

# ENROLLED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 2012  
BILL 2012-08

Introduced: July 12, 2012

BY: The Council President at the request of the County Executive.

**AN ACT** to amend Chapter 117 of the Wicomico County Code, titled "Building Construction" Section 117-5, titled "Modifications and amendments to code" to amend the Building Code for Wicomico County to delete the requirement of automatic fire systems in one and two family dwellings as provided in the International Residential Code ("IRC").

WHEREAS, Legislative Bill 2012-05 adopted on June 5, 2012 amended section 117-5 of Chapter 117 of the County Code to adopt the 2009 Edition of the International Building and Residential Codes with modifications pertinent to Wicomico County; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2012 the Director of the Maryland Codes Administration determined that local governments may amend the residential sprinkler system requirements until the Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD) adopts the 2015 International Residential Code during the next building code cycle at which point the sprinkler system requirements become mandatory.

**SECTION I: BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION,** that Chapter 117, Section 117-5, titled "Modifications and amendments to code" be and the same are hereby amended, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 117  
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

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§117-5. Modifications and amendments to code.

The following modifications are made to the International Building Code and the International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings:

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IRC 313 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems.

IRC 313.2 One-and two-family dwellings automatic fire systems. (2009 & 2012 IRC)

DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH AND TEXT OF THE IRC IN ITS ENTIRETY.

R313.2.1 Design and Installation (2009 & 2012 IRC)

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903.2.8 Group R (2009 IBC AND 2012 IBC)

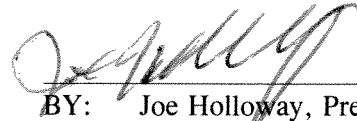
SHALL BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING: PROVIDED HOWEVER R-3 OCCUPANCIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE AN AUTOMATIC FIRE SYSTEM.


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SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2012-08 of Wicomico County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage, unless a proper Petition for Referendum thereof shall be filed prior to said date; in which event, the Bill shall not take effect until the expiration of thirty (30) days following the approval of this Bill by a majority of the qualified voters of the County voting in any such referendum.


Certified correct as passed and adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

  
BY: Joe Holloway, President

  
BY: Edgar A. Baker, Jr., Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that twenty-five (25) copies of the above Bill are available for distribution to the public and press at the time of its introduction.

  
Edgar A. Baker, Jr., Secretary

Explanation:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

~~Strike-out indicates material deleted from law.~~

~~CAPITAL STRIKE OUT~~ indicates matter stricken from Bill by Amendment.

Underlining indicates Amendments to Bill.

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 2012-08

INTRODUCED BY: Council at request of Executive

Legislative Day No. 16

Date: July 12, 2012

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on: August 7, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m.

AN ACT to amend Chapter 117 of the Wicomico County Code, titled "Building Construction" Section 117-5, titled "Modifications and amendments to code" to amend the Building Code for Wicomico County to delete the requirement of automatic fire systems in one and two family dwellings as provided in the International Residential Code ("IRC").

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on August 7, 2012 and concluded on August 7, 2012

Matthew Cream  
Council Administrator

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Bill was Approved and Adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

Matthew Cream  
Council Administrator

Presented to the County Executive for approval this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012 at  
4:34 a.m./p.m.  
(5 days §411)

Matthew Cream  
Council Administrator

**BY THE EXECUTIVE:**

Richard M. Hight  
County Executive

APPROVED

VETOED

Date: Aug. 14, 2012  
(21 days §411)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This Bill having been approved by the County Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on August 14<sup>th</sup> and effective on: October 13, 2012 (60 days §311)

**ENROLLMENT:**

Legislative Bill No. 2012-08 is herewith submitted to the County Council of Wicomico County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Matthew Cream  
Council Administrator  
Date: August 14, 2012

ENROLLED

Joe Kelly  
Council President  
Date: August 14, 2012