

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2024-04**

BILL NO. 2024-08

Title of Resolution: Amendment — Plumbing Code

Synopsis: A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Cecil County Code, Chapter 270, PLUMBING to update the edition of the International Plumbing Code to 2021.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: February 20, 2024

Public Hearing Scheduled on: March 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Consideration scheduled on: April 2, 2024

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by February 20, 2024 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and having been published according to the Charter on March 6, 2024 and March 13, 2024 a public hearing was held on March 19, 2024 and concluded on March 19, 2024.

By: _____
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 402 of the Cecil County Charter (the “Charter”), the County
2 Executive (the “Executive”) shall see that the affairs of the executive branch are administered properly and
3 efficiently, and that employees of the executive branch faithfully perform their duties; and

4 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 402 of the Charter, the duties and responsibilities of the Executive
5 include, but are not limited to: (a) Supervising and directing offices, agencies and divisions of the executive
6 branch and ensuring that County employees as well as County boards and commissions faithfully perform
7 their duties; and, (b) preparing and submitting to the Council the annual County Budget; and

8 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 270, of the Cecil County Code, there is Plumbing; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Chief of Permits and Inspections Division, Cecil County Department of Land Use and
10 Development Services has recommended amendments, insertions, and deletions to Chapter 270 of the Cecil
11 County Code, as more fully set forth herein; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted the amendments set forth herein to the County
13 Council for consideration and approval.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
15 **MARYLAND**, that the Plumbing Code adopted under Cecil County Code, Chapter 270, is amended as follows:

16 Chapter 270 Plumbing

17 Article I

18 General Provisions.

19 § 270-1. Purpose.

20 The purpose of this chapter is to provide basic and uniform plumbing regulations in terms of performance
21 objectives implemented by specific requirements, establishing reasonable safeguards for sanitation in and
22 adjacent to buildings to protect the public health against the hazards of inadequate facilities.

23 § 270-2. Conformity of work; installations.

24 All plumbing work performed in the County in, about or in connection with any building must conform with
25 this chapter and the regulations of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. All indoor plumbing
26 fixtures must be installed under the supervision of a master plumber licensed in the County and the state.

27 Installation of approved wells, septic tanks, seepage pits or tile fields must be done under the supervision of
28 a licensed master plumber unless the work is performed by the property owner himself or by a person of
29 such knowledge and training as to warrant specific authorization by the County Health Department.

30 § 270-3. Inspections.

- 31 A. The Division of Permits and Inspections shall be notified by the plumber to perform an inspection
32 before covering any indoor or outdoor underground installations and rough plumbing work. The
33 Plumbing Inspector shall be requested by the plumber to perform a final inspection at such time as
34 all plumbing work is complete. [Amended 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

35 B. Inspections for plumbing installations can only be scheduled by the individual or his or her
36 representative who acquired the plumbing permit.

37 C. A notice of at least 24 hours is required to schedule any inspection.

38 D. All connections to a municipal water or sewer line shall be inspected by the Cecil County
39 Department of Public Works or any municipality which regulates such lines or their agent prior to
40 covering of the work performed.

41 § 270-4. Fees.

42 All fees shall be established by resolution of the Cecil County Council as provided for by law. Copies of the
43 fee schedule will be available in the office of the Cecil County Council and the Division of Permits and
44 Inspections.

45 § 270-5. Plumbing Board; appeals. [Amended 11-13-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-12]

46 The County Executive, in accordance with the Charter, shall annually appoint a County Plumbing Board,
47 which shall consist of three members made up of a representative of the Master Plumbers Association of the
48 County, the County Health Officer, an architect, engineer, or builder and/or any combination thereof. Said
49 County Plumbing Board shall meet at the request of the Chairman or when it is deemed necessary to resolve
50 disputes concerning plumbing installations. It shall hear and decide all questions in dispute between
51 property owners, or their agents, and the Plumbing Inspector. Said County Plumbing Board shall act as an
52 advisor to the County with respect to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.
53 Any person, firm or corporation aggrieved by the decision of the County Plumbing Board may appeal to the
54 Circuit Court for Cecil County.

