

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

2007 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. : December 4, 2007

Bill No.: 1112

Expiration Date: February 7, 2008

Introduced by: Mr. Pack

A BILL TO AMEND TALBOT COUNTY CODE § 28-5 B, AS ADOPTED BY BILL NO. 1106, CLARIFYING THE EFFECTIVE DATES OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF INTERIOR AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE THEM APPLICABLE TO APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING PERMITS FOR NEW ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS FILED AFTER MARCH 1, 2008, TO MAKE THEM APPLICABLE TO APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING PERMITS FOR ALTERATIONS FILED AFTER JULY 1, 2009, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO FIRE SPRINKLERS FOR RESIDENTIAL ONE AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCES

By the Council: December 4, 2007

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bradley Meeting Room, Talbot County Court House, South Wing, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By Order _____
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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SECTION ONE: BE IT ENACTED BY the County Council of Talbot County, Maryland, that Chapter 28, Section 28-5 B. Talbot County Code, entitled, “Building Construction” shall be and is hereby amended as set forth below:

KEY	
Boldface	Heading or defined term.
<u>Underlining</u>	Added to existing law by original bill.
Strikethrough	Deleted from existing law by original bill.
<u><u>Double underlining</u></u>	Added to bill by amendment.
<u>Double strikethrough</u>	Deleted from existing law or bill by amendment.
* * *	Existing law or bill unaffected.

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§ 28-5 Interior Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems in New One and Two-Family Residential Construction.

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B. Applicability.

The requirement for interior automatic fire sprinkler systems shall apply to all building permits issued applications for building permits filed after the effective date of this ordinance (March ~~8~~1, 2008) in accordance with the provisions of this section to:

- (1) All new one and two family dwellings, including manufactured homes;
- (2) Additions, remodeling, rehabilitation, restoration, and renovation (herein referred to

collectively as "Alterations") of existing one and two-family dwellings, including manufactured homes, subject to the following limitations and exemptions:

(a) For ~~building permits issued~~ applications for building permits filed prior to July 1, 2009, the Alterations require disturbance of at least sixty five percent (65%) of the gross floor area.

(b) For ~~building permits issued~~ applications for building permits filed on or after July 1, 2009, the Alterations require disturbance of at least fifty percent (50%) of the gross floor area.

(3) In this section, "gross floor area" means the total horizontal area in square feet of all floors within the exterior walls of a building, including habitable or usable basement or attic spaces, but not including vent shafts, unroofed inner courts, or unusable areas below ground or in attics.¹

(4) In this section, disturbance of gross floor area is calculated by adding the total square-foot area of any Alterations, and dividing that total by the existing square foot area of the dwelling prior to the Alterations.

(5) For purposes of this section, disturbance of gross floor area is calculated by including the total square footage of disturbance of gross floor area for all Alterations under all ~~building permits issued~~ applications for building permits filed on or after July 1, 2009, calculated cumulatively.

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SECTION TWO: This Ordinance will take effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date of enactment.

¹ This definition is the existing definition for "Gross Floor Area" in the Talbot County Zoning Ordinance, § 190-14.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time, date, and place of hearing, and Title of Bill No. _____ having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, _____ in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601..

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

ENACTED _____

By Order _____
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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