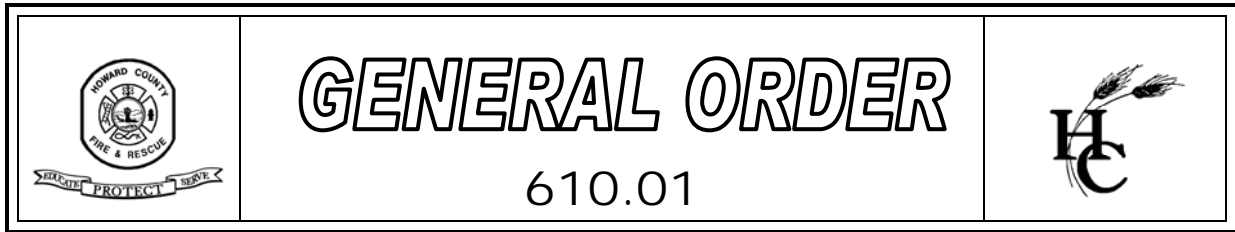


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Originating From	Issue Date	Revision Date	Attachments
Fire Marshal Section	9/27/2004	1/5/2009	N/A

SUBJECT: Fire Code

APPLICABILITY: All Personnel

POLICY:

This policy sets forth the basis for fire safety in Howard County. It establishes the minimum requirements and regulations, adopted and enforced, to safeguard the life, property, and public welfare of the citizens from the hazards of fire.

1. The Howard County Fire Prevention Code is incorporated in the Howard County Code, Title 17, "Public Protection Services," Subtitle 1, "Fire Protection" Section 104.

1.1. The Uniform Fire Code (NFPA 1) 2006 Edition, (Published by the National Fire Protection Association) is adopted, as amended.

1.2. The State Fire Laws, including the State Fire Prevention Code, can be enforced in Howard County by local fire officials appointed as Special Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals by the Maryland State Fire Marshal.

2. AUTHORITY

2.1. The duty and responsibility for the enforcement of the fire prevention code shall be:

2.1.1. The Howard County Department of Fire & Rescue Services (DFRS) Fire Chief and the Chief's authorized designee.

2.1.2. In accordance with the Howard County Code, Section 17.104(B), Fire Marshal's Section Deputy Chief is designated as the Code Official, Enforcement Officer or Fire Official for the purpose of administering or enforcing the Howard County Fire Code as the Chief's authorized designee.

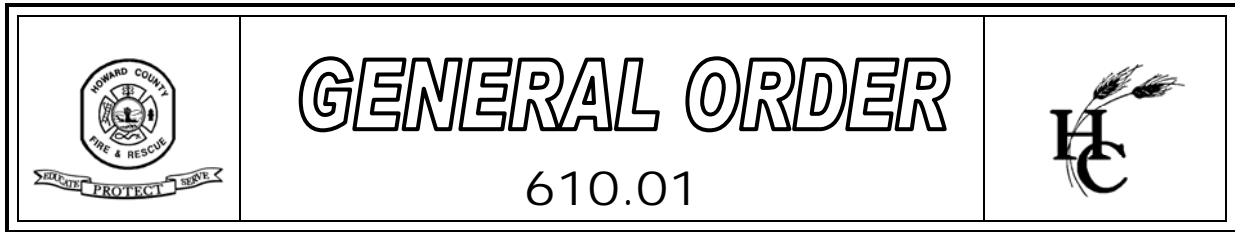
2.1.3. In accordance with the Howard County Fire Prevention Code, Section 1.7.6.1, the following DFRS personnel are designated inspectors and are authorized to inspect buildings, structures, or areas for conformity with the code and enforce correction of violations:

2.1.3.1. The DFRS Fire Chief.

2.1.3.2. The DFRS Deputy Chief assigned to the Fire Marshal's Section.

2.1.3.3. The DFRS Battalion Chiefs assigned to the Fire Marshal's Section.

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2.1.3.4. Inspectors authorized by the DFRS Fire Chief and the Deputy Chief or Battalion Chiefs assigned to the Fire Marshal Section.

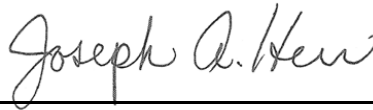
3. ENFORCEMENT

3.1. Enforcement of the Howard County Fire Prevention Code shall be pursuant to Sections 1.6 and 1.7 of the code.

4. PENALTIES

4.1. Penalties for fire prevention code violations shall be pursuant to Section 1.16 of the Howard County Fire Prevention Code and Title 24 of the Howard County Code.

Approved:



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