

ORDINANCE NO. O-03-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 11 OF THE GAITHERSBURG CITY CODE ENTITLED, "FIRE SAFETY", SECTIONS 11-1 THROUGH 11-16, AND TO ADOPT WITH AMENDMENTS VARIOUS RELATED NATIONAL CODES AND STANDARDS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled, that Chapter 11 of the City Code entitled "Fire Safety", is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

**Chapter 11
Fire Safety**

Sec. 11-1. Fire Safety Code--Adoption of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes and Standards.

The 2024 Editions of the National Fire Protection Association Fire Code (NFPA 1) and Life Safety Code® (NFPA 101®), all associated NFPA codes or standards incorporated by reference, and the latest editions of certain other NFPA codes not incorporated by reference into NFPA 1 or NFPA 101®, are hereby adopted as the Fire Safety Code of the City of Gaithersburg, except as otherwise hereinafter provided in this chapter.

Sec. 11-2. Scope and Definitions.

This chapter shall apply to the construction, alteration, addition, repair, removal, demolition, use, location, occupancy, and/or maintenance of all buildings, structures, properties and their service equipment, within the City of Gaithersburg. It supersedes Ordinance No. O-3-20, dated February 18, 2020, and all previous regulations adopting the Montgomery County Fire Safety Code for fire code. This chapter adopts the 2024 editions of the Fire Code (NFPA 1) and the Life Safety Code® (NFPA 101®), and all associated NFPA codes or standards incorporated by reference and the latest editions of certain other NFPA codes not incorporated by reference into NFPA 1 or NFPA 101®, with modifications necessary to achieve uniformity and consistency with certain Maryland, Montgomery County, and City of Gaithersburg laws and ordinances, as well as certain Planning and Code Department policies and procedures. Where this ordinance differs from any other City of Gaithersburg ordinances or the State of Maryland Fire Prevention Code (COMAR 29.06.01), it does not preempt or negate any more

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restrictive provisions adopted or enacted by those ordinances and the more restrictive provision(s) shall apply. For the purposes of this chapter, "AHJ" shall mean authority

having jurisdiction, "MCDFRS" shall mean Montgomery County Department of Fire and Rescue Services and "COMAR" shall mean the Code of Maryland Regulations.

Sec. 11-3. Street Names and Addresses.

(a) The city planning commission is authorized to approve the names and addresses of improved property within the city. The commission shall not duplicate existing names or addresses and may seek the recommendation and assistance of any local, state or federal agency to ensure the proper identification of streets and properties in the city.

(b) The owner of any single-family detached or attached residential structure occupied for the first time on or after April 5, 1988, is responsible to display, facing the front lot line, numerals at least five (5) inches in height designating the address assigned to the structure by the city. The owners of existing single-family detached and attached residential dwellings are requested and encouraged, but are not required, to comply with the provisions of this section. It shall be the responsibility of the owners of any existing or hereafter constructed commercial, industrial and multifamily residential structures to display, facing the front lot line, numerals at least six (6) inches in height designating the address assigned to the structure by the city. All address displays shall be posted on a contrasting background, displayed in a conspicuous place and in a manner as to be clearly visible from the nearest street. When a structure has more than one address, numerals should be used to designate the address in sequence.

Sec. 11-4. City Fire Marshal; Creation, Powers and Duties.

(a) *Creation.* There is hereby created within the government of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, the position of City Fire Marshal. The City Fire Marshal shall be an unclassified employee who shall be qualified for the position by training and experience in fire prevention, fire safety and regulatory matters of the nature provided for in this city fire safety code.

(b) *Duties.* The City Fire Marshal shall be responsible for the enforcement and administration of the provisions of the city fire safety code (Chapter 11, Gaithersburg City Code), except that investigation of fires, explosions or incidents involving the combustion or activity of hazardous chemicals or materials shall be carried out by the Montgomery County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, Division of Fire and Explosive Investigations. The city manager may appoint or designate assistants to assist the City Fire Marshal in the carrying out of his/her duties or in delegating those duties.\

(c) *Powers.* The City Fire Marshal is empowered to administer the provisions of the city fire safety code (Chapter 11, Gaithersburg City Code) and perform such other duties as may be set forth in other sections of the City Code, and as may be conferred and imposed from time to time by law, regulation or directive of the city manager. The City Fire Marshal shall also be empowered to exercise the following duties within the jurisdiction of the city:

- (i) The review and approval of plans for buildings, structures and the storage of hazardous or combustible chemicals, petroleum products or other such materials for conformance with the city fire safety code; and
- (ii) Issue permits authorized or required under the city fire safety code; and
- (iii) Inspect all buildings and structures, except lawful single-family private residential dwelling units, and all storage sites and facilities containing substantial quantities of hazardous or combustible materials for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any condition reasonably believed to cause fire or explosion, contribute to the spread of fire, interfere with firefighting operations, endanger life or property, or violate the provisions of the city fire safety code or any other law, ordinance or regulation involving fire safety or fire prevention; and
- (iv) Issue warnings, orders, decisions and directives relating to the enforcement of the provisions of the city fire safety code; issuance or revocation of any permit issued under the fire safety code; evacuations as hereinafter provided; and the unlawful continuance of any unsafe condition or activity in violation of the fire safety code; and
- (v) Issue municipal infraction citations pursuant to section 1-9 of the City Code or such misdemeanor prosecutions pursuant to section 1-7 of the City Code. In addition, the City Fire Marshal may seek those additional legal and equitable remedies provided for in section 1-11 of the City Code; and
- (vi) Modify or vary provisions and requirements of the city fire safety code or other code provisions relating to fire safety or fire prevention applicable within the city, except those areas reserved for Montgomery County under section 11-4(b). A modification or variation may only be granted where an alternative is provided which achieves a comparable level of fire safety and/or prevention or where a requirement cannot physically be achieved on a specific property, building or structure.

Sec. 11-5. Revocation of Permits.

The City Fire Marshal, upon reasonable notice to a permittee, is hereby authorized to suspend or revoke any permit issued under the city fire safety code whenever in his/her judgment any violation of the conditions of the permit or violation of the provisions of the city fire safety code exists, or a hazardous or unsafe condition arises beyond the scope of the permit, or affecting a permit condition. The permit holder shall comply with the suspension or revocation order, even though an appeal is filed to the City Fire Marshal's order with the City of Gaithersburg Board of Appeals.

Sec. 11-6. Evacuation.

When, in the opinion of the City Fire Marshal, there is actual and/or potential danger to the occupants or those in the proximity of any building, structure or premises because of any violation of the fire safety code constituting a dangerous or hazardous

condition, the City Fire Marshal may order the immediate evacuation of said building, structure or premises. All occupants so notified shall immediately leave the building, structure or premises, and people shall not enter or reenter until authorized to do so by the City Fire Marshal. The City Fire Marshal shall order such dangerous conditions and materials removed or remedied. Buildings or premises deemed unsafe by the City Fire Marshal for fire safety code violations, or the presence of dangerous or hazardous conditions may be reopened for use by the City Fire Marshal or his/her assistants after inspection of the said building and a determination as to the safety and habitability of the building or premises.

Sec. 11-7. Unlawful Continuance.

Any person who shall refuse to leave, interfere with the evacuation of other occupants, or continue any operation after having been given an evacuation order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be deemed guilty of a municipal infraction and subject to a fine as provided in the City Schedule of Fees.

Sec. 11-8. Fire Protection Permits and Fire Protection Systems Operations Licenses.

(a) A Fire Protection Permit shall be obtained from the City of Gaithersburg to install or modify any fire protection system, and where otherwise required by the City of Gaithersburg Fire Code. Where a Fire Protection Permit is required, said permit shall be obtained and a copy of the permit and the approved plans shall be on the job site prior to beginning the work covered under said permit and shall remain on the job site until final inspection has been approved by the City of Gaithersburg. For the purposes of this section, "modify" shall include replacement of major system components (i.e. Fire Alarm control panel) or major portions of a fire protection system, even when the components are replaced "in kind."

(b) Once in place, all fire protection systems shall be inspected, tested, and maintained in accordance with applicable codes and standards. The owner of the property is responsible for said inspections, testing and maintenance, and shall keep complete records of such. On an annual basis, upon request from the City of Gaithersburg, the owner shall ensure that said documentation is submitted to the City for review.

(c) Personnel performing inspections, testing, and maintenance of fire protection systems shall submit copies of the reports of said inspections, testing, and maintenance to the City of Gaithersburg's designated third-party data management company or as directed by the City Manager. Reports shall be submitted for review annually or at intervals required by the City Fire Code or NFPA 1.

(d)Where construction or fire protection permits are applied in any building that has overdue fire protection system inspection and testing reports, said permits will be processed and issued, but the City Fire Marshal has the authority to withhold final approval for any such permits until the required inspection and testing records are current.

Sec. 11-9. Inspections.

All work for which a fire protection permit is required by this chapter shall be inspected by the City of Gaithersburg to ensure compliance with this chapter. The contractor designated on the fire protection permit shall be responsible for obtaining all the required inspections.

Sec. 11-10. Licenses required for Fire Protection System Work.

A contractor or person responsible for the installation, modification, service, or third-party inspection of any fire sprinkler system or non-water-based extinguishing system or any portion thereof in the City of Gaithersburg must have a valid, current license from the State of Maryland for the appropriate type of fire protection system. Any contractor or person installing or modifying any fire alarm system must be a registered Electrician with the City of Gaithersburg. Any contractor or person servicing, repairing, filling, or refilling portable fire extinguishers must have a current Portable Fire Extinguisher License from the State of Maryland.

Sec. 11-11. Installation, Alteration, and Maintenance of Residential Sprinkler Systems.

(a) For rental buildings having residential sprinkler systems, all leases must include the following provision: “Sprinkler System. In all units equipped with fire sprinkler systems, no portion of the system may be changed or altered except by a licensed fire sprinkler contractor. Sprinklers shall not have any item hung from them, nor shall they be painted, covered, or obstructed in any manner.”

(b) Prior to any alteration of a sprinkler system in any residential occupancy structure, plans must be submitted to the City Fire Marshal for review and a Fire Protection Permit obtained from the City of Gaithersburg.

(c) For additions, Replace the words “or alteration” with alterations, or repairs of residential occupancy buildings that do not have a fire sprinkler system, when the work area exceeds 50% of the gross area of the building, an automatic fire sprinkler system shall be installed throughout the building.

(d) “Work Area” to be defined as, “in NFPA 101 2024 Section 3.3.24.8.1

Sec. 11-12. Standards Adopted.

The following standards published by the National Fire Protection Association, Battery March Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269, are hereby adopted as part of the City Fire Code except as modified in Sections 11-13, 11-14 and 11-15:

NFPA No.	Code or Standard
1	Fire Code, <u>2024</u> Edition
13	Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, <u>2022</u> Edition

13D	Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes, <u>2022 Edition</u>
13R	Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Low-Rise Residential Occupancies, <u>2022 Edition</u>
14	Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems, <u>2024 Edition</u>
20	Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection, <u>2024 Edition</u>
30	Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, <u>2024 Edition</u>
30A	Code for Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages, <u>2024 Edition</u>
40	Standard for the Storage and Handling of Cellulose Nitrate Film, <u>2022 Edition</u>
55	Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code, <u>2023 Edition</u>
72®	National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code®, <u>2022 Edition</u>
80	Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives, <u>2022 Edition</u>
90A	<u>Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilation Systems, 2024 Edition</u>
92	Standard for Smoke Control Systems, <u>2021 Edition</u>
96	Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, <u>2024 Edition</u>
101®	Life Safety Code®, <u>2024 Edition</u>
105	Standard for Smoke Door Assemblies and Other Opening Protectives, <u>2021 Edition</u>
170	Standard for Fire Safety Symbols, <u>2021 Edition</u>
241	Standard for Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations, <u>2022 Edition</u>
1123	<u>Code for Fireworks Display, 2022 Edition</u>
1225	<u>Standard for Emergency Services Communications, 2022 Edition</u>

Sec. 11-13. Amendments and Modifications to the *Fire Code* (NFPA 1).

