires fire sprinkler system monitoring systems to comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

Subsection C:

- Allows a representative to apply for a permit on behalf of the building owner.
- Allows the City to use National Fire Protection Association and International Building Code standards to analyze the building owner's proposed sprinkler system before issuing the permit.

Subsection D:

- Requires building owners to extend the fire sprinkler system to protect the system's monitoring components.

Generally:

- Reformats the section to comply with the current legislative writing style.