

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-07-07

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2006 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE,  
SECOND PRINTING, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

**RECITALS**

It has been recommended to the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the "Board") that it adopt the *2006 International Fuel Gas Code, Second Printing*, which provides safeguards for the consumer, general public, owners and occupants of buildings and structures in Washington County, Maryland, if implemented, and provides for minimum regulations governing the design, installation of fuel piping systems, fuel utilization equipment, gaseous hydrogen systems and related accessories.

A public hearing was held on November 13, 2007, following due notice and advertisement of the text of the *2006 International Fuel Gas Code, Second Printing*, with local amendments for Washington County.

Public comment was received, reviewed and considered concerning the adoption of the *2006 International Fuel Gas Code, Second Printing*, with local amendments for Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED that the *2006 International Fuel Gas Code, Second Printing*, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference, is enacted with the following insertions, amendments and additions:

Section 101.1.1	added	Section 103.1	amended
Section 101.1.2	added	Section 106.5.2	amended
Section 101.1.3	added	Section 106.5.3	deleted
Section 101.1.4	added	Section 108.4	amended
Section 101.1.5	added	Section 108.4.1	added
Section 101.1.6	added	Section 109.1	amended
Section 101.1.7	added	Section 406	amended
Section 101.1.8	added	Appendices A-D	deleted
Section 101.1.9	added		

(1) **CHAPTER 1 – ADMINISTRATION**, is amended as follows:

(a) **SECTION 101, GENERAL**, is amended as follows:

**Sections 101.1.1 through 101.1.9 are added to read as follows:**

**101.1.1 International Residential Code.** Any reference to the *International Residential Code* shall mean the *2006 International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings, First Printing*, with local amendments for Washington County, Maryland, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland on December 18, 2007, effective March 1, 2008, as may be amended or restated from time to time.

**101.1.2 International Existing Building Code.** Any reference to the *International Existing Building Code* shall mean the *Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code* (COMAR Title 5, Subtitle 16), as may be amended or restated from time to time.

**101.1.3 ICC Electrical Code.** Any reference to the *ICC Electrical Code* shall mean the *2005 National Electrical Code*, with local amendments for Washington County, Maryland, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland on July 26, 2005, effective September 1, 2005, as may be amended or restated from time to time, and the *2006 ICC Electrical Code – Administrative Provisions*, with local amendments for Washington County, as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland on December 18, 2007, effective March 1, 2008.

**101.1.4 International Fire Code.** Any reference to the *International Fire Code* shall mean the *Maryland State Fire Prevention Code* (COMAR 29.06.01), as may be amended or restated from time to time.

**101.1.5 International Plumbing Code.** Any reference to the *International Plumbing Code* shall mean the *2006 International Plumbing Code, Second Printing*, with local amendments for Washington County, Maryland, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland on December 18, 2007, effective March 1, 2008, as may be amended or restated from time to time.

**101.1.6 International Building Code.** Any reference to the *International Building Code* shall mean the *2006 International Building Code, First Printing*, with local amendments for Washington County, Maryland adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland on December 18, 2007, effective March 1, 2008, as may be amended or restated from time to time.

**101.1.7 International Fuel Gas Code.** Any reference to the *International Fuel Gas Code* shall mean the *2006 International Fuel Gas Code, Second Printing*, with local amendments for Washington County, Maryland adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland on December 18, 2007, effective March 1, 2008, as may be amended or restated from time to time.

**101.1.8 International Energy Conservation Code.** Any reference to the *International Energy Conservation Code* shall refer to the requirements concerning energy conservation for buildings and structures which are set forth in Md. Code, Public Utility Companies Article, §§7-401 – 7-408, as amended.

**101.1.9 International Mechanical Code.** Any reference to *International Mechanical Code* in this code shall mean the *2006 International Mechanical Code, First Printing*, with local amendments for Washington County, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland on December 18, 2007, effective March 1, 2008, as may be amended or restated from time to time.

(b) **SECTION 103, DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL INSPECTIONS**, is amended as follows:

**Section 103.1 is amended to read as follows:**

**103.1 General.** The Director of the Washington County Department of Permits and Inspections shall be known as the Building Official and is hereby authorized and directed to administer and enforce all provisions of this code.

(c) **SECTION 106 (IFGC), PERMITS**, is amended as follows:

**Section 106.5.2 is amended and shall read as follows:**

**106.5.2 Fee schedule.** The fees for work performed under this code shall be paid in accordance with the schedule as established by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, as may be amended from time to time.

**Section 106.5.3 is deleted in its entirety.**

(d) **SECTION 108 (IFGC), VIOLATIONS**, is amended as follows:

**Section 108.4 Violation penalties, is amended and shall read as follows:**

**108.4 Criminal Penalties.** Any person, firm, corporation or entity who violates a provision of this code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erects, constructs, alters or repairs work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the Building Official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) or more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or both fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

**Section 108.4.1 is added and shall read as follows:**

**108.4.1 Civil Penalties.** Any person, firm, corporation or entity who violates a provision of this code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erects, constructs, alters, or repairs work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the Building Official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a civil offense which shall be prosecuted in accordance with Article 23A, § 3(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The fine for a civil offense shall be established by resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

(e) **SECTION 109 (IFGC), MEANS OF APPEALS**, is amended as follows:

**Section 109.1 is amended and shall read as follows:**

**109.1 Application for appeal.** Any person shall have the right to appeal a decision of the Building Official to the Washington County Plumbing/Mechanical Board (the "Plumbing/Mechanical Board"). An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed. The application shall be filed on a form obtained from the Building Official within twenty (20) days after the notice was served. All appeals shall be heard by the Plumbing/Mechanical Board in accordance with Section 109 and in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures set forth in Section 110 of the *2006 International Plumbing Code, Second Printing*, with local amendments for Washington County, Maryland, adopted on December 18, 2007, effective March 1, 2008, as amended or restated from time to time, and also known as the *Plumbing Code of Washington County*.

(2) **CHAPTER 4 – GAS PIPINGS AND INSTALLATIONS**, is amended as follows:

(a) **SECTION 406 (IFGC), INSPECTION, TESTING AND PURGING** is amended as follows:

**Section 406.4.1 is amended and shall read as follows:**

**406.4.1 Test pressure.** The test pressure to be used shall be no less than 30 psi. on a 100 lb. gauge.


(3) **APPENDICES A-D are deleted in their entirety.**

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.  
Effective the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2008.

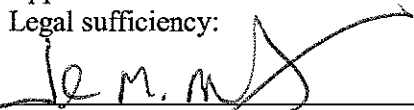
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