



**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
PERMITS AND REVIEW GROUP**

**FIRE PROTECTION BULLETIN
F07-01**

September 24, 2007

SUBJECT: Amendment to the sprinkler requirements for additions and replacement structures.

PURPOSE: This bulletin will amend and clarify information relative to the interpretation and application of code requirements regarding installation of residential sprinklers as outlined in the Prince George's County Building Code, Subtitle 4, Section 4-245, Building Planning; Section R-324, Fire Protection Systems, Item (c).

Authority: This Fire Protection Bulletin is issued by authority granted to the Prince George's County Fire Code Official in Section 4-109 (Duties and Powers of Code Official; Fire Safety Provisions) of the Prince George's County Code. Orders of the State Fire Marshal are by authority of Article 38A, Section 8(a)(3), of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Notification: Effective immediately, this bulletin will amend the Prince George's County Building Code, Subtitle 4, Section 4-245, Building Planning; Section R-324, Fire Protection Systems, Item (c), Section R-324.3 to read as follows: "Sprinklers for Replacement Structures or Additions. Structures that undergo a complete demolition (exclusive of the foundation) due to lack of maintenance, fire, explosion or natural causes of the structure and additions to structures which exceed one hundred (100) percent of the square footage of the existing structure, shall be required to be fully sprinklered." Note that the words "square footage" replaced the word "footprint" originally noted in this Section. This requirement will be stamped on all single family plans submitted for structure replacement or to add an addition.

Responsibilities: Responsibilities shall be as follows:

1. All Department of Environmental Resources (DER) Code Enforcement Supervisors
 - A. A copy of this Fire Protection Bulletin shall be disseminated to all code enforcement personnel in accordance with Fire Protection Bulletin F97-01.
2. DER Engineering Personnel
 - A. All plans shall be required to conform to the interpretations contained herein.
3. DER Inspections and Code Compliance Personnel
 - A. Any inspections of construction project not in compliance with the intent and scope of this bulletin shall not be approved by the field inspection staff for any required inspection on premises. The applicant will be directed to obtain proper documentation for compliance with this bulletin. Contractors may be advised to contact Kina Campbell, Life Safety/Fire Protection Unit Supervisor, Engineering Management Section at (301) 883-5974 for additional information.

APPROVED AND ISSUED: Effective this date, September 24, 2007.

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