CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, CHAPTER 64 *BUILDING CONSTRUCTION*, ARTICLE I THEREOF, *BUILDING STANDARDS*, TO UPDATE THE RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS THERETO

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Hagerstown has previously adopted building and residential standards in Chapter 64, Article I of the Code of the City of Hagerstown; and

WHEREAS, as a result of changes in industry standards, State requirements and other factors, it becomes necessary from time to time to update the standards contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find it in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Hagerstown to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, as its duly constituted legislative body, as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 64 of the Code of the City of Hagerstown, is hereby amended to add a new section thereto, to be known as §64-1.1, to read as follows:

"64-1.1 **Adoption of Standards for Residential Sprinklers.**

Section R313, *Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems,* of a certain code known as the 2012 International Residential Code, a copy of which code section is on file with the office of the City Clerk of the City of Hagerstown, be and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated as if fully set out herein. As of the effective date hereof, said Section shall supercede any prior code section and amendments thereto pertaining to Residential Sprinklers."

SECTION 2: Chapter 64 of the Code of the City of Hagerstown is hereby amended to add a new section following Section 64-1.1, to be known as Section 64-1.2 as follows:

"64-1.2 **Sprinkler Amendments.**

Section R313.2 One- and two-family dwellings automatic fire systems of the 2012 International Residential Code shall be amended to read as follows:

R313.2 One- and two-family dwellings automatic fire systems. An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in one- and two-family dwellings.

Exceptions:

1. An automatic residential sprinkler system shall not be required for a one family detached dwelling.

2. An automatic residential sprinkler system shall not be required for additions or alterations to existing buildings that are not already provided with an automatic residential sprinkler system.

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3. An automatic residential sprinkler system shall not be required for a property not connected to an electrical utility.

4. An automatic residential sprinkler system shall not be required for a one- or two-family dwelling constructed on a lot served by an existing water service line from a water main to the property line that was approved by the City and

   (i) Is less than a nominal 1 inch size;

   (ii) Was installed before March 1, 2011; and

   (iii) Is fully operational from the public or private main to a curb stop or meter pit located at the property line.

Definition:

One Family Detached Dwelling. A building that contains only one dwelling unit with a yard or public way on all sides."

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the effective date of this enacting ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED that this Enacting Ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days following its approval.

WITNESS AND ATTEST
AS TO CORPORATE SEAL

Donna K. Spickler
Donna Spickler, City Clerk

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

By: R E Bruchey II
Robert E. Bruchey, II, Mayor

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