

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA
Ordinance No. 06-26

Introduced By: Mayor Gene Ambrogio

Date Introduced: September 12, 2006

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted: October 10, 2006

Date Effective: October 26, 2006

1 **An Ordinance** concerning

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3 **AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS - ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS**

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5 **FOR** the purpose of requiring the installing of certain automatic fire sprinkler systems in certain
6 new one- and two-family dwellings; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable;
7 and all matters generally related thereto.

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11 **BY** repealing and reenacting with amendments
12 Chapter 75 – Building Construction
13 Article II. One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code
14 Section 75-4.1
15 Code of the Town of La Plata
16 (1998 Edition and supplements)

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18 **SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA,** That
19 Section 75-4.1 of the Code of the Town of La Plata (1998 and supplements), be and it hereby is
20 repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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22 **Chapter 75 – BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**
23 **Article II. One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code**

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25 75-4.1 Modifications.

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27 The International Residential Code for One- and Two- Family Dwellings 2003, as adopted by §75-
28 4, is modified as set forth below:

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33 R. ON PAGE 59 INSERT A NEW SECTION R324 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
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35 **SECTION R324**
36 **AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**
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38 **R324.1 INSTALLATION REQUIRED.** INTERIOR AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER
39 SYSTEMS SHALL BE INSTALLED, AND THEREAFTER MAINTAINED, IN A GOOD STATE
40 OF OPERATION AND REPAIR, IN ALL NEW ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS FOR
41 WHICH BUILDING PERMITS ARE APPLIED FOR ON AND AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2006. A
42 ONE- OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING THAT EXISTS OR IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON
43 NOVEMBER 1, 2006, AND THAT IS DEMOLISHED AND THEREAFTER RECONSTRUCTED,
44 OR THAT IS RENOVATED TO SUCH EXTENT AS INVOLVES THE INSTALLATION OF A
45 NEW PLUMBING SYSTEM IN AT LEAST 50% OF THE HABITABLE AREA OF THE
46 DWELLING, SHALL BE DEEMED A NEW DWELLING FOR PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE
47 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.
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49 1. A MOBILE HOME, A MANUFACTURED HOME AND A MODULAR HOME ARE
50 SUBJECT TO THE INTERIOR AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS OF
51 THIS SECTION.
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53 **R324.2 EXCEPTIONS.** THE INTERIOR AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM
54 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO ANY DETACHED ACCESSORY
55 STRUCTURE SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A CARPORT, A GARAGE, A STRUCTURE
56 THAT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY FACILITIES OR ROOMS DESIGNED OR USED FOR
57 COOKING, SLEEPING OR TOILETING, A GREENHOUSE AND A SHED.
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59 **R324.3 INSTALLATION STANDARDS.** INTERIOR AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER
60 SYSTEMS SHALL BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOST
61 RECENT VERSION OF STANDARD 13D, "INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN ONE-
62 AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND MANUFACTURED HOMES" AS PROMULGATED BY
63 THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA), AND AS MODIFIED AND
64 ADOPTED BY THE MARYLAND STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE, AS AMENDED FROM
65 TIME TO TIME.
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67 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That if any provision of this Ordinance, or the
68 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not
69 affect the other provisions or any other application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the
70 invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to
71 be severable.

72 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Ordinance shall become effective at
73 the expiration of fifteen (15) calendar days after its approval by the Council.

SEAL:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA

Gene Ambrogio, Mayor

R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman

C. Keith Back, Councilman

ATTEST:

Paretta D. Mudd, Councilwoman

Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk

Vic E. Newman, Councilman

Date: _____

<p style="text-align: center;">EXPLANATION:</p> <p>CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. ((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law. <u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill. Strike Out indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.</p>
