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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Todd M. Turner, Chair
Prince George's County Council

FROM: Melinda Bolling *Melinda Bolling*
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RE: Sub-Title 4 Building Code Amendments

DATE: September 22, 2020

Every three years, The Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement is required to review the International Code Council (ICC Codes) in accordance with Maryland State Code cycle for review and adoption in Prince George's County. Pursuant to your request, below is a list of the "Top 10" changes to Sub-Title 4 – Building Code.

1. Section 105.1.3 "Requirement of After Hours Permit." The proposed change requires an After Hours permit for any permitted construction done outside the allowable working hours of 7 am to 9 pm. Any construction that is done outside of the permitted allowable working hours is subject to a fine.
2. Section 4-112 (c) "Post Construction Permits." This new permit is required when construction has been started or completed without the required permit. After the issuance of a Stop Work Order, the applicant will be required to apply for a post construction permit to show the construction done. There are additional building permits that may be needed.
3. Section 4-118 (b) "Transfer of Ownership." This section requires an owner to provide notice to a buyer of any Notice of Violations issued by DPIE to the property/owner. This new requirement applies to all residential construction.
4. Section 4-123 "Family Home Daycare" This section allows up to 12 children/clients to be cared for within the care providers' home.

5. Section 4-254 "Interior Residential Bathroom Facilities" which had limited the number of bathrooms in residences to five (5) is being deleted.
6. Section 105.3.2, "Time Limitation of an Application". This change limits the time a permit application can remain valid. The permit application will expire in 6 months if no activity occurs. The current requirement is 24 months.
7. Section 105.1.3, "Noise regulations" set forth in COMAR Title 26 are adopted in Prince George's County Code.
8. Section 4-248 (5) "Sprinklers for Repair, Renovation, or Replacement of Structures." This change requires construction over 50% of a structure to include installation of an automatic sprinkler system if the construction is due to fire, explosion, or lack of maintenance.
9. Section 4-125 "Use and Occupancy Classification; Section 302; Classification." The A-3 occupancy classification for roof top spaces such as amenity and recreational areas is changed. This change will allow for Occupancy Classification of roof top spaces to better aid in the review of submitted plans.
10. Section 4-158 (k) "Fire Protection Systems; Section 903, Automatic Sprinkler Systems." Water supply for Automatic Sprinklers now requires a "plus 10% safety factor" as opposed to the prior requirement of 5%. This increased safety factor will ensure adequate water supply/pressure for the required fire suppression systems.

If you have any questions regarding the amendments to Sub-Title 4, please feel free to contact via e-mail at mmbolling@co.pg.md.us or 240-762-0195 or Lori S. Parris, Senior Advisor to the Director at lsarris@co.pg.md.us or 301-636-2016.

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