

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 2/20/96

Reference No.: CR-4-1996

Proposer: Council Member Estep

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Council Member Estep

Item Title: Resolution to establish a work group to review the County law concerning residential fire sprinkler systems

Drafter: Ralph E. Grutzmacher
Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Peter Lupo
Council Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: ____/____/____

Executive Action: ____/____/____

Committee Referral:(1) 1/16/96 THE

Effective Date: ____/____/____

Committee Action:(1) 2/8/96 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 1/16/96

Pub. Hearing Date: (1) ____/____/____ ____:____

Council Action: (1) 2/20/96 ADOPTED

Council Votes: SD:A, DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, AMc:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

2/20/96 - DR-2 was substituted in lieu of DR-1

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 2/8/96

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Bailey, Estep, Gourline, Scott).

Council Member Estep, sponsor of CR-4-1996, discussed the need to review the County's regulations for sprinkler systems in new residential construction to evaluate the cost effectiveness of the program and to consider the potential impact of new technology. The proposed working group

would consist of fourteen members with representatives from the life safety industry, the building industry, the community and appropriate County government agencies. Several potential members of the work group expressed their support of the resolution and their willingness to participate.

The Fire Chief submitted written comments which included statistics on the sprinkler systems installed since the mandatory program's inception in 1989. The work group's membership will be appointed by the Council Chairman and its report must be submitted to the Council and the County Executive by May 1, 1996.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The County enacted a residential sprinkler law in 1987 which required the installation of fire sprinkler systems in newly constructed residential dwellings. The proposed work group will review the effectiveness of the current law and review technical improvements since the time of enactment. Appropriate recommendations for amendments will be made to the Council by May 1, 1996.

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