The *Fire Code*, 2024 Edition, is modified as follows:

- (1) *NFPA 1*, 1.7.2.1, 1.7.2.2, 1.7.2.3, and 1.7.2.4. Delete.
- (2) *NFPA 1*, 1.11 and 1.12. Delete the sections and all subsections.
- (3) *NFPA 1*, 1.13.1. Add the following: “Permits, certificates, notices, approvals, or orders required by this code shall be governed by the policies and procedures of the City of Gaithersburg.”
- (4) *NFPA 1*, 1.13.6.13, and 1.13.8. Replace the word “shall” with “may”.
- (5) *NFPA 1*, 1.14.2. Delete the word “Mandatory” and replace the word “shall” with

“may”.

- (6) *NFPA 1.14.12.4*. Delete.
- (7) *NFPA 1, 2.2*. Delete the referenced publications *NFPA 150, Standard of Fire and Life Safety in Animal Housing Facilities*, and *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code, 2024 edition*. Wherever *NFPA 5000* is referenced in other sections of *NFPA 1*, other than for extracted text, substitute “the City of Gaithersburg Building Code.”
- (8) *NFPA 1, 3.3.17.12* Add new subsection 3.3.17.12 to read as follows:
Consumer Fireworks Retail Sales Area. The portion of a consumer fireworks retail sales facility or store, including the immediately adjacent aisles, where consumer fireworks are located for the purpose of retail display and sale to the public.”
- (9) *NFPA 1, 3.3.136 and 3.3.1*. Add “and as referenced in Public Safety Article, §10-101, Annotated Code of Maryland.”
- (10) *NFPA 1, 3.3.203.6*. Delete the phrase “more than 3 but”.
- (11) *NFPA 1, 3.3.203.7*. Delete the phrase “four or more”.
- (12) *NFPA 1, 3.3.203.25 and 3.3.203.25.1*. Replace the word “three” with “five” and delete the phrase “, if any, accommodated in rented rooms”.
- (13) *NFPA 1, 3.3.203.28*. Replace the word “four” with “six”.
- (14) *NFPA 1, 4.5.8.1*. Delete the phrase “for compliance with the provisions of this Code”.
- (15) *NFPA 1, 4.5.8.3*. Delete the phrase “by the Code”.
- (16) *NFPA 1, 6.1.4.1*. Delete the phrase “four or more”.
- (17) *NFPA 1, 6.1.8.1.1*. Replace the word “three” with “five” and delete the phrase “, if any, accommodated in rented rooms”.
- (18) *NFPA 1, 6.1.9.1*. Replace the word “four” with “six”.
- (19) *NFPA 1, 10.1.2*. Add “as amended by COMAR 29.06.01.07, COMAR 29.06.01.08, COMAR 29.06.01.09 and the City of Gaithersburg Fire Code.”
- (20) *NFPA 1, 10.2.7.1*. Delete all text after the phrase “on existing premises” and replace with “as often as deemed necessary by the City Fire Marshal”.
- (21) *NFPA 1, Table 10.2.7.1*. Delete

- (22) *NFPA 1, 10.3.1.* Add “and until all fire protection systems have been tested, accepted and approved by the appropriate City of Gaithersburg fire or building inspector”.
- (23) *NFPA 1, 10.5.1 and 10.5.2.* After the phrase “by the AHJ”, insert “or incident commander”.
- (24) *NFPA 1, 10.7.1.1.1.* After the phrase “shall immediately”, insert “activate the manual fire alarm, if present, and”.
- (25) *NFPA 1, 10.10.6.1.* After the phrase “one- and two-family dwellings,” insert “or townhouses, row houses or other multiple dwelling construction where the dwellings are separated by fire walls and none are superimposed above another and replace the phrase “10 ft (3m) of any structure” with “20 ft. of any multi-family structure or 15 ft. of any other structure.”
- (26) *NFPA 1, 10.10.6.4.* Add new subsection 10.10.6.4 to read as follows:
“10.10.6.4 The use of charcoal fired stoves or grills in buildings, trailers and other confined areas shall be prohibited, except where such stove is provided with an approved system to vent gaseous combustion products directly to the outside.”
- (27) *NFPA 1, 10.11.1.1.1.* Add new subsection 10.11.1.1 to read as follows:
“10.11.1.1 Individual suites within structures and rear store entrances and/or access from service corridors shall be clearly identified in a manner approved by the City Fire Marshal.”
- (28) *NFPA 1, 10.11.1.2.* After the phrase “Address numbers” insert “or premises identification” and replace the phrase “4 in. (100 mm) high with” with “5 inches high for single-family residences and minimum of 6 inches high for commercial or multifamily structures. All address numbers shall have”.
- (29) *NFPA 1, 10.11.1.3* After the phrase “Address numbers” insert “or premises identification”.
- (30) *NFPA 1, 10.11.1.8.4.* Delete the text and replace with the following: “Address numbers or premises identification shall be only Arabic numbers for numeric addresses and capital script letters for alphabetic designations. Cursive letters for numeric addresses are not permitted.”
- (31) *NFPA 1, 10.11.1.9.* Add new subsection 10.11.1.9 to read as follows:
“10.11.1.9 Where required by the City Fire Marshal, symbols in compliance with NFPA 170, *Standard for Fire Safety and Emergency Symbols*, shall be used.”
- (32) *NFPA 1, 10.11.2.4.* Add new subsection 10.11.2.4 to read as follows:
“10.11.2.4 Every door or window opening on such shaft way from the interior of the building, unless the construction of the partition surrounding the shaft way is of such distinctive nature as to make its purpose evident at a glance, shall be

similarly marked with the warning word “SHAFTWAY” so placed as to be easily visible to anyone approaching the shaft way from the interior of the building.”

- (33) *NFPA 1, 10.15.5.1* Add the following: “unless otherwise approved by the City Fire Marshal. (See also A.10.15.5.1 and the City Fire Code amendment to that section.)”
- (34) *NFPA 1, 10.16.1*. Delete all text after the word “within” and replace with “15 feet of a property line, building, or adjacent pile of combustible material” and add the following exception:
- “Exception:** If the City Fire Marshal determines that a higher hazard to the adjoining property exists, the City Fire Marshal shall have the authority to require a greater distance of separation.”
- (35) *NFPA 1, 10.16.5*. Add “and shall not exceed 10,000 square feet in area.”
- (36) *NFPA 1, 10.16.6* Add new subsection 10.16.6 to read as follows:
“10.16.6 The City Fire Marshal shall have the authority to require that outdoor storage of any combustible material be enclosed by an approved fence or other protective enclosure to prevent unauthorized access.”
- (37) *NFPA 1, 10.19.7*. After the word “repaired” insert “on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or”.
- (38) *NFPA 1, 10.10.8.4* Add new subsection 10.10.8.4 to read as follows:
“10.10.8.4 Hot **ashes and other dangerous materials**. No person shall deposit hot ashes or cinders, or smoldering coals, or greasy or oily substances liable to spontaneous ignition, into any combustible receptacle, or place the same within ten (10) feet of any combustible materials, except in metal or other noncombustible, covered receptacles. Such receptacles, unless resting on a noncombustible floor or on the ground outside the building, shall be placed on noncombustible stands and in every case shall be kept at least two (2) feet from any combustible wall or partition, or exterior window opening.
- (39) *NFPA 1, 11.1.5.6* Delete all text after the word “shall” and replace with “not be used as a substitute for permanent wiring”.
- (40) *NFPA 1, 11.1.7.3.2*. Add new subsection 11.1.7.3.2 to read as follows:
“11.1.7.3.2 Doors to electrical control panel rooms shall be marked with a plainly visible and legible sign stating, ‘ELECTRICAL ROOM’ or similar approved wording in contrasting letters not less than 1.5 inches high and not less than ¼ inch stroke width.”
- (41) *NFPA 1, 11.1.9*. Add new subsection 11.1.9 to read as follows:
“11.1.9 **Clearance**. Unless other specialized dimensions are required by NFPA 70, a clear space of not less than 30 inches in width, 36 inches in depth, and 78 inches in height shall be provided in front of electrical service equipment. Where such service equipment is wider than 30 inches, the width of the required clear space shall not be

less than the width of the equipment. Storage of any kind is prohibited within the required clear space.”

- (42) *NFPA 1, 11.3.6.1.* Add “Keys for new elevators shall be cut to a uniform key code to comply with the Maryland State Elevator Code.”
- (43) *NFPA 1, 11.3.8.* Add new subsection 11.3.8 to read as follows:
“11.3.8 **Warning Notice in Elevators.** In all buildings and structures containing elevators, there shall be permanently affixed within all elevators a prominent, plainly marked notice approved by the City Fire Marshal to read:

WARNING
ELEVATORS SHALL NOT BE USED IN THE EVENT OF FIRE.
USE MARKED EXIT STAIRWAYS.”

- (44) *NFPA 1, 11.5.1.7.* Add the following: “Portable heaters shall be designed and located so that they cannot be easily overturned. Fuel-burning portable heaters shall be prohibited in occupancies other than one- and two-family dwellings, and dwellings that do not have Carbon Monoxide Alarms installed in accordance with NFPA 720. The City Fire Marshal is authorized to prohibit use of portable heaters in other occupancies or situations in which such use or operation would present an undue danger to life or the property of others.”
- (45) *NFPA 1, 11.5.4.1.* Add new subsection 11.5.4.1 to read as follows:
“11.5.4.1 All chimneys, stacks and flues including incinerator stacks which may emit sparks that create a fire hazard shall be equipped and maintained with a spark arrester. Such spark arrester shall be of approved construction.”
- (46) *NFPA 1, 11.9.1.* Replace the phrase “the fire department” with “Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service and the City of Gaithersburg”.
- (47) *NFPA 1, 11.10.1.1.* Add the following: “All newly constructed below-ground floors of a building, all floors in buildings greater than 25,000 sq.ft. per floor, and all floors of buildings greater than 3 stories in height must meet minimum emergency radio communication system performance criteria adopted by Montgomery County. Proof that minimum performance criteria are met must be provided in writing to the AHJ, and testing shall comply with the following:
- (1) Performance testing shall be performed in accordance with technical standards for systems and testing personnel established by Montgomery County.
 - (2) Compliance testing shall be performed at the time of occupancy and annually thereafter.
 - (3) Field testing may be performed by any authorized emergency services personnel upon reasonable notification to the owner or occupant.

Exception: The requirements of this section shall not apply to one- and two-family dwellings or townhomes.”

- (48) *NFPA 1, 11.10.1.1.1.* Add new subsection 11.10.1.1.1 to read as follows:
“11.10.1.1.1 All testing, design, installation and maintenance required by Section 11.10 must be performed by personnel approved by the City Fire Marshal.
- (49) *NFPA 1, 12.6.1.1.* Add new subsection 12.6.1.1 to read as follows:
“12.6.1.1 Cotton batting, either natural, artificial or manufactured, straw, dry vines, leaves, trees, or other highly flammable materials shall not be used for decorative purposes in show windows or other parts of commercial, industrial or institutional occupancies unless flame proofed; provided, that nothing in this section shall be held to prohibit the display of saleable goods permitted and offered for sale. Electric light bulbs or fixtures or any heat producing device in any building shall not be decorated with paper or other combustible materials whether flame proofed or not. Exit doors, exit lights, fire alarm sending stations, standpipes and fire extinguisher locations shall not be concealed or obstructed by any decorative material.”
- (50) *NFPA 1, 12.6.9.1.* Add the following: “References to “Christmas trees” in 12.6.9 shall apply to any cut or bald tree used for decoration or display, regardless of the holiday or time of year.”
- (51) *NFPA 1, 12.6.9.1.1.* Replace the word “Christmas” with the phrase “Unless otherwise approved by the City Fire Marshal, Christmas”.
- (52) *NFPA 1, 12.6.9.1.2.* Add new subsection 12.6.9.1.2 to read as follows:
“12.6.9.1.2 The City Fire Marshal has the authority to:
(1) Approve the placement of natural cut or bald tree.
(2) Limit the number of natural cut or bald trees displayed; and
(3) Order the removal of any tree if the tree poses a hazard to life or safety.”
- (53) *NFPA 1, 12.6.9.5.3.* Add new subsection 12.6.9.5.3 to read as follows:
“12.6.9.5.3 Combustible artificial decorative vegetation shall be tested by a laboratory recognized by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.”
- (54) *NFPA 1, 12.6.9.6.1.* Replace “½ in. (13mm)” with “2 in.” and add “A natural cut tree shall not exceed 10 ft. in height, excluding the tree stand.”
- (55) *NFPA 1, 13.1.1.2.* Add new subsection 13.1.1.2 and Exception to read as follows:
“13.1.1.2 **Appearance of Equipment.** Any device that has the physical appearance of life safety or fire protection equipment but that does not perform that life safety or fire protection function shall be prohibited.

