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**DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS  
CODE CRITERIA  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

The Harford County Department of Inspections Licenses and Permits has adopted or will be enforcing the following codes for permit applications made on or after May 20, 2024. Questions regarding code compliance or adoptions may be directed to the Department by calling (410) 638-3122 or emailing Building@harfordcountymd.gov

**BUILDING: 2021 International Building Code and 2021 International Residential Code** (adopted by Harford County Council Bill 24-005 with local amendments to Chapter 82 of the Harford County Code, titled Building Construction; effective May 20, 2024).

- A copy of the 2021 International Building Code and 2021 International Residential Code can be purchased from the International Code Council (ICC) office by calling 1-800-786-4452 or at the ICC Store at [ICC - International Code Council - ICC](http://www.intlcodecenter.org/icc-store).
- A copy of Harford County Council Bill 24-005 contact the Harford County Council Office at 410-638-3343 or download a copy from the following website: <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/council>.
- You may also access a free online version with County amendments at <https://codes.iccsafe.org/codes/united-states/maryland/harford-county-md>

**Mechanical: 2021 International Mechanical Code** (adopted by Harford County Council Bill 24-005 with local amendments to Chapter 82 of the Harford County Code, titled Building Construction; effective May 20, 2024). See additional information contained in the Building Section for purchasing or accessing amendments and adopted Codes.

**Energy: 2021 International Energy Conservation Code** (adopted by Harford County Council Bill 24-005 with local amendments to Chapter 82 of the Harford County Code, titled Building Construction; effective May 20, 2024). See additional information contained in the Building Section for purchasing or accessing amendments and adopted Codes.

**Existing Buildings: 2021 International Existing Building Code** (adopted by Harford County Council Bill 24-005 with local amendments to Chapter 82 of the Harford County Code, titled Building Construction; effective May 20, 2024). See additional information contained in the Building Section for purchasing or accessing amendments and adopted Codes.

**Swimming Pools: 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code** (adopted by Harford County Council Bill 24-005 with local amendments to Chapter 82 of the Harford County Code, titled Building

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Construction; effective May 20, 2024). See additional information contained in the Building Section for purchasing or accessing amendments and adopted Codes.

**State Fire Code: National Fire Protection Association NFPA 101 2024 Life Safety Code, NFPA 1 2024**

**Fire Code.** In publication and available from the National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169. Call 1-800-344-3555 or (617) 770-3000. Amendments to the Maryland State Fire Prevention Code **COMAR 29.06.01.07 and COMAR**

**29.06.02.01.08.** Effective July 15, 2025. In publication and available from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1201 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD 21208. Call 1-800-525-3124. A copy of the State of Maryland Fire Prevention Code can also be downloaded from the MSP site.

**REHABILITATION:**

**Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code COMAR 09.12.58** Update. Effective March 29, 2023, the 2021 International Existing Building Code will constitute the Maryland Rehabilitation Code by authority of the Public Safety Article, 12-1004, Annotated Code of Maryland. Can be downloaded from Department of Labor, Division of Labor and Industry, Building Codes Administration, 1100 N Eutaw Street, Room 606, Baltimore, MD 21201 – (410) 767-2227

**ACCESSIBILITY:**

**COMAR .09.12.53 Maryland Accessibility Code.** Can be downloaded from Department of Labor, Division of Labor and Industry, Building Codes Administration, 1100 N Eutaw Street, Room 606, Baltimore, MD 21201 – (410) 767-2227

**NOTE:** All projects that are required to comply with the Federal Fair Housing Act must be designed and constructed to be in compliance with a HUD approved safe harbor or the Fair Housing Act Design Manual. Compliance path must be designed on submittal documents

**ELECTRIC: 2023 National Electric Code – NFPA 70** (Adopted by Harford County Council Bill 24-008, with local amendments to Chapter 105 of the Harford County Code, titled Electricity effective May 20, 2024). 2023 National Electric Code is available from the National Fire Protection Association, P. O. Box 9146, Quincy, MA 02269. Call 1-800-344- 3555. For a copy of Harford County Council Bill 19-033 contact the Harford County Council Office at (410) 638-3343. Free online access is available at <https://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/nfpa-70-standard-development/70>

**PLUMBING: 2021 International Plumbing Code** (Adopted by Harford County Council Bill 24-006 with local amendments to Chapter 202 of the Harford County Code, titled Plumbing; effective May 20, 2024). See additional information contained in the Building Section for purchasing or accessing amendments and adopted Codes.

**FUEL GAS: 2021 International Fuel Gas Code** (Adopted by Harford County Council Bill 24-006 with local amendments to Chapter 202 of the Harford County Code, titled Plumbing; effective May 20, 2024). See additional information contained in the Building Section for purchasing or accessing amendments and adopted Codes.