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MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Lori L. Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney /s/

Via: Gregory J. Swain, County Attorney /s/

Date: July 20, 2020

Subject: Bill No. 60-20 – Construction and Property Maintenance Codes – Codes and Supplements

Legislative Summary*

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 60-20, a Bill related to the County’s Construction and Property Maintenance Codes.

Background. In Article 15, Title 2 of the County Code, the County has adopted versions of various construction codes published by either the National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”) or the International Code Council, Inc. (“ICC”), with changes to those codes set forth in the Construction Code Supplement to the County Code. At present, the County is utilizing the 2015 version of the National Electrical Code, and the 2015 versions of the International Building Code, Residential Code, Energy Conservation Code, Fuel Gas Code, Mechanical Code, Plumbing Code, and Existing Building Code. The County has not previously adopted a version of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

Purpose. The purpose of the Bill is to make the necessary modifications to County Code Article 15, Construction and Property Maintenance Codes, and the Construction Code Supplement to the County Code for the adoption of the 2017 version of the National Electrical Code, and the 2018 versions of the International Building Code, Residential Code, Energy Conservation Code, Existing Building Code, Fuel Gas Code, Mechanical Code, Plumbing Code, and Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

Summary. NFPA has issued a 2017 version of the National Electrical Code, and ICC has issued 2018 versions of the International Building Code, Residential Code, Energy Conservation

* This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.

Code, Existing Building Code, Fuel Gas Code, Mechanical Code, Plumbing Code, and Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

Section 1 of this Bill makes changes to Article 15, Title 10 to adopt these latest versions, including adopting the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code for the first time.

Section 2 repeals provisions of the Construction Code Supplement related to swimming pools previously added to the International Residential Code because the County is now adopting the separate Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

Section 3 renumbers various provisions of the Construction Code Supplement as required by changes to the Construction Code Supplement made in **Section 4** of the Bill to reflect the adoption of the latest versions of the NFPA and ICC codes and to modify these codes to be consistent with the County's procedures and requirements. Many of the changes are to correct the designation of the version of the applicable NFPA or ICC code and to make the Construction Code Supplement consistent with any changes between the old and new versions of the NFPA or ICC codes.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

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