

GARRETT COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER SYSTEMS – THE PROCESS

After July 1, 2015, all applicants for building permits for new one- and two-family dwellings should be notified of the requirement in the 2015 International Residential Code, Section R313 that automatic sprinkler protection is required in accordance with NFPA 13D; or the International Plumbing Code, Section P2904.

The permit applicant should be notified that the residential sprinkler design and installation must be accomplished by a Maryland Licensed Sprinkler Contractor. It should be noted that Class IID licenses are may be issued to licensed master plumbers, provided they hire a DQI (Designated Qualified Individual) to perform the design and some oversight.

From this point on, the Maryland Licensed Sprinkler Contractor should be familiar with the process.

Three sets of sprinkler plans and calculations are to be submitted to the OSFM WRO, 18345 Col. Henry K. Douglas Drive, Hagerstown, MD, 21740. Our FPE in Hagerstown will review the shop drawings, issue a plan review comments letter and stamp the drawings and calculations, two copies of which are to be returned to the sprinkler contractor for their use.

The sprinkler contractor will be advised in the plan review letter to contact the OSFM Office in McHenry at 301-387-0482 to schedule a rough in inspection once the piping has been installed. The contractor must then make any required corrections, complete the job, test for leakage, leave the sprinkler system in service and submit a Contractors Certification of Completion Form to the OSFM.

We can forward copies of documents to the Garrett County Permits Office for your files.