

Chapter 60: FIRE PREVENTION

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Council of the Town of Mount Airy 1-13-1963. Editor's Note: The provisions of this chapter are derived from Article 7 of the former codification, adopted 1-13-1963. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Building construction — See Ch. 47.

Plumbing — See Ch. 83.

Property maintenance — See Ch. 85.

§ 60-1. Adoption of standards.

There is hereby adopted by the Town of Mount Airy, for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain code known as the "Fire Prevention Code, Abbreviated Edition," recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, being particularly the 1956 Edition thereof and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended by this chapter, of which code not fewer than three copies have been and now are filed in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Mount Airy, the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this chapter shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the limits of the Town.

§ 60-2. Office of Fire Official.

The office of Fire Official is hereby created, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council and whose salary shall be determined by the Council.

§ 60-3. Prevention of fires.

No fuel, shaving, wastepaper, trash or other combustible matter shall be burned in the open within the Town limits, unless in the daytime, and at a distance of at least 25 feet from any building or other structure, not at a distance of less than 15 feet from any fence, except the same be burned in a wire cage, provided that no such matter shall be burned in streets, avenues or alleys at any time. All fires shall be extinguished before sundown by the person or persons making the same who shall be held responsible for any damage resulting therefrom.

§ 60-4. False alarms or removal of fire equipment.

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly give a false alarm or remove any fire apparatus or equipment belonging to the Town or the Fire Department of the Town from its proper place except in the case of fire or other public necessity.

§ 60-5. Fire extinguishers required.

Every person, persons or corporations engaged in conducting a hotel, boardinghouse, rooming house, restaurant or other business and the owner of every building within the Town where flammable oil or other explosives are stored are required to keep and maintain on said premises a suitable fire extinguisher.

§ 60-6. Fire limits; building restrictions.

- A. The fire limits of Mount Airy shall extend from the intersection of Main Street and Prospect Road at the northern end of said Town to South Main and Calvert on the southern end, and shall include both sides of said street and extend to a distance of 250 feet from the margin or building line on each side of said street.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person hereafter to erect any building within said fire limits for any purpose whatever, unless such building is placed upon a solid foundation of brick, stone or concrete, and no frame or wooden building shall hereafter be erected within said fire limits unless the same is covered with asbestos, metal or other noncombustible material.

§ 60-7. Interior automatic fire sprinkler systems. [Added 1-6-2003 by Ord. No. 2003-1; amended 7-11-2005 by Ord. No. 2005-5]

- A. Automatic fire sprinkler systems shall be installed and maintained in all new residential construction in accordance with the most recent version of Standard 13D as promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), as modified and adopted by the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Fire Prevention Code

(COMAR 29.06.01), as amended from time to time.

- (1) The requirement for interior sprinkler systems of this § 60-7A shall apply to all new construction for any existing lot or proposed new subdivision which has received preliminary plan approval for which a building permit has not been issued as of January 6, 2003, and shall not apply to the rebuilding, refurbishment, renovation or alteration of a residence in existence as of January 6, 2003, unless such existing structure is razed and replaced by a new principal structure.
 - (2) The requirement for interior sprinkler systems shall not apply to accessory or uninhabitable structures (e.g., detached carports, garages, greenhouses, and sheds).
 - (3) Automatic fire sprinkler systems required under this § 60-7A may be connected to the domestic water supply serving the residence, provided the domestic water supply is of adequate pressure, capacity and sizing for the combined domestic and sprinkler system requirements, and proper back flow valves are installed.
- B. Interior automatic fire sprinkler systems shall be required to be installed and maintained in all commercial, industrial and multifamily residential construction, under the terms and conditions of the 2003 Edition International Residential Code, 2003 Edition International Building Code; 2003 ;Edition NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, as amended by The Maryland Fire Prevention Code; 2003 Edition NFPA 1 Fire Prevention Code, as amended by The Maryland Fire Prevention Code; 2003 Edition National Standard Plumbing Code Illustrated with 2004 amendments; and as amended by Carroll County Local Ordinance Chapter 97, and the 2003 International Mechanical Code, all as may be adopted, ordained and amended from time to time by the County Commissioners of Carroll County.