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Maryland State Fire Prevention Code Update

The Maryland Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) has officially adopted the 2024 editions of the following codes, as amended by the Maryland State Fire Prevention Code (COMAR 29.06.01):

- NFPA 1 – Fire Code
- NFPA 101 – Life Safety Code

This update became effective on June 23, 2025.

On June 27, 2025, the Charles County Department of Planning & Growth Management (PGM) received official notification of the adoption. As a result, all applicable commercial and public building permit applications submitted on or after June 23, 2025, must comply with the 2024 editions of NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code. Fire code reviews for qualifying projects will be conducted by the Maryland OSFM as part of the standard permit review process.

Key revisions in the 2024 codes include:

- Means of egress
- Fire protection systems
- Life safety for public occupancies
- Hazardous materials storage
- Fire alarm and suppression systems

To view the official code adoption and amendments, visit: [SFPC 2025 06 23 Adopted.pdf](#). For questions or additional information, please contact the Maryland Office of the State Fire Marshal – Southern Regional Office at msp.osfmsro@maryland.gov or 301-475-4197. Those citizens with special needs, please contact PGM via telephone at 301-645-0692 or Maryland TDD 1-800-735-2258.