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MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members, Anne Arundel County Council

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Subject: Bill No. 95-20: Construction and Property Maintenance Codes – Fire Prevention Code Amendments

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. 95-20, a Bill related to the Fire Prevention Code Amendments in the County’s Construction and Property Maintenance Codes.

Background. In Article 15, Title 3 of the County Code, the County has adopted versions of Fire Prevention Codes various construction codes published by the National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”), with changes to those codes set forth in the Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement to the County Code. At present, the Code and Supplement are referencing the 2012 versions of the NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety 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 and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement to the County Code for the adoption of the 2018 versions of the the NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code.

Summary. NFPA has issued 2018 versions the NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code.

Section 1 of this Bill makes changes to Article 15, Title 10 to adopt these latest versions.

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

Section 2 repeals provisions of the County's supplement to the NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code deemed no longer necessary by the Fire Department. Generally, these deleted provisions are changes to the uniform codes that are covered elsewhere in the supplement.

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 1 Uniform Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code and to modify these codes to be consistent with State law requirements and the County's procedures and requirements. Many of the changes are to correct the designation of the version of the applicable NFPA code, to modify references to numbering within the NFPA codes, and to make the Construction Code Supplement consistent with any changes between the old and new versions of the NFPA codes. Fire Department representatives are available to provide the detail for any of the changes in Section 4.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

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