




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 of Code	Title of Code Section/Subsection/Policy
NFPA 13D/2013	8.3.5	Location of Sprinklers
<p>Statement/Background of Issue:</p> <p>This code section requires sprinkler in the attic if it is intended for living purposes. This code does not define "intended for living purposes".</p>		
<p>Division Interpretation/Policy:</p> <p>The phrase "intended for living purposes" in section 8.3.5 is defined as a space that has the following features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Permanent stairs b) Side hinge door . c) Floor designed for live load d) Ventilation e) Required headroom Height <p>JUSTIFICATION:</p> <p>Without this definition, it would be impossible to maintain consistency in the enforcement of this code section.</p>		
<p>Interpretation/Policy No.</p> <p>FPC 15-2018</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>10-30-2018</p>	<p>Division Chief</p>  <p>Hemal Mustafa</p>