Exception: Antique fire protection equipment or other similar fire protection equipment that is used as decoration or displayed in a manner that it is obviously not intended to provide a fire protection function.”

- (56) *NFPA 1, 13.1.2.* Add the following: “Inspection and tests of fire suppression, alarm detection and any other fire protection systems, devices and equipment shall be conducted by and at the expense and risk of the owner or his authorized representative.”
- (57) *NFPA 1, 13.1.3.1.* After the phrase “NFPA 101”, insert “and the City Fire Marshal”.
- (58) *NFPA 1, 13.1.3.2.* After the phrase “required by,” insert “the City Fire Marshal or”.
- (59) *NFPA 1, 13.3.1.2.1.* Add new subsection 13.3.1.2.1 to read as follows:
“13.3.1.2.1 Drop-out ceilings as referenced in NFPA 13 and NFPA 13R are prohibited in new ceiling installations.”
- (60) *NFPA 1, 13.3.2.5.1.* Add the following Exception:
“**Exception:** Where the Assembly occupancy meets all of the following:
- a) Occupant load less than 100 persons.
 - b) Occupancy is less than 5,000 square feet in area; and
 - c) Occupancy is located on a level of exit discharge.”
- (61) *NFPA 1, 13.3.2.25.5.* Replace the word “buildings” with the phrase “fire areas” and add “Fire areas shall be defined by approved fire barriers having a fire resistance rating of not less than 3 hours.”
- (62) *NFPA 1, 13.3.3.1 and 13.3.3.2.* Replace the phrase “A sprinkler system installed in accordance with this Code” with “Sprinkler systems”.
- (63) *NFPA 1, 13.4.1.1.1.* Add new subsection 13.4.1.1.1 to read as follows:
“13.4.1.1.1 No fire pump component, including the pump, driver, or controller, shall be permitted to be installed in below-ground vaults or pits unless specifically approved by the City Fire Marshal.”
- (64) *NFPA 1, 13.6.1.2.* Add “unless otherwise permitted by the City Fire Marshal.”
- (65) *NFPA 1, 13.6.4.1.2.1.* After the word “certified,” insert “or licensed as required by the City Fire Marshal.”
- (66) *NFPA 1, 13.6.4.1.2.1.1., 13.6.4.1.2.1.2, 13.6.4.1.2.1.3., 13.6.4.1.2.1.4, 13.6.4.1.2.1.5., 13.6.4.1.2.1.6, 13.6.4.1.2.2 Delete.*

- (67) *NFPA 1, 13.6.4.1.2.3.* Add “or licensed.”
- (68) *NFPA 1, 13.7.1.7.6.* Add the following: “This paragraph does not permit the omission of manual fire alarm boxes in accordance with other provisions of this Subsection unless specifically permitted by Chapters 11 through 43.”
- (69) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.1.3.* Delete all text after the title “Notification.”
- (70) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.1.3.3.3.* Delete the text and replace with “Occupant notification shall be by means of automatic prerecorded voice announcement in accordance with 13.7.1.9.10.”
- (71) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.6.6.4.* Delete the phrase “other than as permitted by 13.7.2.6.6.5.”
- (72) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.6.6.5.* Delete.
- (73) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.13.1.3.* Add the following: “in locations that were not required to have smoke alarms when the dwelling was constructed”.
- (74) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.14.5.1.* Delete the phrase “other than existing smoke alarms meeting the requirements of 13.7.2.14.5.3.”
- (75) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.14.5.3 and 13.7.2.18.5.2.* Delete.
- (76) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.18.5.3.* Delete the phrase “or a complete, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 13.3.2.17.”
- (77) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.18.5.4.* Add the following: “in sleeping rooms that were not required to have smoke alarms at the time the building was constructed”.
- (78) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.21.4.1.* Delete the phrase “unless otherwise indicated in 13.7.2.21.4.6 and 13.7.2.21.4.7.”
- (79) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.21.4.3.* After the phrase “installed for,” insert “all sleeping rooms,”.
- (80) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.21.4.5.* After the phrase “building electrical system,” insert “with secondary battery back-up” and add the following Exception: “**Exception:** Unless another state or local fire prevention code or building code or similar governmental code requires smoke alarms to be powered by the building electrical

service, smoke alarms installed in sleeping rooms in order to comply with this section may be battery-powered without secondary power.”

- (81) NFPA 1, 13.7.2.21.4.6 and 13.7.2.21.4.7. Delete.
- (82) NFPA 1, 13.7.2.22.7. Delete the phrase “, 13.7.2.22.7.2, or 13.7.2.22.7.3”.
- (83) NFPA 1, 13.7.2.22.2.2.2 and 13.7.2.22.7.3. Delete.
- (84) NFPA 1, 13.7.2.22.8.1. Delete the phrase “13.7.2.22.8.2 and”.
- (85) NFPA 1, 13.7.2.22.8.2. Delete.
- (86) *NFPA 1, 13.7.2.28.1.2 and 13.7.2.28.1.3.* After the phrase “Storage occupancies,” insert “less than three stories.”
- (87) *NFPA 1, 14.4.1.* Add the following: “In other than individual living units, no person shall place, store, or keep, or permit to be placed, stored, or kept any materials the presence or burning of which would obstruct or render hazardous an exit or exit access. No person shall block, impede or obstruct any aisle, passageway, hallway, lobby, foyer or stairway leading to or from an entrance or required exit which would prevent, delay, hinder or interfere with the free use of such passageway by any person, unless, due to security concerns for the occupants, locking of egress doors is permitted by City Codes, NFPA 1, NFPA 101, or otherwise specifically permitted by the City Fire Marshal.”
- (88) *NFPA 1, 14.5.2.2.* Add the following: “Manually operated edge or surface mounted flush bolts are prohibited.”
- (89) *NFPA 1, 14.5.3.* Add the following: “Special purpose door alarms or locking/bolting devices shall be approved by the City Fire Marshal prior to installation.”
- (90) *NFPA 1, 14.13.1.2.* In the first sentence, replace the word “only” with the phrase “, but not be limited to,”.

NFPA 1, 16.4.5. Delete all text after the phrase “such standpipes shall be” and replace with “installed and maintained ready for use up to not more than 1 floor below the highest forms or staging, or the floor being demolished.” See note in 2024 Chapter 16 Add to NFPA 241

NFPA 1, 16. 5.1.2. Add the following: “Combustible formwork supporting floors shall be prohibited more than 75 feet above the lowest point of fire department vehicle access.”

- (91) *NFPA 1, 18.2.2.1.* Delete the text and replace with the following: “**Access Boxes.** All occupancies shall provide an access box(es) of an approved type, listed in accordance with UL1037. The size, contents and location of the access box shall be determined by Montgomery County Department of Fire & Rescue Service (MCDFRS), in cooperation with the occupancy owner or management.

Exception 1: One- and two-family dwellings.

Exception 2: Multifamily buildings have no lockable doors other than those to individual dwelling units.

Exception 3: Occupancies which provide 24-hour on-site staffing with access to all areas of the building or complex. At least one person should staff a fixed location proximate to the main building or complex entrance to provide ready access for the fire department.

Exception 4: Multiple occupancies within a single structure and multiple buildings within a residential building complex shall be permitted to have a single access box permitted by MCDFRS.

- (92) *NFPA 1, 18.2.2.4.* Add new subsection 18.2.2.4 to read as follows:
“18.2.2.4 **Access to Utilities.** In other than individual dwelling units no person shall place, keep or store any material on or before any gas or electric meter or any shut-off for gas service, electrical service or water service, the presence of which would interfere with the ability of the fire department to shut off the utility.”

- (93) *NFPA 1, 18.2.3.2.1.* After the phrase “exterior door” insert “acceptable to the City of Gaithersburg”, after the phrase “provides access to” insert “all floors of”, and add the following: “The 50 ft measurement shall be along a path that is accessible by walking, and that has a clear width of at least 44 inches for the entire length of the path.”.

- (94) *NFPA 1, 18.2.3.5.1.1.* Add the following: “The road edge nearer the building shall be at least ten (10) feet from the building and the road edge away from the building shall be no more than fifty (50) feet from the building.”

- (95) *NFPA 1, 18.2.3.5.4.* Delete all text after the phrase “shall be provided with” and replace with “a turnaround complying with Montgomery County specifications.”

- (96) *NFPA 1, 18.2.3.6.3.* Add new subsection 18.2.3.6.3 to read as follows:
“18.2.3.6.3 No person shall place, erect or maintain any sign for control of parking or traffic which includes the words, “Fire Lane,” unless such sign has been ordered by the AHJ.”

- (1) case of fire inside the bin; or
- (2) Rooms used exclusively for such storage; or

- (97) Such other isolated areas either inside or outside of buildings that are approved by the City Fire Marshal. *NFPA 1, 18.2.4.1.1*. Add the following: “Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers in or on a fire lane.”
- (98) *NFPA 1, 19.1.3*. Add the following: “Combustible waste and refuse shall be stored in one of the following:
- (3) Approved containers which are constructed of noncombustible materials equipped with a tight-fitting cover; or
 - (4) An approved bin constructed of noncombustible materials having a self-closing cover that will operate automatically in
- (99) *NFPA 1, 19.1.6.4*. Add a new subsection 19.1.6.4 to read as follows:
“19.1.6.4 Any person who places, keeps or stores or permits to be placed, kept or stored any combustible waste, rubbish or refuse in any area or facility in violation of the City Fire Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.”
- (100) *NFPA 1, 19.2.1.1.1*. Add the following: “Storage containers not equipped with approved automatic closing covers shall be kept closed at all times except when trash is actually being loaded or unloaded.”
- (101) *NFPA 1, 19.2.1.7*. Add a new subsection 19.2.1.7 to read as follows:
“19.2.1.7 Trash or combustible waste shall not be stored or allowed to accumulate in waste chutes. Trash shall be removed from the chute continuously or as often as necessary to prevent accumulation.
- (102) *NFPA 1, 20.1.5.8.5*. Add a new subsection 20.1.5.8.5 to read as follows:
“20.1.5.8.5 The requirement in 20.1.5.8.3 shall be considered complied with by one of the following:
- (1) Oral announcement of the notice from stage, platform on floor at the beginning of every performance, address, exhibition, contest or other matter of proceedings.
 - (2) Showing the notice on cinema screen where movies are shown.
 - (3) Printing the notice in bold type letters not less than one-fourth in height on the back of programs for such performances, matters or other proceedings, and nothing but the said notice shall be placed thereon.
 - (4) Having a fixed sign or signs displaying the notice printed in letters of a size and clearness that can be easily read from any and every point in the assembly room.
- (103) *NFPA 1, 20.1.5.10.4.4 and 20.1.5.10.4.5*. Add new subsections 20.1.5.10.4 and 20.1.5.10.4.5 to read as follows:

“20.1.5.10.4.4 No owner, operator or manager or person in charge or agent for employee shall permit within a place of public or private assembly any persons in excess of the number allowed by the capacity certificate for such place. In any doubt as to the computation of occupancy load, the capacity certificate shall control.

20.1.5.10.4.5 No owner, operator, manager or agent or employee of any place of public or private assembly hereto referred shall sell or permit any employee, agent or servant to sell for a single performance or between the beginning and end of any single performance or show more tickets or admissions than the number of persons allowed within such place by the capacity certificate or, in the case of fixed seating, the number of seats. Such sale of an excess number of tickets or admissions shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of the City Fire Code.”

(104) *NFPA 1, 20.2.4.2.3(1)(b)*. Delete the text and replace with the following: “A minimum total of eight emergency drills shall be conducted during the school year, with at least three conducted within four months of the beginning of the school year.

