



GARRETT COUNTY

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Information Bulletin



SFR/TVRU Guidance

Be advised that under the Maryland State Fire Prevention Code, a single-family dwelling unit is defined as a dwelling unit occupied by members of a single family with not more than five outsiders accommodated in rented rooms. A residential 13D fire sprinkler system is required.

The State Fire Prevention Code defines a lodging or rooming house as a building or portion thereof that does not qualify as a one- or two-family dwelling, that provides sleeping accommodations for no more than sixteen people on a transient or permanent basis. If this residential structure will provide sleeping accommodations for six to sixteen people in rented rooms, the provisions of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code (2018 edition) Chapter 26 for Lodging or Rooming houses will apply.

Requirements for new lodging or rooming houses include, but are not limited to, automatic sprinkler protection, fire alarm system protection, and a primary protected means of escape from sleeping and living areas located above or below the level of exit discharge.

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