

NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF EMERGENCY BILL 16-2
WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Take Notice that Emergency Bill 16-2 (Public Safety - Townhouse Fire Sprinkler Systems) was passed by the County Commissioners on March 15, 2016.

A fair summary of the bill is as follows:

§ PS 1-410(e)(2). (Repeals and reenacts this subsection regarding changes and additions to the State Code with respect to additional regulations regulating automatic fire sprinkler systems in townhouse units to specify that a group of three or more townhouse units shall be considered as a multifamily structure for the purposes of determining the applicable automatic fire sprinkler requirements unless the structure is provided with an automatic audible flow enunciator and an approved exterior fire department connection in which case the townhouse units shall be considered as a one- and two-family dwelling for the purpose of determining the applicable automatic fire sprinkler requirements.)

This bill, having been declared an Emergency Bill, became effective immediately upon its passage.

This is only a fair summary of the bill. A full copy of the bill is posted on the Legislative Bulletin Board in the main hall of the Worcester County Government Center outside Room 1103, is available for public inspection in Room 1103 of the Worcester County Government Center and is available on the County Website at <http://www.co.worcester.md.us/commissioners/legsltn.aspx> .

THE WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

EMERGENCY BILL 16-2

BY: Commissioners Bertino, Bunting, Church, Elder, Lockfaw, Mitrecic and Purnell
INTRODUCED: February 16, 2016

AN EMERGENCY BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT Concerning

Public Safety - Townhouse Fire Sprinkler Systems

For the purpose of amending the Public Safety Article to modify the requirements with regard to automatic fire sprinklers in townhouse units.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsection § PS 1-410(e)(2) of the Public Safety Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other applicable code or regulation, any group of three or more townhouse units shall be considered as a multifamily structure for the purposes of determining the applicable automatic fire sprinkler requirements unless the structure is provided with an automatic audible flow enunciator and an approved exterior fire department connection in which case the townhouse units shall be considered as a one- and two-family dwelling for the purpose of determining the applicable automatic fire sprinkler requirements.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this Bill, having been declared an Emergency Bill, shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED this 15th day of March, 2016.

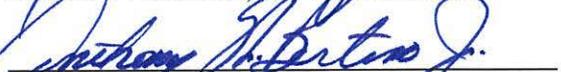
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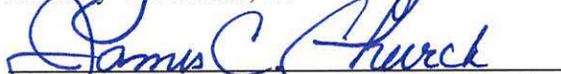

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