

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM REQUIREMENT IN NEW
TOWNHOUSES AND ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN
WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND**

The Worcester County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to receive comment on the requirement for the installation of Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems in Townhouses and One and Two Family Dwellings constructed after January 1, 2011. This requirement for in-home fire sprinklers is contained in the 2009 International Residential Code (Building Code), Section R313-Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems as incorporated in the Maryland Building Performance Standards (MBPS). In accordance with State Law, the MBPS became effective in all local jurisdictions as of July 1, 2010. However, the Maryland Building Performance Standards as contained in Section 05.02.07.05 B.(1)(a) of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) allows local governments to modify the provisions of the Maryland Building Performance Standards to address conditions peculiar to the local jurisdiction. Unless amended by the County Commissioners, the requirement for in-home fire sprinklers will automatically become effective on January 1, 2011 pursuant to Section 05.02.07.06 of COMAR. The County Commissioners will consider adopting a local amendment to modify the provisions of the MBPS with respect to in-home fire sprinklers after a:

PUBLIC HEARING

on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

at **10:40 A.M.** in the

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM

Room 1101- Government Center

One West Market Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863

Copies of the State regulations and pertinent sections of the International Residential Code are available at the offices of the Department of Development Review and Permitting in Room 1201 Worcester County Government Center, 1 West Market Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863 or at the County's Isle of Wight satellite office facilities located at 13070 St. Martins Neck Road, Bishopville, during normal business hours. The pertinent COMAR Regulations may also be found online at:

<http://mdcodes.umbc.edu/dhcd2/MBPS%20-%20PDF%20-%20COMAR%2005.02.07%20-%20January%204,%202010.doc.pdf>

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the hearing and express their views on this matter. Both written and oral testimony will be accepted.

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS