




Department of Permitting Services
 Division of Fire Prevention and Fire Code Compliance
 255 Rockville Pike, 2nd Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850

CODE INTERPRETATION/POLICY

Code/Year	Section/Subsection	Title of Code Section/Subsection/Policy
NFPA 13D/2013 E.R #7-16	8.3.4 As amended 22.00.06.29	Garage Sprinklers
<p>Statement/Background of Issue:</p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the sections noted above which requires sprinkler protection below living space in the garage. NFPA 13D, subsection 8.3.4 as amended, added the phrase "...unless located partially or wholly beneath living space." after the word garages.</p> <p>Division Interpretation/Policy:</p> <p>It is not our intention to require complete coverage in the garage. Dry sidewall sprinklers supplied from all wall separating the garage from a heated space in order to cover the largest possible area of the garage shall be considered compliant. The garage does not require a higher density than the residence. See attachments (Sheets 1 and 2).</p>		
Interpretation/Policy No. FPC 16-2018	Date 11-05-2018	Division Chief  Hemal Mustafa