Exception to (b): For educational occupancies in buildings protected throughout by an automatic sprinkler system, the total number of emergency drills conducted during the school year shall be five, with at least two conducted within four months of the beginning of the school year.”

(105) *NFPA 1, 20.3.4.1.1 and 20.3.4.1.2*. Delete the phrase “more than 3, but”.

(106) *NFPA 1, 25.2.2.1*. Add “or other testing standard approved by the State Fire Marshal.”

(107) *NFPA 1, 25.2.4.1.1*. Add new subsection 25.2.4.1.1 to read as follows:

“25.2.4.1.1 Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved devices shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet of the tent or membrane structures while open to the public unless approved by the City Fire Marshal.”

(108) *NFPA 1, 26.1.6.2, 26.1.6.3, and 26.1.6.4*. Add new subsections 26.1.6.2, 26.1.6.3, and 26.1.6.4 to read as follows:

“26.1.6.2 When requested by the City Fire Marshal, a hazard assessment shall be conducted by a technically qualified person acceptable to the City Fire Marshal.

26.1.6.3 When requested by the City Fire Marshal, a list of hazardous materials used in each laboratory shall be provided. The list shall specify the chemical name, quantity and hazard class.

26.1.6.4 New laboratories or laboratories where the NFPA 45 laboratory hazard classification changes shall post an information placard near the main entrance to the laboratory. The placard shall state the building name or address, room number, NFPA 45 laboratory hazard classification, edition of NFPA 45, maximum allowable quantities of flammable liquids both inside a storage cabinet and open use, and maximum quantities of flammable gases permitted within the laboratory.”

(109) NFPA 1, 34.1.3. Replace the phrase “An approved storage plan” with “Where required by the City Fire Marshal, an approved storage plan”.

(110) *NFPA 1, Chapter 35, Animal Housing Facilities.* Delete the entire chapter.

(111) *NFPA 1, 42.7.5.1.* Replace “AHJ” with the phrase “City Fire Marshal, and such facilities shall comply with the State of Maryland Fire Prevention Code (COMAR 29.06.01).”

(112) *NFPA 1, 50.8.1.7.* Add new subsections 50.8.1.7 through 50.8.1.7.3.3 and 50.8.1.8 to read as follows:

“50.8.1.7 Commercial **Outdoor Cooking Operations.** These requirements apply to commercial outdoor cooking operations such as those that typically take place under a canopy or tent-type structure at fairs, festivals, and carnivals. This includes, but is not limited to, deep frying, sautéing, and grilling operations.

50.8.1.7.1 Tent and Canopy Requirements.

50.8.1.7.1.1 Tents or canopies where cooking equipment not protected in accordance with NFPA 96 is located shall not be occupied by the public and shall be separated from other tents, canopies, structures, or vehicles by a minimum of 10 ft. (3050 mm) unless otherwise approved by the AHJ.

50.8.1.7.1.2 All tent and canopy material shall comply with the flame resistance requirements of Subsection 25.2.2.

50.8.1.7.2 LP Gas Fuel Requirements.

50.8.1.7.2.1 LP gas tank size shall be limited to 60 pounds. The total amount of LP gas on site shall not exceed 60 pounds for each appliance that is rated not more than 80,000 btu/hr. and 120 pounds for each appliance rated more than 80,000 btu/hr.

50.8.1.7.2.2 Tanks shall be maintained in good physical condition and shall have a valid hydrostatic date stamp.

50.8.1.7.2.3 Tanks shall be secured in their upright position with a chain, strap, or other approved method that prevents the tank from tipping over.

50.8.1.7.2.4 Tanks shall be located so that they are not accessible to the public. LP gas tanks shall be located at least 5 feet from any cooking or heating equipment or any open flame device.

50.8.1.7.2.5 All LP gas equipment shall be properly maintained and comply with the requirements of NFPA 58.

50.8.1.7.2.6 Regulators. Single-stage regulators may not supply equipment that is rated more than 100,000 btu/hr. rating. Two-stage regulators should be used with equipment that is rated more than 100,000 btu/hr.

50.8.1.7.3 General **Safety Requirements.**

50.8.1.7.3.1 All electrical cords shall be maintained in a safe condition and shall be secured to prevent damage.

50.8.1.7.3.2 Movable cooking equipment shall have wheels removed or shall be placed on blocks or otherwise secured to prevent movement of the appliance during operation.

50.8.1.7.3.3 Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with NFPA 1, Section 13.6 and shall be specifically listed for such use.

50.8.1.8 There shall be no obstructions or impediments to immediate escape from vehicles or other mobile units used for cooking operations.”

(113) NFPA 1, 50.8.8.3.2 Replace the phrase “not be transported or stored inside the vehicle” with “be secured in an upright position during transport and storage”.

(114) *NFPA 1, 65.1.1.* After the phrase “shall comply with” insert “the State of Maryland Fire Prevention Code (COMAR 29.06.01.09),”.

(115) *NFPA 1, 65.1.2.* Add new subsection 65.1.2.1 and Exception to read as follows:
“65.1.2.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, store, to offer for sale, expose for sale, sell or use, burn or explode any fireworks; provided, that the possession, sale or discharge of fireworks are permitted when such activities are conducted under permits issued by the State Fire Marshal and City Fire Marshal.

Exception: Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the use of fireworks by railroads or other transportation agencies for signal purposes or illumination, or the sale or use of blank cartridges for a show or theatre, or for signal or ceremonial purposes in athletics or sports or for the use by military organizations.”

(116) *NFPA 1, 65.2.2.* Add the following: “No person shall keep or store fireworks in the City for a period in excess of eight (8) hours unless such person shall have a valid permit from the State Fire Marshal for a display within the City or Montgomery County and unless such storage site has been approved by the City Fire Marshal.”

(117) *NFPA 1, 65.5.1.* Delete the text and replace with the following: “It shall be unlawful to manufacture fireworks in the City of Gaithersburg.”

(118) *NFPA 1, 65.9.2.1.* Delete the text and replace it with the following: No person shall use any explosives within the City of Gaithersburg unless a permit has first been obtained for such use from the City of Gaithersburg.

(119) *NFPA 1, 65.9.2.2.* Add the following: “The City Fire Marshal may issue the permit where it has been demonstrated that the applicant has sufficient experience in, and knowledge of, the use of explosives to assure that the explosives will be used so as not to endanger the health or safety of workers or the general public. The City Fire Marshal shall state in the permit the maximum number of explosives to be used in any one charge and shall state the total amount of explosives to be used at the location stated in the application. The maximum amounts fixed by the City Fire Marshal should be to protect the health and safety of the workers and the general public. Explosives shall not be used in an amount in excess of the limits stated in the permit. The permit shall be issued in the name of and shall be in the possession of the person supervising the use of explosives

(120) *NFPA 1, 65.9.2.3 through 65.9.2.7.* Add new subsections 65.9.2.3 through 65.9.2.7 to read as follows:

“65.9.2.3 Blasting operations shall not be conducted between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., except by special permission from the City of Gaithersburg.

65.9.2.4 The handling of explosives may be performed by other employees, provided that the work is done under the direct supervision of the person holding the permit to use explosives.

65.9.2.5 No person shall handle explosives while under the influence of intoxicating liquors or narcotics.

65.9.2.6 No person shall smoke while handling explosives or in the vicinity thereof.

65.9.2.7 No open flame shall be used in the vicinity of the explosives.”

(121) *NFPA 1*, 66.21.3.6. Add new subsection 66.21.3.6 to read as follows:

66.21.3.6 Unless otherwise permitted by the City Fire Marshal, aboveground storage of Class I flammable and Class II combustible liquids shall be prohibited unless the tank is listed per ANSI/UL 2085, *Standard for Protected Aboveground Tanks for Flammable and Combustible Liquids* and is constructed so as to have 110% secondary containment.

(122) *NFPA 1*, A.10.15.5.1. Add the following: “For the purposes of reducing the distances between the operation and refueling of portable and vehicle-mounted generators and any building or enclosure opening, including windows, doors, and air intakes, one or more of the following conditions may be considered:

- (1) Nature of the occupancy of the building or enclosure.
- (2) Expected duration of generator use.
- (3) Use of certified low CO emission generators.
- (4) Actual available distance between the generator and building or enclosure openings.
- (5) Installation of approved CO detection within the building or enclosure.
- (6) Openness of building or enclosure perimeter walls and ceiling.
- (7) Physical barriers or other means to deflect generator exhaust from building or enclosure openings.

Sec. 11-14. Amendments and Modifications to the NFPA Codes Governing Construction.

The *Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives* (NFPA 80), 2022 Edition, and the *Life Safety Code*® (NFPA 101®), 2024 Edition, are modified as follows:

(1) *NFPA 80*, 4.7.1. Add the following: “Release of fire doors and shutters shall not be

solely by fusible link, and shall be activated by one or more of the following methods:

- (1) Approved local smoke detection at the protected opening.
 - (2) Approved area smoke detection per NFPA 72.
 - (3) Fully automatic sprinkler protection per NFPA 13.”
- (2) *NFPA 101, General.* Delete all references to NFPA 5000, *Building Construction and Safety Code, 2024 Edition*, and substitute “the City of Gaithersburg Building Code.”
- (3) *NFPA 101, 2.2 and 2.4.* Delete the referenced publication NFPA 150, *Fire and Life Safety in Animal Housing Facilities Code, 2022 Edition*.
- (4) NFPA 101 3.3.24.8.1 Add new subsection 3.3.24.8.1 to read as follows: Work Area- Any portion of a residential or commercial building that is re-constructed, reconfigured, altered, repaired or renovated from its original design as determined by the City Fire Marshal.
- Exception: 1. Removal and replacement of interior wall and ceiling finishes for the sole purpose of remediation of smoke damage, water or flood damage. or mold remediation
- (5) *NFPA 101, 3.3.66.3.* Add new subsection 3.3.66.3 to read as follows:
“3.3.66.3 **Bulkhead Door.** A type of door assembly covering an opening in the ground providing direct access to a basement, the floor of which is not more than 8 feet below ground level. A Bulkhead Door consists of a single rigid leaf or two overlapping rigid leaves or covers which need to be pushed or lifted upwards in order to be opened. A person, after opening the door, can walk up a series of steps to escape to the outside.
- (6) *NFPA 101, 3.3.70.1.* Replace the word “three” with “five” and delete the phrase “if any, accommodated in rented rooms”.
- (7) *NFPA 101, 3.3.134.* Add “(See 4.6.17 with City amendments for establishing Grade Plane.)”.
- (8) *NFPA 101, 3.3.154.1.* Delete the phrase “more than three, but”.
- (9) *NFPA 101, 3.3.205.4.* Delete the phrase “four or more”.
- (10) *NFPA 101, 3.3. 205.12.* Replace the word “four” with “six”.
- (11) *NFPA 101, 3.3.289.* After the word “discharge,” insert “or the first story above grade plane, whichever is lower,” and add “(See also 4.6.3.)”.
- (12) *NFPA 101, 4.5.8.* Delete the phrase “for compliance with the provisions of this Code.”

