



OCEAN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL MEMORANDUM

Date: January 3, 2011

To: Applicants for the construction of New One & Two Family Homes

From: Deputy Chief S.E. Villani Jr., Fire Marshal

Subject: New Code Requirements for Sprinkler Systems in One & Two Family Dwellings

Effective January 1, 2011, all new One & Two Family dwellings constructed within the Town of Ocean City, Maryland shall be protected with a residential fire sprinkler system. The fire sprinkler systems for one & two family dwellings shall be designed and installed in accordance with the following:

- One & Two Family Dwellings (3 stories or less) – NFPA 13D, 2007 Edition
- One & Two Family Dwellings (4 stories) – NFPA 13R, 2007 Edition
- Ocean City Fire Prevention Code

All Sprinkler Systems shall be designed and installed by a contractor licensed by the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office. All fire sprinkler systems installed within the Town of Ocean City must be submitted for review and approval to the Office of the Fire Marshal PRIOR to installation.

Additionally, water supplies for all NFPA 13R fire sprinkler systems must be reviewed and approved by the Office of the Fire Marshal prior to installation. Underground water supply permits will not be approved without appropriate documentation from a sprinkler designer attesting to the correct size of the water supply. Underground water supplies should be installed in accordance with the applicable sprinkler installation standard or NFPA 24, *Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenance*, 2007 Edition.

Any questions related to these or any other code requirements should be directed to the Office of the Fire Marshal at 410-289-8780.