

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**1996 Legislative Session**Resolution No. CR-4-1996Proposed by Council Member EsteppIntroduced by Council Member Estepp

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction January 16, 1996**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION concerning

Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems

For the purpose of appointing a work group to review the effectiveness of the Building Code requirements pertaining to the installation of fire sprinkler systems in townhouse dwelling units constructed after December 31, 1988, and in one and two family dwelling units constructed after December 31, 1991, and recommend appropriate amendments.

WHEREAS, the County Council enacted Council Bill 145-1987 (Chapter 111 of the 1987 Public Local Laws) to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in townhouse dwelling units constructed after December 31, 1988 and in one and two family dwelling units constructed after December 31, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the County Council desires to examine whether the additional cost of installing fire sprinkler systems in new residential dwelling units is balanced by the effectiveness of the sprinkler system to suppress residential fires, reduce personal injury and reduce property damage in the event of a fire; and

WHEREAS, the County has adopted a Total Quality Management initiative that incorporates the concepts of continuous improvement, management by facts and participant involvement in quality improvement and the County Council desires to obtain the assistance of members of the residential building industry and the fire prevention and fire suppression sectors of the community in the requested review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that a work group be established to review the effectiveness of CB-145-

1987, the effectiveness of residential fire sprinkler systems, and the improvements in residential fire sprinkler technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons or their designated representative shall comprise the work group:

Chairman, Prince George's County Council (designated as chairman of the work group);

Three citizen representatives, one of whom shall be employed in the design or installation of residential fire sprinkler systems;

Prince George's County Fire Chief;

Chairman, Prince George's County Fire Commission;

President, Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association;

President, Prince George's County Professional Firefighters Association, Local 1619;

Chairman, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission;

Director , Department of Environmental Resources;

President, Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce;

President, Suburban Maryland Building Industry Association;

President, Prince George's Board of Realtors; and

National Fire Protection Association (non-voting member).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group shall provide its written report and recommendations for appropriate amendments to the County Council and the County Executive on or before May 1, 1996.

Adopted this 20th day of February, 1996.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Stephen J. Del Giudice
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council