- (13) *NFPA 101, 4.6.3(1) and 4.6.3(2)*. After the phrase “level of exit discharge” insert “or first story above grade plane, whichever is lower”.
- (14) *NFPA 101, 4.6.3 (5)*, Delete.
- (15) *NFPA 101, 4.6.10.2*. Replace the phrase “Where required by Chapters 11 through 43, construction” with “Construction”.
- (16) *NFPA 101, 4.6.12.1*. Delete the phrase “for compliance with the provisions of this Code”.
- (17) *NFPA 101, 4.6.12.3*. Delete the phrase “by the Code”.
- (18) *NFPA 101, 4.6.17*. Replace both occurrences of the phrase “6 ft (1.8m)” with “20 ft”.
- (19) *NFPA 101, 4.8.2.4*. Add new subsection 4.8.2.4 to read as follows:
“4.8.2.4 Emergency action plans shall be maintained in a location approved by the City Fire Marshal.”
- (20) *NFPA 101, 6.1.4.1*. Delete the phrase “four or more”.
- (21) *NFPA 101, 6.1.8.1.1*. Replace the word “three” with “five” and delete the phrase “, if any, accommodated in rented rooms”.
- (22) *NFPA 101, 6.1.9.1*. Replace the word “four” with “six”.
- (23) *NFPA 101, 7.1.3.2.1(8) (a)*. Delete the text and replace with the following: “Existing previously approved openings.”
- (24) *NFPA 101, 7.1.10.3*. Add new subsection 7.1.10.3 to read as follows:
“7.1.10.3 Trash or recyclable materials awaiting scheduled collection shall not be placed in exits, exit access corridors, or on egress balconies.”
- (25) *NFPA 101, 7.2.1.2.2.2(5)*. Add new subparagraph 7.2.1.2.2.2(5) to read as follows:

“(5) For power operated sliding door assemblies that utilize stacking sliding panels or a fixed panel adjacent to and on the exterior of the sliding panel(s), and the door system is designed such that the panels break away to become side hinged in the emergency breakout mode, the width of means of egress shall be permitted to be no more than the combined width of the fixed panel and the moving panels, minus 32 inches for each sliding panel.”
- (26) *NFPA 101, 7.2.1.4.3.1*. After the phrase “or a landing unobstructed” insert “and shall not project more than 7 inches into the required width when fully open” and in parenthetical subparagraph (2) delete all text after the phrase “The door” and

replace with “leaf projects not more than 7 inches into the required width of the stair landing when the door leaf is fully open”.

- (27) *NFPA 101, 7.2.1.4.4.3.2.* Delete.
- (28) *NFPA 101, 7.2.1.6.4.1.* After the phrase “Where permitted”, insert “by the City Fire Marshal and”.
- (29) *NFPA 101, 7.2.1.7.1.* Delete the phrase “required to be”.
- (30) *NFPA 101, 7.2.1.7.4.* Replace the phrase “Required panic hardware” with “Panic hardware”.
- (31) *NFPA 101, 7.2.1.14.1 and 7.2.1.15.1.* After the phrase “Where required by” insert “the City Fire Marshal and”.
- (32) *NFPA 101, 7.3.1.1.1.* Delete all text after the phrase “occupant load thereof”.
- (33) *NFPA 101, Table 7.3.1.2.* Under “Business Use”, change “150” to “100”, and add “New Business Occupancy shell space shall be calculated at 65 ft² (6.0 m²) per person.”
- (34) *NFPA 101, 7.9.1.2.* In the first sentence, replace the word “only” with “, but not be limited to,”.
- (35) *NFPA 101, 7.10.8.3.2(5).* Add new subparagraph 7.10.8.3.2(5) to read as follows:
“(5) When located at a door, the sign shall be visible with the door in any position, or if the sign is located on the door, the door shall be self-closing.”
- (36) *NFPA 101, 8.6.7(6)(b).* Delete all text after the word “are” and replace with “located at the annunciator panel, in the Fire Control Room, or other location approved by the City Fire Marshal.”
- (37) *NFPA 101, 8.7.3.3.* Add the following exception:
“**Exception:** Unless other criteria are approved by the City Fire Marshal.”
- (38) *NFPA 101, 9.6.1.3.* Delete the phrase “required by this Code.”
- (39) *NFPA 101, 9.6.2.6.* Add the following: “This paragraph does not permit the omission of manual fire alarm boxes in accordance with other provisions of this subsection unless specifically permitted by Chapters 11 through 43.”
- (40) *NFPA 101, 9.6.2.10.6.* Replace the phrase “in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 72” with “by the building’s electric service and shall have battery back-up.”
- (41) *NFPA 101, 9.6.3.4.* Delete all text after the word “delay” and replace with “to a

listed central station in accordance with 9.6.4.”

- (42) *NFPA 101, 9.6.3.5.* At the end of the sentence, add the phrase “and only when the initial fire alarm signal is automatically transmitted without delay to a listed central station in accordance with 9.6.4.”
- (43) *NFPA 101, 9.6.3.7.2.* Add the following: “Where selective evacuation is used in high rise buildings, occupant notification shall be by voice announcement and shall send a predetermined message to the floor where the fire alarm originated, to the floor immediately below and to the floor immediately above, providing information and directions to the occupants. Any subsequent alarm(s) other than the initial fire floor must initiate the voice notification as described above. The voice notification shall be designed to be heard clearly by all occupants within the designated portions. Communicating levels (open to one another) shall be considered one floor/fire area for the audible and visual fire alarm signals.”
- (44) *NFPA 101, 9.6.3.7.4 and 9.6.3.7.5.* Replace the phrase “be required” with “sound automatically”.
- (45) *NFPA 101, 9.6.3.10.* Add the following: “New systems having voice notification shall be by automatic, pre-recorded announcement in accordance with Section 9.6. Live voice as the sole means of notification method is prohibited.”
- (46) *NFPA 101, 9.6.4.2.* Delete all text after the word “automatically” and replace with “to a listed central station.”
- (47) *NFPA 101, 9.6.4.3.* Delete.
- (48) *NFPA 101, 9.6.6.2(3).* Add the following exception:
“**Exception to (3):** Manual fire alarm initiation shall not activate floor- or zone-dependent smoke control systems.”
- (49) *NFPA 101, 9.6.8.2.* Add the following: “Annunciation shall comply with the requirements set forth in NFPA 72, as amended by the City Fire Code.”
- (50) *NFPA 101, 9.6.8.3.* Delete all text after the word “zone”.
- (51) *NFPA 101, 9.6.8.4.* Delete all text after the word “direction”.
- (52) *NFPA 101, 9.6.8.4.1, 9.6.8.4.2, 9.6.8.4.3, 9.6.8.4.4, and 9.6.8.4.5.* Delete.
- (53) *NFPA 101, 9.7.1.1.1.* Add new subsection 9.7.1.1.1 to read as follows:
“9.7.1.1.1 For new ceiling installations, drop-out ceilings as referenced in NFPA 13 and NFPA 13R shall be prohibited.”
- (54) *NFPA 101, 9.7.1.3.* Replace the phrase “NFPA 13 Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems” with “valved with the domestic water system,” and at the end of the paragraph add “Any and all work shall be performed only by a sprinkler

contractor that has a current, valid Maryland Sprinkler Contractor license.”

- (55) *NFPA 101, 9.7.2.2.1*. Delete all text after the phrase “waterflow alarms shall be” and replace with “automatically transmitted to a listed central station.”
- (56) *NFPA 101, 9.8.1*. Delete the text and replace with the following: “Where water as an extinguishing agent is not compatible with the fire hazard or is prohibited by law, statute or ordinance, the affected area shall be equipped with an approved automatic fire suppression system utilizing a suppression agent that is compatible with the fire hazard. Automatic fire-extinguishing systems installed as an alternative to required automatic sprinkler systems must be approved by the City Fire Marshal. All such systems shall be installed in accordance with the appropriate standard as determined in Table 9.8.1.”
- (57) *NFPA 101, 9.11.1*. Delete the phrase “required by this Code”.
- (58) *NFPA 101, 9.11.2*. Add the following: “When a fire watch is deemed necessary due to a system impairment and the property owner or the owner’s agent cannot be contacted to establish a fire watch, the City of Gaithersburg at their discretion may provide the fire watch and charge the property owner the inspection overtime rate per person per hour.”
- (59) *NFPA 101, 9.11.4.1, 9.11.4.2 and 9.14.1*. After the phrase “Where required by,” insert “the City Fire Marshal and”.
- (60) *NFPA 101, 10.4.1 and 10.5.1*. At the beginning of each sentence, insert “Where required by the City Fire Marshal,”.
- (61) *NFPA 101, 11.8.6.1*. Replace the phrase “fire department” with “City Fire Marshal,” and add the following: “In new construction, the emergency command center shall have a door directly to the exterior of the building located as approved by the City Fire Marshal, and the exterior face of the door shall be marked with a plainly visible and legible sign stating “FIRE COMMAND CENTER” or similar approved wording. In addition to the provisions of 11.8.6.2 the fire command center shall also comply with Section 911 of the 2024 Edition of the International Building Code.”
- (62) *NFPA 101, 11.8.6.2*. Replace the phrase “fire department” with “City Fire Marshal”.
- (63) *NFPA 101, 11.8.6.6(6)*. Add the following: “and remote starting only.”
- (64) *NFPA 101, 11.11.2.1*. Add the following: “or other testing standard approved by the State Fire Marshal.”
- (65) *NFPA 101, 11.12.2, 12.2.1.2, 12.2.2.2.4 and 13.2.2.2.4*. Delete.
- (66) *NFPA 101, 12.2.4.1 and 13.2.4.1*. Add the following:

- “(1) Not less than two separate exits shall be provided on every story.
- (2) Not less than two separate exits shall be accessible from every part of every story.”

- (67) *NFPA 101, 12.3.4.3 and 13.3.4.3.3.* Delete all text after the title “**Notification.**” and replace with “Occupant notification shall be via an automatic, pre-recorded announcement in accordance with Section 9.6.3 as amended by the City Fire Code. Live voice as the sole means of notification method is prohibited.”
- (68) *NFPA 101, 12.3.4.3.1, 13.3.4.3.1 and 13.3.4.3.2.* After the word “permitted”, insert “only where specifically allowed by the City Fire Marshal.”
- (69) *NFPA 101, 12.3.4.3.3 and 13.3.4.3.3.* Delete all text after the phrase “in accordance with 9.6.3.10 and add the following: “In areas that have music sound systems, video game systems, or other systems that produce noise levels such that the ambient noise would inhibit the audibility of the fire alarm system notification, such systems must be arranged to automatically shut down upon activation of the fire alarm.”
- (70) *NFPA 101, 12.3.4.3.4.* Delete the phrase “initiated by the person in the constantly attended receiving station,”.
- (71) *NFPA 101, 12.3.4.3.6, 12.3.4.3.7, 13.3.4.3.6 and 13.3.4.3.7.* Delete.
- (72) *NFPA 101, 12.3.5.1.* Add the following Exception:
“Exception: Where the Assembly occupancy meets all of the following:
 - (1) Occupant loads of less than 100 persons.
 - (2) Occupancy is less than 5,000 square feet in area; and
 - (3) Occupancy is located on a level of exit discharge.”
- (73) *NFPA 101, 14.2.1.5.* Delete.
- (74) *NFPA 101, 14.2.3.2.2.* Replace the phrase “with a required capacity” with “serving areas with a total occupant load”.
- (75) *NFPA 101, 14.2.11.1.1(1).* After the word “tools”, insert “, keys, special knowledge, or excessive force,”.
- (76) *NFPA 101, 14.7.2.3(1)(b) and 15.7.2.3(1)(b).* Delete the text and replace with the following: “A minimum total of eight emergency drills shall be conducted during the school year, with at least three conducted within four months of the beginning of the school year.

Exception to (b): For educational occupancies in buildings protected throughout by an automatic sprinkler system, the total number of emergency drills conducted during the school year shall be five, with at least two conducted within four months of the beginning of the school year

- (77) *NFPA 101, 15.2.2.2.4.1(3) and 17.2.2.2.6.1(3)*. Delete the text and replace with the following “Where approved by the City Fire Marshal, two nonsimultaneous releasing motions shall be permitted if the locking devices are readily distinguishable as locked.”
- (78) *NFPA 101, 15.2.4.2(3)*. Delete.
- (79) *NFPA 101, 16.1.1.1 and 17.1.1.1.1*. Add the following exception:
“**Exception:** Day-care centers providing care for school age children before and/or after school hours in a building which is in legal use as a public or private school are not required to meet the provisions of this chapter but shall meet the provisions for educational occupancies.”
- (80) *NFPA 101, 16.2.1.1*. Delete.
- (81) *NFPA 101, 16.2.11.1.1 & 17.2.11.1.1*. Add the following exception:
“**Exception to (3):** For windows at grade, the minimum net clear opening shall be permitted to be 5.0 ft².”
- (82) *NFPA 101, 16.3.4.5 and 17.3.4.5* Add the following exception:
“**Exception to (1):** In buildings equipped with a selective evacuation fire alarm system, smoke detection at stairwell doors shall only be required at locations that would activate the alarm in the day-care center.”
- (83) *NFPA 101, 16.3.5.1*. Add the following exception:
“**Exception:** Automatic sprinkler protection is not required where all the following conditions are met:
(1) The occupancy in which the day-care center is located does not exceed 12,000 sq.ft. in area and has a total occupancy load of not more than 300 people.
(2) All rooms used for day care is located on a level of exit discharge.
(3) All rooms used for day-care have at least one exterior exit door at grade level.”
- (84) *NFPA 101, 16.6.1.1.2 and 17.6.1.1.2*. Delete the phrase “more than 3, but”.
- (85) *NFPA 101, 16.6.1.4.1.1 and 17.6.1.4.1.1.1*. Delete the phrase “more than three, but”, and change “seven” to “nine”.
- (86) *NFPA 101, 16.6.1.4.1.2 and 17.6.1.4.1.2*. Change “7” to “9”.
- (87) *NFPA 101, 16.6.1.7.1 and 17.6.1.7.1*. Delete the text and replace it with the following:

“In family day-care homes, a day-care provider's own children incapable of self-preservation shall be counted as clients served, and the following shall apply:

- (1) At any given time, a day-care provider may not care for more than eight clients, of whom no more than four may be incapable of self-preservation; and
- (2) An adult-to-child ratio of at least one adult to every two children incapable of self-preservation shall be maintained at all times.

