

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

(2) DISCHARGES WATER IN A SPECIFIC PATTERN OVER A DESIGNATED AREA TO EXTINGUISH OR CONTROL FIRE;

(3) USES THE SAME SERVICE WATER SUPPLY PIPE TO THE DWELLING UNIT THAT THE DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM USES;

(4) MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF CURRENT NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION STANDARDS; AND

(5) IS APPROVED BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE CODES.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING THAT DOES NOT OR WILL NOT OBTAIN ITS WATER SUPPLY FROM A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM AS DEFINED IN § 9-401(I) OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

(C) PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING CONTAINING ALTERNATING CURRENT (AC) ELECTRICAL SERVICE, A BUILDER SHALL OFFER TO A PROSPECTIVE BUYER THE OPTION OF HAVING THE BUILDER INSTALL A SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN THE DWELLING THAT THE BUILDER CONSTRUCTS IF:

(1) A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE DWELLING IS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1992; OR

(2) IN A JURISDICTION IN WHICH BUILDING PERMITS ARE NOT ISSUED, CONSTRUCTION ON THE DWELLING BEGINS ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1992.

(D) IF A BUILDER INSTALLS A SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, THE BUILDER SHALL INSTALL THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED ENGINEERING PRACTICES THAT MEET STANDARDS ADOPTED IN THE REGULATIONS OF:

(1) THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL; AND

(2) THE LOCAL AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE AND BUILDING CODES.

(E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OR A LOCAL AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE AND BUILDING CODES MAY GRANT AN EXCEPTION TO A REQUIREMENT OF A STATE OR LOCAL FIRE AND BUILDING CODE IF:

(I) A SPRINKLER SYSTEM IS INSTALLED IN A DWELLING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION; AND