

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 10 of Article 38A - Fires and Investigations, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

10.

The written order of the State Fire Marshal made pursuant to § 9 of this article, when directed to the occupant of [such] THE premises, shall be served by delivering a true copy thereof to [such] THE occupant or to any adult person apparently in charge of [said] THE premises, within five days from the date of issuance of such order; or, in case [no such] THE person is NOT found upon the premises, then by posting a true copy thereof within five days from the date of issuance of [said] THE order in a conspicuous place on the door or other prominent entrance to [said] THE premises and by mailing a copy thereof by registered mail to [said] THE occupant at his last known post-office address, or if [no such address be] THE ADDRESS IS NOT known, then by registered mail to [said] THE occupant in care of general delivery at the post office serving the community in which [said] THE premises lie. When directed to the owner of [such] THE premises, [such] THE order shall be served by delivering a true copy thereof to [such] THE owner, or, if the owner is absent from the State or his whereabouts be unknown to the State Fire Marshal, by mailing a true copy thereof by registered mail to the [said] THE owner's last known post-office address, or if no such address be known then by registered mail to [said] THE owner in care of general delivery at the post office serving the community in which [said] THE premises lie; [the said] THIS delivering or mailing of [such] THE order to be accomplished within five days from the date of the issuance of [such] THE order. And in the event it is necessary to mail a copy of [such] THE order as aforesaid, the officer mailing the same shall also, within five days from the date of issuance of [such] THE order, post a true copy thereof upon [said] THE premises in the manner above provided for notice to occupants.

Provided, that every [such] order and copy thereof shall contain a notice that compliance therewith shall be required within a period [of thirty days from the date of issuance thereof,] SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE, and also that any person desiring to contest the validity of any such order may enter an appeal from [said] THE order in the manner prescribed in § 14 of this article.