Exception to (2): If approved by the City Fire Marshal, the staff-to-client ratio may be modified where safeguards are provided in addition to those specified by local codes and ordinances.”

(88) *NFPA 101, 16.6.2.1.2.* Delete.

(89) *NFPA 101, 16.6.2.2 and 17.6.2.2.2.* Replace the word “Reserved” with the following:

“Sliding door. For family day-care homes, a sliding door used as a required means of escape shall comply with the following conditions:

- (1) The sliding door shall have not more than one, easily operated, locking device that does not require special knowledge, effort, or tools to operate.
- (2) There may not be draperies, screens, or storm doors that could impede progress.
- (3) The sill or track height may not exceed 1/2 inch above the interior finish floor.
- (4) The surface onto which exit is made shall be an all-weather surface such as a deck, patio, or sidewalk.
- (5) The floor level outside the door may be one step lower than the inside, but not more than 8 inches lower.
- (6) The sliding door shall open to a clear open width of at least 28 inches.
- (7) Before day-care use each day, the sliding door shall be unlocked and tested to the full required width to be sure it is operating properly, and the door shall be nonbinding and slid easily; and
- (8) During periods of snow or freezing rain, door tracks shall be cleared out and the door opened periodically throughout the day in order to ensure proper operation.”

(90) *NFPA 101, 16.6.2.3 and 17.6.2.3.* Replace the word “Reserved” with the following:

“Special means of escape requirements. For family day-care homes, any door in a required means of escape may be provided with a deadbolt lock only if the lock is openable with approved interior mechanism, or the lock shall be of a captured-key design from which the key cannot be removed from the interior side of the lock when the lock is in the locked position.

(91) *NFPA 101, 16.6.2.4.5 and 17.6.2.4.5.* Add the following exception:

“Exception to (3): Bulkhead doors shall not serve as a primary means of escape.”

- (92) *NFPA 101, 17.6.3.4.5.* Delete.
- (93) *NFPA 101, 22.4.6.1.3.* Delete the phrase “or 22.4.6.1.5”.
- (94) *NFPA 101, 22.4.6.1.5 and 22.4.6.2.* Delete section 22.4.6.1.5 and delete section 22.4.6.2 and all subsections.
- (95) *NFPA 101, 23.4.6.1.3.* Delete the phrase “or 23.4. 6.1.5”
- (96) *NFPA 101, 23.4.6.1.5 and 23.4.6.2.* Delete section 23.4.6.1.5 and delete section 23.4.6.2 and all subsections.
- (97) *NFPA 101, 24.1.1.2.* Replace the word “three” with “five” and delete the phrase “, if any, accommodated in rented rooms”.
- (98) *NFPA 101, 24.2.2.3.3.* After the phrase “5.7 ft² (0.53 m²)” insert “or not less than 5.0 ft² when at grade”.
- (99) *NFPA 101, 24.2.8.* Delete the section and all subsections.
- (100) *NFPA 101, 24.3.4.1.3.* Add the following: “in locations that were not required to have smoke alarms at the time the dwelling was constructed”.
- (101) *NFPA 101, 26.1.1.1.* After the word “buildings” insert “that do not qualify as one- and two-family dwellings, and”.
- (102) *NFPA 101, 26.2.4.* Delete.
- (103) *NFPA 101, 26.3.4.5.1.* Delete the text and replace with the following: “Approved smoke alarms shall be installed in accordance with 9.6.2.10 on every level of the building, in every sleeping room and outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping rooms.”
- (104) *NFPA 101, 26.3.4.5.3 and 28.2.1.4.* Delete.
- (105) *NFPA 101, 28.3.4.3.6.* Delete all text after the word “provided”.
- (106) *NFPA 101, 29.3.4.5.2 and 30.2.1.3.* Delete.
- (107) *NFPA 101, 30.3.4.3.3.* Delete the phrase “, unless the building complies with either 30.3.4.3.4. or 30.3.4.3.5”.
- (108) *NFPA 101, 30.3.4.3.4 and 30.3.4.3.5.* Delete.
- (109) *NFPA 101, 31.3.4.5.1.* Delete the phrase “, as modified by 31.3.4.5.2,”.
- (110) *NFPA 101, 31.3.4.5.2.* Delete.

- (111) *NFPA 101, 31.3.4.5.3.* Delete the phrase “or a complete, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 31.3.5”.
- (112) *NFPA 101, 31.3.4.5.4.* Add the following: “in sleeping rooms that were not required to have smoke alarms at the time the building was constructed”.
- (113) *NFPA 101, 32.1.3.4.* Replace the phrase “unless the board and care occupancy is” with “unless the board and care occupancy and exits therefrom are”.
- (114) *NFPA 101, 32.2.2.3.1(3).* After the phrase “5.7 ft² (0.53 m²)” insert “or not less than 5.0 ft² when at grade”.
- (115) *NFPA 101, 32.2.2.7 and 32.3.2.1.3.* Delete.
- (116) *NFPA 101, 32.7.5.2.2 and 32.7.5.3.2.* Delete all text after the word “tested”.
- (117) *NFPA 101, 33.2.2.3.1(3).* After the phrase “5.7 ft² (0.53 m²)” insert “or not less than 5.0 ft² when at grade”.
- (118) *NFPA 101, 33.2.3.4.4.1.* Delete all text after the phrase “ in accordance with 9.6.2.10”.
- (119) *NFPA 101, 33.2.3.4.4.3.* After the word “for”, insert “sleeping rooms,”.
- (120) *NFPA 101, 33.2.3.4.4.5.* After the word “system”, insert “and have secondary battery backup,” and add the following exception:
“**Exception:** Unless another state or local fire prevention code or building code or similar governmental code requires smoke alarms to be powered by the building electrical service, smoke alarms installed in sleeping rooms in order to comply with this section may be battery-powered without secondary power.”
- (121) *NFPA 101, 33.2.3.4.4.6 and 33.2.3.4.4.7.* Delete.
- (122) *NFPA 101, 33.3.3.4.7.* Delete all text after the phrase “in accordance with 33.3.3.4.7.1”.
- (123) *NFPA 101, 33.3.3.4.7.2 and 33.3.3.4.7.3.* Delete.
- (124) *NFPA 101, 33.3.3.4.8.1.* Delete the phrase “33.3.3.4.8.2 and”.
- (125) *NFPA 101, 33.3.3.4.8.2.* Delete.
- (126) *NFPA 101, 33.7.5.2.2 and 33.7.5.3.2.* Delete all text after the word “tested”.
- (127) *NFPA 101, 36.2.1.6.* Delete the section and all subsections.
- (128) *NFPA 101, 36.2.5.11(4).* Add the following: The egress path shall be defined

by a fixed barrier or guardrail with at least one intermediate rail. The fixed barrier or guardrail shall be at least 42 inches above the adjacent walking surface, and any openings in the fixed barrier or guardrail for passage shall be limited to a maximum of 36 inches width.”

- (129) *NFPA 101, 36.3.1(5)*. Delete the phrase “and the number of contiguous stories shall not be limited”.
- (130) *NFPA 101, 36.3.4.1*. After the phrase “Class A”, insert “and multiple story Class B”.
- (131) *NFPA 101, 37.2.5.11(4)*. After the word “defined” insert “with fixed barriers”.
- (132) *NFPA 101, 37.3.4.1*. After the phrase “Class A”, insert “and multiple story Class B”.
- (133) *NFPA 101, 38.2.1.5*. Delete the section and all subsections.
- (134) *NFPA 101, 38.2.4.4(3)(a)*. After the word “stories,” insert “, and shall not have any openings into the stair from other stories”.
- (135) *NFPA 101, 38.3.1.1(3)*. Delete the phrase “and the number of contiguous stories shall be unlimited.”
- (136) *NFPA 101, 40.2.1.3 and 42.2.1.3*. Delete.
- (137) *NFPA 101, 42.3.4.1.2 and 42.3.4.1.3*. After the word “occupancies”, insert “less than 3 stories”.
- (138) *NFPA 101, 42.8.2.2.3.2*. Add the following: “Stairway Identification in accordance with 7.2.2.5.4 shall be provided.”
- (139) *NFPA 101, 42.8.3.4.1.1 and 42.8.3.4.1.3*. after the word “structures”, insert “less than three stories and”.
- (140) *NFPA 101, 42.8.3.4.3.1*. Delete all text after the word “shall” and replace with “sound a general evacuation alarm in accordance with 9.6.3.6 and provide emergency forces notification in accordance with 9.6.4”.

Sec. 11-15. Amendments and Modifications to the NFPA Codes Governing Fire Protection Systems and Fireworks Display.

The *Standard for the Installations of Sprinkler Systems* (NFPA 13), 2022 Edition, the *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes* (NFPA 13D), 2022 Edition, the *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Low-Rise Residential Occupancies* (NFPA 13R), 2022 Edition, the *Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems* (NFPA 14), 2024 Edition,

the *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection* (NFPA 20), 2022 Edition, the *National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code*® (NFPA 72®), 2022 Edition, the *Standard for Smoke Control Systems* (NFPA 92), 2022 Edition, the *Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations* (NFPA 96), 2024 Edition, and the *Code for Fireworks Display* (NFPA 1123), 2021 Edition, are modified as follows:

- (1) NFPA 13, 5.2.2.2. Add the following: “Pressure and flow availability as determined by WSSC Hydraulic Information Sheet shall be used for new taps. Pressure and flow availability for existing taps shall be determined by interior flow test. In any case, the supply information shall be corrected for the low hydraulic gradient.”
- (2) NFPA 13, 5.2.3. Add the following: “Booster pumps and pump/tank supplies shall only be utilized where it has been demonstrated that the public water supply is inadequate.”
- (3) NFPA 13, 6.10.2.1.1. Add the following: “Flushing operation shall be witnessed by City of Gaithersburg Fire Marshal’s Office”
- (4) NFPA 13, 7.2.3.2. Add the following: “Special sprinklers shall be installed where required by the City of Gaithersburg Fire Marshal.”
- (5) NFPA 13, 9.2.5.1. After the word “motels”, insert “where the least dimension of the closet does not exceed 36 inches, and”.
- (6) NFPA 13, 9.3.4.2.3.1. Add the following: “Means of blocking off the space shall be a wall or other means approved by the City of Gaithersburg Fire Marshal.”
- (7) NFPA 13, 9.3.11. Add the following: “New drop-out ceilings are prohibited.”
- (8) NFPA 13, 9.3.19.2. Add the following: “This includes porte-cocheres, canopies and roofs over areas with vehicle access, except those over drive-up windows.”
- (9) NFPA 13, 9.4.1.4. Replace the phrase “prior to the fittings being cemented in place” with “until after the hydrostatic test has been passed by the city” of Gaithersburg Fire Marshal s Office.”
- (10) NFPA 13, 9.4.2.5(12). Add new subparagraph 9.4.2.5(12) to read as follows: “(12) Intermediate-temperature classification sprinklers shall be installed in furnace rooms and laundry rooms located within dwelling units where such rooms are less than 500 cubic feet total volume.”
- (11) NFPA 13, 12.1.1. Replace the phrase “in dwelling units and their adjoining corridors” with “to be used in cells and dwelling units in Detention and Correctional occupancies and corridors serving dwelling units, and shall be used in all dwelling units in all other occupancies”

- (12) NFPA 13, 16.3.12.1. After the word “ceiling” insert “and in any speculative areas subject to tenant changes”, minimum one (1) inch outlets shall be provided
- (13) NFPA 13, 16.3.12.2. Delete.

