

AS AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 9, 2015  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2359**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO AMEND CHAPTER 15.24 HOUSING STANDARDS OF THE SALISBURY CITY CODE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LIFE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR STRUCTURES CONTAINING THREE (3) OR MORE UNITS.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury have determined that multiple unit buildings present a high life safety risk to persons and property due to lack of adequate means of protection measures and building standards; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to create measures that will be enforced by the Department of Neighborhood Services & Code Compliance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the City of Salisbury, that Article XXIII of Chapter 15.24 of the City of Salisbury City Code be amended by the addition of the following section:

Article XXIII Fire Safety Requirements.

15.24.1255 – Fire extinguishers and alarms required in converted multi-family dwellings.

This section is applicable only to a Converted Multi-Family Dwelling which is a structure containing more than one dwelling that was originally constructed as a single-family dwelling.

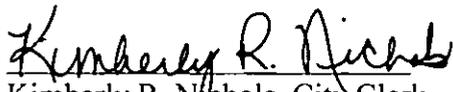
- A. Fire Extinguishers. Converted Multi-Family Dwelling owners must provide a minimum of one portable fire extinguisher per dwelling unit. The fire extinguisher must be hung securely in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms. Converted Multi-Family Dwelling owners shall install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms as follows:
  1. For smoke alarms, in the manner and locations prescribed by section 9-102 and 9-104, Public Safety Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and
  2. For carbon monoxide alarms, in the manner and locations prescribed by section 12-1103 and 12-1104, Public Safety Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- C. Power Source. The power source for alarms shall be either an AC primary power source or a monitored battery primary power source.
- D. Tampering. Anyone tampering or interfering with the effectiveness of an alarm shall be charged with a misdemeanor.
- E. Maintenance. All detectors in a Converted Multi-Family Dwelling must be maintained by the owner in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

- F. Common area. Converted Multi-Family Dwelling owners must provide an approved fire alarm system in the common area(s) which is initiated by manual means, only where common areas exist. Such system shall be installed in accordance with the manufacture's recommendations.
- G. Emergency lighting. Emergency lighting must be provided in common area(s) only and readably visible from any direction of egress travel.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, that the Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage.

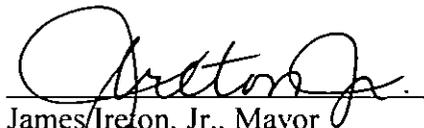
THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 12 day of October, 2015 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council on the 9 day of November, 2015.

ATTEST:

  
Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk

  
Jacob R. Day, City Council President

Approved by me, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015.

  
James Ireton, Jr., Mayor

# Memo

**To:** Julia Glanz  
**From:** Susan Phillips  
**Date:** 11/10/2015  
**Re:** Multi-Unit Life/Safety Standards

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Attached please find an ordinance that will have the effect of amending *Chapter 15.24* of the Salisbury Municipal Code. This ordinance will enhance the life/safety of non-conforming multiple occupancy structures within the City limits.

Please be aware a few changes were made to the ordinance. Wireless and/or interconnected smoke detectors were added under section *15.24.1240 A, Installation*. This will strengthen the legislation by alerting the other occupants in the building in the event of a fire. In addition, *H. Emergency Lighting* was added to provide safe passage exits for occupants of the structure. Both of these additions are strong components of improving this legislation.

This ordinance has come from as a request from the City Council during discussions of code standards of multiple unit structures.

Unless you have any questions please forward this memorandum to the Mayor and City Council.