

BALTIMORE COUNTY BUILDING PLANS REVIEW

Current Building and Fire Codes in Effect

BUILDING CODES:

Building Code - 2021 International Building Code – adopted/amended by Baltimore County Bill #49-24
(Effective date: September 3, 2024)

One & Two Family Dwelling Code – 2021 International Residential Code – adopted/amended by Baltimore
County Bill #49-24
(Effective date: September 3, 2024)

Mechanical Code – 2021 International Mechanical Code –
adopted by Baltimore County Bill #49-24
(Effective date: September 3, 2024)

Plumbing Code - 2021 International Plumbing Code
adopted/amended by Baltimore County Bill #94-23
(Effective date: July 1, 2024)

Electrical Code - 2023 NEC – (Most recent edition year of the published code, effective September 1 of
the edition year of the code) also see Bill #49-24 for amendments.

Energy Code - 2021 International Energy Code – adopted and amended by Baltimore County Bill #49-24
(Effective date: September 3, 2024)

Swimming/Spa - 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code
Adopted by Baltimore County Bill 49-24 (Effective date: September 3, 2024)

FIRE CODES

Life Safety Code - 2018 NFPA 101 – adopted/amended by Baltimore
County Bill #14-21 (Effective date: April 18, 2021)

Fire Prevention Code – 2018 Edition NFPA 1 – adopted/amended by
Baltimore County Bill #14-21 (Effective date: April 18, 2021)

Other NFPA Codes and Standards – adopted/amended by Baltimore County Bills #14-21
(Effective date: April 18, 2021)

STATE OF MARYLAND:

Accessibility Code – COMAR 09.12.53 State of Maryland adopts “ADAAG” 2010 Edition
(Americans Disability Act) and “FHAA” (Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of
1988)

Rehab Code – COMAR 09.12.58 Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code.
(2021 International Existing Building Code) (Effective March 29, 2023)

Note: It shall be the responsibility of the Design Professional to provide concise step by step
compliance with Maryland Rehabilitation Code.

State Fire Prevention Code – COMAR 29.06.01 (2018 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2018 NFPA 1 Fire Code
Effective date: October 7, 2019)

FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS:

Baltimore County Bill #6-24, effective May 6, 2024. Also see Part 123 & 123.1 of Bill 49-24.

LOCAL AMENDMENTS:

Fire Codes – Baltimore County Bill #14-21 – Effective date: April 18, 2021
(Replaces Baltimore County Bill #3-17)

Building Codes – Baltimore County Bill #49-24 – Effective date: September 3, 2024
(Replaces Baltimore County Bill #40-15)

Plumbing Codes – Baltimore County Bill #94-23 – Effective date: July 1, 2024
(Replaces Baltimore County Bill #41-15)

***NOTE: ALL LOCAL AMENDMENTS ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.**

Please call the Baltimore County Council’s Office at (410) 887-3196
(Room 205, Baltimore County Council’s Office – Old Courts Bldg.)

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International Code Council – 1-888-422-7233
NFPA - 1-800-344-3555

ADDITIONAL PHONE NUMBERS:

- BUILDING INSPECTIONS – (410) 887-3953
- ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS – (410) 887-3960
- FIRE INSPECTIONS – (410) 887-4880
- PLANS REVIEW – (410) 887-3987
- PLUMBING INSPECTIONS – (410) 887-3620
- ZONING OFFICE – (410) 887-3391
- DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT, PAI – (410) 887-3321/ (410) 887-3335
- BUILDING PERMIT PROCESSING – (410) 887-3900
- MD CODES ADMINISTRATION “ACCESSIBILITY” – (410) 767-0548
- STATE OF MD FLOOD PLAIN – (410) 537-3775
- DEPT. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:
(410-887-3722)
- SEDIMENT CONTROL – (410) 887-3226
- HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOOD SERVICE PLANS REVIEW (410) 887-3663

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