- (14) NFPA 13, 16.4.1.6. Add new subsection 16.4.1.6 to read as follows:
“16.4.1.6 Where water-filled piping and/or supply mains are installed in an unoccupied or inhabitable space that relies on heating to maintain the sprinkler piping at the required temperatures, the City Fire Marshal shall have the authority to require an approved method of temperature supervision to ensure the space is maintained at required temperatures.”

- (15) NFPA 13, 16.5. Delete the text and replace with the following: “**Protection of Piping Subject to Mechanical Damage.** Sprinkler system piping, risers, or drain piping installed in parking garages or other locations subject to vehicular or mechanical damage must be protected by bollards, concrete barriers, or other substantial approved means.”

- (16) NFPA 13, 16.9.3.1.4. Add new subsection 16.9.3.1.4 to read as follows:
“16.9.3.1.4 Floor control valve assemblies shall be provided as required by 16.9.10, as amended by the City Fire Code.”

- (17) NFPA 13, 16.9.10.1. Replace the phrase “Multistory buildings exceeding two stories in height” with “Where a sprinkler system serves more than one level, each level” and add the following exceptions:

Exception 1: In buildings not exceeding three floors and 3,000 square feet per floor.

Exception 2: Unoccupied and unused attics may be zoned with the level below.

Exception 3: Mezzanines not exceeding 3,000 square feet in area.

Exception 4: Detention and correctional facilities.”

- (18) NFPA 13, 16.9.10.2 and 16.9.10.3. Delete.

- (19) NFPA 13, 16.11.2.1. Add the following: “Where a sprinkler system is required to activate a fire alarm system and separate valves for each level are required, the sprinkler system shall have a separate and distinct water flow detecting device for each floor and zone.”

- (20) NFPA 13, 16.12.3.1.3. Add the following: “For all other systems, the number of 2½-inch inlets provided shall be as follows:

System Demand (gpm)	No. of inlets
Up to 749	2
750-999	3
1000 and above	4

- (21) NFPA 13, 16.12.5.1.3. Add new subsection 16.12.5.1.3 to read as follows:
“16.12.5.1.3 Multiple connections for the same building shall be interconnected.”

- (22) *NFPA 13, 16.12.5.7.1. Add new subsection 16.12.5.7.1 to read as follows:*
“16.12.5.7.1 Fire department connections shall be located within 100 feet of a free standing (not wall type) hydrant, measured along a path accessible by walking. Measurement shall be around all obstructions, including parking spaces, fences, and landscaping.
- (23) *NFPA 13, 19.1.1. Add the following:* “Calculations for new systems or new portions of systems shall meet the following criteria:
- (1) Highest hazard and most demanding use allowed by building construction permit or property zoning.
 - (2) Storage use: Available storage height and configuration which produces the greatest demand.
 - (3) New speculative spaces subject to tenant changes shall not use grid systems or extended coverage sprinklers, and design cannot use small room or room design method.
 - (4) All uses: Unless otherwise specifically permitted by the City Fire Marshal, all hydraulic calculations must have a minimum safety factor of 20% of the system demand pressure, or 5 psi, whichever is greater. For systems without a pump, the safety factor is based on the demand pressure only at the supply point. For systems with a pump, the safety factor is based on both the demand pressure and demand flow at the pump discharge. All design options, except grids, shall be explored. Owner occupied buildings may use a lower safety factor if a pump would be necessary to achieve the 20%.”
- (24) *NFPA 13, 19.3.1.4. Add the following:* “only for systems where the originally approved design was with a discharge less than 0.1 gpm/ft²”.
- (25) *NFPA 13, 28.2.4.8.1. Add the following exception:*
“**Exception to (5):** When fitting equivalent lengths from manufacturer’s published tables are used instead of equivalent lengths from Table 28.2.3.1.1, all fitting equivalent lengths in the manufacturer’s chart must be accounted for in the calculations, including equivalent lengths for straight-through flow in tee or cross fittings.”
- (26) *NFPA 13, 28.2.4.8.1. Add new subparagraph 28.2.4.8.1(14) to read as follows:*
“(14) Where listed nonmetallic pipe is installed, and manufacturer’s friction loss tables are used, the “worst case” table of all compatible manufacturers’ products must be used, unless the installed fittings have distinctive manufacturer’s identification markings.”
- (27) *NFPA 13, 29.2.1.4. After the phrase “testing with water,” insert “for metallic pipe systems” and add the following “For systems with nonmetallic pipe, when temperatures are below 40 degrees F, the building must be heated to keep*

system piping to at least 40 degrees F, or a listed antifreeze must be used for the hydrostatic test of the system piping.”

- (28) NFPA 13D, 5.2.3.2. Add the following: “Spray foam insulation and/or sealants and other construction products shall not be applied in direct contact with CPVC sprinkler piping unless the product has been documented as being compatible with CPVC sprinkler pipe.”
- (29) *NFPA 13D, 6.2(1)*. Add the following: “Pressure availability as determined by WSSC Low Hydraulic Gradient shall be used. Booster pumps and pump/tank supplies may only be used where it is demonstrated that the public water supply is inadequate to meet sprinkler demand.
- (30) *NFPA 13D, 6.2.3.1*. Replace the phrase “be permitted to serve” with “also control”.
- (31) *NFPA 13D, 7.1.2*. After the word “unless”, insert “fed by a tank and”.
- (32) *NFPA 13D, 7.2.1*. Add the following: “Drain shall be downstream of any pump.”
- (33) *NFPA 13D, 7.5.6.3(3)*. Add the following: “Sprinklers of other than ordinary temperature rating shall not be installed unless listed coverage cannot be met with sprinklers outside of the prescribed distance from the heat source.”
- (34) *NFPA 13D, 7.5.6.3(6)*. Add new subparagraph 7.5.6.3(6) as follows:
“(6) Intermediate-temperature classification sprinklers shall be installed in furnace rooms and laundry rooms that are less than 500 cubic feet total volume.”
- (35) *NFPA 13D, 7.5.9*. Replace the phrase “prior to the fittings being cemented in place” with “until after the hydrostatic test has been passed by the city”.
- (36) *NFPA 13D, 7.5.10*. Add new subsection 7.5.10 to read as follows:
“7.5.10 Concealed **Sprinklers**. Concealed sprinklers shall not have any spray foam applied to the sprinkler assembly, and the cover plates shall not have any caulk, sealant, paint, glue, or any other product that may adversely affect sprinkler operation applied to the cover plate or between the cover plate and the ceiling.”
- (37) *NFPA 13D, 8.2.7*. After the title “**Closets and Compartments**” and before the first sentence, insert “Sprinklers in closets shall not be located directly above shelves.”, and replace the phrase “including those” with the word “and”.
- (38) *NFPA 13D, 8.3.3(3)*. Add new subparagraph 8.3.3(3) to read as follows:
“(3) The shortest dimension does not exceed 36 inches.”
- (39) *NFPA 13D, 9.1.1*. Add the following: “Wet pipe shall not be installed in floor spaces above unconditioned or non-habitable spaces such as garages.”

crawlspace, and similar.”

- (40) *NFPA 13D, 9.2.* Add the following: “Antifreeze Systems shall not be installed unless specifically permitted by the City Fire Marshal.”
- (41) *NFPA 13D, 10.4.4(8)(d).* Add new subsection 10.4.4(8)(d) to read as follows: “(d) Where nonmetallic pipe is installed, and manufacturer’s fitting equivalent length tables are used, the “worst case” table of all compatible manufacturers’ products must be used, unless the installed fittings have distinctive manufacturer’s identification markings.”
- (42) *NFPA 13D, 10.4.10.* Add new subsection 10.4.10 to read as follows: “10.4.10 All calculations shall include a minimum safety factor of the greater of 10% of the demand pressure or 5 psi, to account for minor field changes, unless a booster pump is necessary to obtain this safety factor.”
- (43) *NFPA 13D, 11.2.1.4.* Replace the phrase “be permitted to” with “not” and delete the phrase “or plugs”.
- (44) *NFPA 13D, 11.2.1.5.* Add new subsection 11.2.1.5 to read as follows: “11.2.1.5 When temperatures are below 40 degrees F, the building must be heated to keep system piping to at least 40 degrees F, or a listed antifreeze must be used for the hydrostatic test of the system piping.”
- (45) *NFPA 13R, 1.1.* After the phrase “grade plane”, insert “or the level of fire department access required by Chapter 18 of NFPA 1, whichever is lower” and add the following: “Maximum height shall be measured to the highest peak of the roof.”
- (46) *NFPA 13R, 3.3.7.* Delete the text and replace with the following: “Grade Plane. For the purposes of this standard, grade plane shall be defined in NFPA 101, as amended by the City Fire Code.”
- (47) *NFPA 13R, 5.2.3.* Add the following: “Spray foam insulation and/or sealants and other construction products shall not be applied in direct contact with CPVC sprinkler piping unless the product has been documented as being compatible with the CPVC sprinkler pipe installed.”
- (48) *NFPA 13R, 5.4.2(1).* After the word “system”, insert “, where specifically permitted by the City Fire Marshal, and”.
- (49) *NFPA 13R, 6.2.1.1.* Delete the phrase “6.2.1.3 or”.
- (50) *NFPA 13R, 6.2.1.3, 6.2.1.3.1, and 6.2.1.3.2.* Delete.
- (51) *NFPA 13R, 6.2.3.1.* Add the following: “Sprinklers of other than ordinary temperature rating shall not be installed unless listed coverage cannot be met with sprinklers outside of the prescribed distance from the heat source.”

- (52) NFPA 13R, 6.2.3.3.4. After the phrase “clothes dryers”, insert “or in furnace rooms or laundry rooms that are less than 500 cubic feet total volume”.
- (53) *NFPA 13R, 6.4.6.3.2.* After the title “**Within Closets and Compartments.**” and before the first sentence, insert the following: “Sprinklers shall not be located directly above shelves.”, and replace the phrase “including those” with the word “and”.
- (54) *NFPA 13R, 6.7.1.1.* Replace the phrase “prior to the fittings being cemented in place” with “until after the hydrostatic test has been passed by the city.”
- (55) *NFPA 13R, 6.7.2.1.2.* Add new subsection 6.7.2.1.2 to read as follows:
“6.7.2.1.2 Where sprinkler piping and/or supply mains are installed in unoccupied or inhabitable spaces that rely on heating to maintain the sprinkler piping at the required temperatures, the City Fire Marshal shall have the authority to require an approved method of supervision to ensure the space is maintained at required temperatures.”
- (56) *NFPA 13R, 6.8.2.* Delete the text and replace with the following: “On systems protecting more than one dwelling unit, the system piping may have a separate control valve installed if the valve is supervised Add “electronically only,” in the open position by central station monitoring.”
- (57) *NFPA 13R, 6.11.2.* Add the following: “The fire department connection shall be located on a street front and shall be mounted such that it is 18 to 48 inches from the centerline of the inlet to finished grade.”
- (58) *NFPA 13R, 6.11.5.2.* Add new subsection 6.11.5.2 to read as follows:
“6.11.5.2 The piping between the fire department connection and the system main shall not have a smaller diameter than the main system riser diameter.”
- (59) *NFPA 13R, 6.15.* Delete.
- (60) *NFPA 13R, 8.2.1.* After the phrase “NFPA 13, add the following: “as amended by the City Fire Code, and all calculations shall include a minimum safety factor of the greater of 10% of the system demand pressure or 5 psi, to account for minor field changes, unless a booster pump would be necessary to obtain this safety factor.”
- (61) *NFPA 13R, 9.6.2.* Delete all text after the phrase “volume and pressure” and replace with “availability, as determined by WSSC, shall be used, and shall be adjusted for the low hydraulic gradient.”
- (62) *NFPA 13R, 9.7.2.* Add the following: “Booster pumps or pump/tank assemblies as part of the sprinkler system water supply shall only be used where it is demonstrated that the public water supply is inadequate.”

