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HARFORD COUNTY  
BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE NO. 21

An ORDINANCE passed under and by virtue of the power and authority of Article 25, Section 3 (S) (2) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 Edition, as amended, to be known as Harford County Building Code Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Harford County, in the performance of their duties, are dedicated to the following:

1. The promotion of public safety;
2. The elimination of hazards to life and health incident to the construction and use of buildings;
3. The establishment of requirements to prevent the occurrence and spread of fire;
4. The relief of the public and industry from confusion and uncertainty concerning building regulations; and
5. The furtherance of civic pride and community well-being.

Now, therefore, the County Commissioners of Harford County hereby adopt, for the purpose of controlling all matters concerning the construction, alteration, addition, repair, removal, demolition, use, location, occupancy and maintenance of all buildings and structures and their service equipment, that certain building code known as "BOCA Basic Building Code", Fourth Edition, 1965, and Accumulative Supplements, adopted by the Building Officials Conference of America, Inc., of which not less than one (1) copy has been and is filed in the office of the Director of Administration and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein with the below listed changes, amendments, revisions, deletions, substitutions and

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additions, and from the date on which this Ordinance shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling for the purposes mentioned above.

I. GENERAL REVISIONS

- A. Substitute "Harford County" for the phrase "name of municipality" wherever it appears in the Building Code.
- B. Substitute "County Commissioners of Harford County" for the phrases "appointing authority", "chief appointing authority" and "chief authority" wherever they appear in the Building Code.
- C. Substitute "Director of Public Works" for the term "Building Official" wherever it appears in the Building Code.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

- A. Article 1, Section 107.0, Department of Building Inspection is revised as follows:
  - 1. Subsection 107.2, Appointment, delete entire subsection.
  - 2. Subsection 107.5, Qualifications of Building Official, delete entire subsection.
- B. Article 1, Section 113.0, Application for Permit, subsection 113.5, Plans and Specifications; add the following:

Provided, however, that for a period of one year after adoption of the Code, builders of one and two family dwellings shall not be required to submit detail specifications, but shall have the option to refer to model names and numbers when submitting subdivision plans. In addition, for one year after adoption of the code, it shall be sufficient for a builder of one and two family dwellings to submit a plan showing wall sections, floor plan and elevation drawn to scale.

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- C. Article 1, Section 114.0, Permits, subsection 114.5, Approved Plans, is hereby amended to read as follows:  
The Building Official shall stamp or endorse in writing both sets of corrected plans "Approved", and one set of such approved plans shall be retained by him and the other set shall be kept at the building site, or be kept readily accessible, open to inspection of the Building Official or his authorized representative at all reasonable times.
- D. Article 1, Section 114.0, Permits, subsection 114.9, Notice to Start, is hereby revised in its entirety to read as follows: Within twenty-four (24) hours after the start of construction, the building official shall be so notified by the builder's representative. However, no foundation or structural work shall be performed prior to such notification.
- E. Article 1, Section 118.0, Fees, delete entire Section and supplement applicable fees to be indicated in Harford County Fees Ordinance No. 22.
- F. Article 1, Section 119.0, Volume Computation, is hereby deleted from Building Code.
- G. Article 1, Section 123.0, Violations, subsection 123.3, Violation Penalties, the penalty referred to in this subsection is hereby established at One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
- H. Article 2, Definitions and Classifications, Section 200.0, Scope, add to the end of this subsection the following sentence: Where the provisions of this Building Code are in conflict with the Harford County Zoning Ordinance, the said zoning ordinance shall be controlling on all questions.

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- F. Article 1, Section 119.0, Volume Computation, is hereby deleted from Building Code.
- G. Article 1, Section 123.0, Violations, subsection 123.3, Violation Penalties, subsection 124.2 Unlawful Continuance, the penalty referred to in this subsection is hereby established at One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
- H. Article 2, Definitions and Classifications, Section 200.0, Scope, add to the end of this subsection the following sentence: Where the provisions of this Building Code are in conflict with the Harford County Zoning Ordinance and/or Plumbing Ordinance, the said zoning ordinance and/or Plumbing Ordinance shall be controlling on all questions.

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- I. Article 4, Section 425.0, Mobile Dwelling Units, subsection 425.31, Enclosures of Parks, is hereby amended to read as follows: Transient and mobile homes parks shall be enclosed with an approved fence or planted hedge, not less than five (5) feet in height, or other suitable and/or acceptable screening, with no openings to adjoining property other than required entrances and exits to streets or public spaces.
- J. Article 6, Section 618.0, Interior Stairways, subsection 618.41, Minimum Dimensions: The "Minimum Tread" requirements for one and two family dwelling (Use Group L-3) are hereby revised to read as follows:
- | USE GROUP  | MINIMUM TREAD  |
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| One and two family dwellings (Use Group L-3) All stairs with closed risers | Std 10" tread, including nosing (not to exceed 1-1/4") |
| Basement service stairs with open risers                                   | Std 10" tread, including nosing                        |
- K. Article 6, Section 618.0, Interior Stairways, subsection 618.5, Handrails, as applied to one and two family dwellings described in Article 2, Section 210, subsection 210.3, Use Group L-3 Structures, shall be provided on minimum of one side of all stairways.
- L. Article 7, Section 725.0, Bearing Value of Soils: Builders of one and two family dwellings as described in Article 2, Section 210, subsection 210.3, Use Group L-3 Structures, are exempt from the provisions of the preamble.
- M. Article 8, Section 807.0, Brick Units, is hereby revised in its entirety to read as follows: The selection and use of brick shall be in accordance with the following

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## specifications:

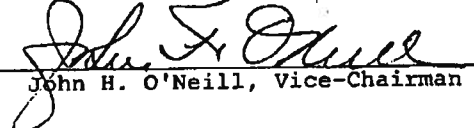
Face Brick ASTM Specifications C 216;  
 Common Brick ASTM Specifications C 62;  
 Sewer Brick ASTM Specifications C 32.

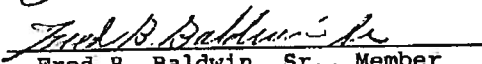
- N. Article 8, Section 825.0, Plywood, subsection 825.31, Plywood Sub-flooring, is revised as follows: Under Group 1, Sheathing Grade, Western Softwood Plywood, following Plywood Thickness and Maximum Support Spacing (a) add the following: 3/8 inch plywood construction deck may be installed under 25/32 inch wood strip flooring. Maximum joist spacing, 16 inches on center included under residential 40 P.S.F.
- O. Article 11, Section 1102.0, Plans and Specifications: This Section shall not be mandatory with respect to one and two family dwellings, as described in Article 2, Section 210, subsection 210.3, Use Group L-3 Structures, until one year after adoption of this Code.

This Ordinance shall take effect ~~January~~ <sup>MARCH</sup> 1, 1968.

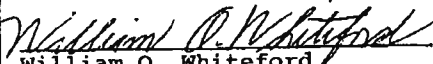
PASSED THIS <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 1967

  
 G. Howlett Coburn, Chairman

  
 John H. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman

  
 Fred B. Baldwin, Sr., Member

ATTEST:

  
 William O. Whiteford  
 Director of Administration