COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmembers Praisner and Krahnke

AN ACT to:
(1) allow a property tax credit for installation of certain fire sprinkler systems; and
(2) generally amend the law governing property tax credits for fire protection systems.

By adding
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 52, Taxation
Section 52-18J

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
Chapter 52 is amended by adding Section 52-18J:

52-18J. Property Tax Credit - Fire Sprinkler Systems.

(a) A taxpayer may receive a one-time property tax credit against the general county tax for [[an improvement to residential real property]] any detached single-family dwelling unit and any attached dwelling unit or multi-family building in which a fire sprinkler system was not legally required to be installed if an approved complete automatic sprinkler system that is used for fire protection is installed [[in the improvement and the installation is completed]] on or after July 1, 2000.

(b) For each [[improvement]] dwelling unit or multi-family building where a sprinkler system is installed, the credit must not exceed the lower of:

(1) the total cost of installing the sprinkler system; or

(2) 50% of the general county property tax attributable to the [[improvement]] dwelling unit or building [[where the sprinkler system is installed]].

(c) The Department of Finance must administer this credit.

(d) A taxpayer must apply for the tax credit in the year the sprinkler system is installed to receive the credit in that tax year or the next tax year. The taxpayer must:

(1) show that [[a complete automatic fire protection]] the installed sprinkler system [[was installed that]] complies with codes and standards established by the State Fire Prevention Commission and any applicable County building and fire safety codes, and

(2) document the cost to the taxpayer of the sprinkler system.

(e) The County Executive may adopt regulations under method (2) to implement this Section.
(f) The Executive must report annually to the County Council on the use of [[the fire sprinkler system property]] this tax credit.

Approved:

Michael L. Subin, President, County Council

Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Mary A. Edgar, CMC, Clerk of the Council