- (63) *NFPA 13R, 10.2.2.3*. Add new subsection 10.2.2.3 to read as follows:
“10.2.2.3 When temperatures are below 40 degrees F, the building must be heated to keep system piping to at least 40 degrees F, or a listed antifreeze must be used for the hydrostatic test of the system piping.”
- (64) *NFPA 14, 7.8.3* Add the following: “Caps shall be secured to the standpipe riser with chains.”
- (65) *NFPA 14, 5.1.2*. Delete the text and replace with the following: “Unless otherwise approved by the City Fire Marshal, standpipe systems shall comply with the following:
- (1) Standpipe systems in unheated areas shall be automatic dry type.
 - (2) Standpipe systems in detached open parking garages may be manual dry type, if the piping is air supervised for breaks or open valves in accordance with 6.1.1.
 - (3) All other standpipe systems shall be automatic wet type.
 - (4) Occupant use of houses is prohibited in new or existing buildings.
 - (5) New standpipe systems shall be Class I only.”
- (66) *NFPA 14, 5.4.1.1*. Delete the text and replace with the following: “Class I standpipe systems shall be of the types as specified in 5.1.2 as amended by the City Fire Code.”
- (67) *NFPA 14, 9.9.5.3*. After the word “services”, insert “a section of a building, or”.
- (68) *NFPA 14.9.9.5.4.1* Add new subsection 9.9.5.4.1 to read as follows:
“9.9.5.4.1 Measurement shall be along a path accessible by walking, around all obstructions, including parking spaces, fences, and landscaping. In parking areas, measurement cannot pass through or between parking spaces unless a minimum 44-inch-wide path is provided and defined by curbs, bollards, or other method approved by the City Fire Marshal.”
- (69) The location of additional hose connections shall be approved by the AHJ.
- (70) *NFPA 14, 9.5.2.4.4*. After the word “location”, insert “and measurement” and after the word “AHJ” add “and shall comply with the following:
- (1) Measurement shall be parallel or at right angles to walls.
 - (2) Measurement in parking areas shall be around all designated parking spaces.
 - (3) Supplemental hose valves outside the stairs shall not be located within tenant spaces, unless those reach requirements cannot be met by placement of valves in public corridors or by use of wall hydrants for spaces opening to the exterior. Hose valve locations shall be marked by the placement of signs, the striping of columns, or other approved methods.
 - (4) Where supplemental hose valves are provided in parking areas, valves must

be located adjacent to drive lanes or provided 44-inch-wide access aisles to the valve, defined by curbs, railings, bollards or other approved means to prevent vehicles from parking in the access aisle.”

(71) *NFPA 14, 10.2.6.1.* Add the following exceptions:

Exception 1: In high-rise buildings, where booster pumps are necessary to produce the required residual pressures, pumps and piping systems may be sized to provide for the demand of the hydraulically most remote hose station, or the sprinkler system demand, whichever is greater, but the standpipe system shall also be sized to provide the required flow and pressure for all those stations required to be flowing, when supplied by 150 psi at the fire department connection(s). Two sets of calculations will, therefore, be required under this exception.

Exception 2: In existing buildings, after shell final inspections have been approved, hose valves added to meet travel distance requirements due to excessive travel distance created by tenant modifications may be supplied by 3-inch pipe without recalculation.”

(72) *NFPA 14, 10.2.6.1.2.* After the word “systems,” insert “and systems in buildings that are not high-rise,” and add the following “, assuming 150 psi available supply.”

(73) *NFPA 14, 5.3.2.* Add the following: “For new systems required to have an automatic or semiautomatic water supply, the water flow rate and pressure must be based on a WSSC Hydraulic Information Sheet when the system is supplied by a new underground fire main. For new systems supplied by an existing underground fire main, the water supply must be based on a flow test of the existing main, with adjustment for WSSC Low Hydraulic Gradient.”

(74) *NFPA 20, 4.2.4.* Add the following: “Fire pump installations, including the pump, driver, or controller, shall not be permitted to be installed in below-ground areas such as vaults or pits unless specifically allowed by the City Fire Marshal.”

(75) *NFPA 20, 4.16.6.4.* Add the following: “Eccentric reducers shall be installed with the flat side on the bottom when fed from above.”

(76) *NFPA 72, 7.2.1.* Replace the phrase “Where documentation is required by the authority having jurisdiction, the” with the word “The”.

(77) *NFPA 72, 7.3.1, 7.4.1, 7.5.1, and 7.8.1.1.* Delete the word “only” and, after the phrase “required by”, insert “the City Fire Marshal;”.

(78) *NFPA 72, 10.5.2.1.* Add the following: “All such work shall be performed under the supervision of an electrician with a valid City Electrical License.”

- (79) *NFPA 72, 10.18.1.2.* Delete the text and replace with the following: “An annunciator with the following features is required when the building is greater than one story, over 22,500 square feet in area per floor, or has more than one type of alarm initiating device:
- (1) Annunciator shall have a visible signal for each different floor, zone, and device type. Floor designations shall match those used in elevators and stairways.
 - (2) A lamp type annunciator shall have a lamp test switch unless the annunciator circuits are supervised.”
- (80) *NFPA 72, 10.18.3.2.* Delete all text after the word “located” and replace with “at, and visible from, the main fire department entrance, or other location approved by the City Fire Marshal”.
- (81) *NFPA 72, 10.18.5.1.* Add the following: “Floors exceeding 22,500 square feet in area or 300 linear feet shall be separated into multiple zones not to exceed those parameters.”
- (82) *NFPA 72, 10.18.5.3.* Delete the text and replace with the following: “If two or more buildings are controlled by one alarm system, an annunciator shall be installed in each building, and each annunciator shall indicate the building of alarm origination.”
- (83) *NFPA 72, 10.18.5.4.* Add new subsection 10.18.5.4 to read as follows:
“10.18.5.4 If two or more zones per floor are required, a graphic outline incorporated into or adjacent to the annunciator shall be provided showing the building address, building outline, exterior entrances, zone boundaries, “you are here” notation, north compass arrow, all stairways, stairway identification, the floors served by each stairway, stairways that have roof access, all elevators, elevator identification, the floors served by each elevator, elevator machine rooms, emergency generator, main utility shutoffs, fire alarm control panel, fire pump, all standpipe risers, adjacent, street(s), and fire department connections.”
- (84) *NFPA 72, 17.7.1.7.* Add the following: “Detectors located at the top of shafts and stairs shall only sound a supervisory signal unless a confirmation or verification feature is provided to minimize unwanted alarms. The location shall be identified at the annunciator or fire alarm control panel.”
- (85) *NFPA 72, 17.7.1.8.* Add the following: “Where automatic detection is required within environments not suitable for smoke detectors, rate of rise detectors, rate compensated detectors, or other detection as approved by the City Fire Marshal shall be installed.”
- (86) *NFPA 72, 17.7.6.4.2.* Add the following: “Activation of duct smoke detectors shall

sound an audible signal in a normally occupied area or through the building fire alarm system. If connected to the building alarm system, the signal shall initiate a supervisory signal only and shall not initiate the building evacuation alarm.”

- (87) *NFPA 72, 17.13.4.* Add new subsection 17.13.4 to read as follows:
“17. 13.4 Standpipe or main water flow indicators, where provided, shall initiate a supervisory signal only.”
- (88) *NFPA 72, 17.15.9.* Change “17.15.9.6” to “17.15.9.7”.
- (89) *NFPA 72, 17.15.9.7.* Add new subsection 17.15.9.7 to read as follows:
“17.15.9.7 Approved ‘9-1-1’ instruction signs shall be permanently affixed and maintained at each manual fire alarm box, unless the fire alarm is monitored by a UL listed central station.”
- (90) *NFPA 72, 18.4.2.5.* Add new subsection 18.4.2.5 to read as follows:
“18.4.2.5 Audible alarm notification appliances within the same area or room must all have the same audible characteristics.”
- (91) *NFPA 72, 18.4.4.1.* Add the following: “and with all intervening doors closed.”
- (92) *NFPA 72, 23.8.2.9.2.* After the phrase “individually at each control unit,” insert “for only up to two control units”.
- (93) *NFPA 72, 23.8.5.4.5.* After the word “notification”, insert “or activation of a required extinguishing system.”
- (94) *NFPA 72, 29.8.1.1.1.* Add new subparagraph 29.8.1.1.1 to read as follows:
“29.8.1.1.1 For the rooms addressed in 29.8.1.1(1), enclosed rooms such as dens, libraries, studies, or sitting rooms which could be used as a temporary sleeping area shall be treated as sleeping rooms.”
- (95) *NFPA 92, 7.1(3).* Add new subparagraph 7.1(3) to read as follows:
“(3) System shop drawings for submittal to the AHJ.”
- (96) *NFPA 92, 7.2.* Add new subsection 7.4 to read as follows:
“7.4 Shop **Drawing Submittals**. Shop drawings shall be prepared and submitted to the City of Gaithersburg for review and a Fire Protection Permit shall be obtained prior to beginning installation. Shop drawings shall include the following information:
- (1) Plans and specifications
 - (2) Engineering calculations and/or computer model
 - (3) Floor plans
 - (4) System diagram and details
 - (5) Sequence of operations and control layout
 - (6) Preliminary test procedures
 - (7) Acceptance test procedures

(8) Pass/fail criteria”

(97) NFPA 96, 1.1.6. Delete the text and replace with the following: “In day-care centers and business occupancies doing food warming only, Home Economic classrooms in Educational Occupancies, or in existing structures that were originally constructed as single family dwellings and have been converted to Lodging or Rooming Houses or small Board and Care facilities, protection may consist of the following:

(1) A listed and approved recirculating residential ventilation hood with range top extinguishing system installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications

(2) For residential ranges with recirculating ventilation hoods in buildings equipped with approved automatic sprinkler protection throughout, the sprinkler system may be considered to provide surface protection.”

(98) NFPA 96, 4.7. Replace the phrase “If required by the authority having jurisdiction, notification” with “Notification” and add “Alteration of any extinguishing system requires a permit to be obtained from the City of Gaithersburg before beginning alterations.”

(99) NFPA 96, 10.8.1. Replace the phrase “Where required, complete drawings” with “Manufacturer’s specifications, and complete shop drawings”, and add the following: “Shop drawings shall include all information as required in 4.6.2 and all the following:

(1) Diagram of the area and equipment to be protected, including the dimensions of the hood and duct and all surfaces and appliances.

(2) Manufacturer and model number the system(s).

(3) Diagram of the system piping and all component parts, to include:

(a) Piping type

(b) Sizes and lengths of all pipes

(c) Model numbers and locations (mounting heights) of nozzles

(d) Locations and temperature ratings of fusible links

(4) A floor plan of the kitchen layout (to scale, or dimensioned) showing the following:

(a) Location of system canister(s)/cabinet and canister sizes

(b) Location of manual means of activation

(c) Location and identity of any auxiliary equipment, including gas and power (electric) shutoff.”

(100) NFPA 1123, 5.1.3.1 and Table 5.1.3.1. In 5.1.3.1, change “70” to “100” and in Table 5.1.3.1, under “Minimum Secured Diameter” change the numbers to

equal the diameter of the mortar size multiplied by 200, and, under “Vertical Mortars”, change the numbers to equal the diameter of the mortar size multiplied by 100.

Sec. 11-16. Severability.

Should any provision or section of this Chapter 11 be held to be invalid, it is intended that the remaining provisions and sections of this chapter shall not be affected and shall continue to apply.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Signed by:

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Jud Ashman, MAYOR and
President of the Council

DELIVERED to the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg this 2nd day of February, 2026. APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg this 2nd day of February, 2026.

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JUD ASHMAN, MAYOR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled on the 2nd day of February 2026; and that the same was APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg on the 2nd day of February 2026. This Ordinance will become effective on the 22nd day of February 2026.

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Tanisha Briley, City Manager