

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 23A – Corporations – Municipal

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(A) (1) The legislative body of every incorporated municipality in this State except Baltimore City by whatever name known shall have the power by ordinance or resolution to adopt, and to amend from time to time a fire prevention code to provide for protection against fires and the removal of fire hazards, to provide for the appointment of inspectors for the enforcement thereof and to provide penalties for the violation of any fire prevention code or any ordinance, resolution or regulation for the prevention of fires or the removal of fire hazards. Said fire prevention code may incorporate by reference any code or part thereof prepared by any governmental agency or any trade or professional association for general distribution in printed form as a standard or model on any subject relating to fire prevention, fire hazards or flammable or dangerous substances, provided that subsequent amendments to any such model or standard code shall not be effective until specifically incorporated into such fire prevention code.

(2) No code, ordinance or resolution shall be adopted by said legislative body under the powers conferred by this section until a summary of such proposal has been advertised in one or more newspapers of general circulation in said municipality not less than three weeks with a date specified therein giving an opportunity for hearing any protest or objection to it and stating that copies of such proposed code, ordinance or resolution may be obtained on application to the clerk of said incorporated municipality.

(B) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) "FEES" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 38A, § 8C(A)(2) OF THE CODE.

(III) "FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU" INCLUDES THE MUNICIPAL FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU AND THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL FIRE MARSHAL.

(IV) "PLAN REVIEW" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 38A, § 8C(A)(3) OF THE CODE.

(2) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO MUNICIPALITIES WHOSE LEGISLATIVE BODY HAS ADOPTED A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD AS A MUNICIPAL FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

(3) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PLAN REVIEWS OR INSPECTIONS:

(I) NOT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE MUNICIPALITY; OR