55 Article II

56 Regulations

57 § 270-6. Adoption of standards by reference; amendments, additions and deletions.

58 A. Cecil County herewith adopts the **2021 2018** International Plumbing Code and any
59 supplements thereto as prepared by the International Code Council and hereby includes
60 such regulations by reference in the County Plumbing Code. Cecil County herewith also
61 adopts additions and/or modifications to the code and any state plumbing regulations as
62 stated further in this chapter or as may be required for the promotion of public health and
63 safety. Any provisions of the Maryland Building Performance Standards that deal directly with
64 plumbing installations and applications as adopted by the State of Maryland shall also be
65 complied with. [Amended 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

- 66 B. Amendments, additions and deletions. The following sections of the ~~2021~~ 2018 International
67 Plumbing Code (IPC) are hereby revised and amended as follows: [Added 8-18-2015 by Bill No.
68 2015-14]1]
- 69 (1) In Section 101.1, Title, insert "Cecil County."
70 (2) In Section 106.6.2, Fee schedule, insert "See § 270-4 of the County Code."
71 (3) In Section 106.6.3, Fee refunds, insert "50%."
72 (4) Section 108.4, Violation penalties, shall read:
73 108.4 Violation penalties.
74 See § 270-24 of the County Code.
75 (5) Section 108.5, Stop work orders, shall read:
76 108.5 Stop work orders.
77 Upon notice from the Code Official, work on any plumbing system that is being done
78 contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner shall immediately
79 cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to
80 the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions
81 under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the Code Official
82 shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who
83 shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop-work
84 order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or
85 unsafe condition, shall be assessed a fee established by resolution of the Cecil County
86 Council. Copies of the fee schedule will be available in the Office of Permits and Inspections.
87 (6) Section 109, MEANS OF APPEAL, shall read:
88 See § 270-5 of the County Code.
89 (7) In Section 202, general definitions, amend the first part of the definition of "building drain"
90 to read:
91 BUILDING DRAIN. That part of the lowest piping of a drainage system that receives the
92 discharge from soil, waste or other drainage pipes inside and that extends five feet (1,524
93 mm) beyond the walls of the building and conveys the drainage to the building sewer.
94 (8) Section 305.4, Freezing, shall read, in part, as follows: "Exterior water supply system piping
95 shall be installed not less than 36 inches (914.40 mm) below grade."
96 (9) In Section 305.4.1, Sewer depth, insert "12 inches (304.8 mm)."
97 (10) Section 312.10.2, Testing, shall read:
98 312.10.2 Testing.

- 99 a. Copies of test reports for the initial installation shall be sent to the administrative
100 authority and the water supplier. Copies of annual test reports shall be sent to the
101 water supplier.
- 102 b. Testing, inspections and repair of devices shall be performed by certified individuals
103 approved by an agency acceptable to the administrative authority. Certification for
104 testing shall be in accordance with a nationally recognized accredited training
105 program. Certification shall include not less than 32 hours of combined classroom and
106 practice training and successful completion of a written and practical examination.
- 107 (11) In Table 403.1, insert: "For all construction other than residential, one service sink is
108 required per floor."
- 109 (12) Section 404, ACCESSIBLE PLUMBING FACILITIES, shall read:
110 SECTION 404 ACCESSIBLE PLUMBING FACILITIES.
111 Plumbing fixtures and installation shall conform to the requirements of the International
112 Building Code except where a more stringent requirement is found in the Code of
113 Maryland Regulations 05.02.02, Maryland Accessibility Code.
- 114 (13) In Section 412.4, add:
115 412.4.1 Floor drains shall be located in the following areas:
116 a. Toilet rooms containing either two or more water closets or wall-hung urinals or a
117 combination of one or more water closets and wall-hung urinals, except in dwelling
118 units.
119 b. Commercial kitchens.
120 c. Common laundry rooms in commercial buildings and buildings having more than two
121 dwelling units.
- 122 (14) In Section 417.1, add:
123 417.1.1 Fiberglass or plastic tub and shower enclosures cannot be installed back to back
124 unless approved by the administrative authority.
- 125 (15) In Section 417.4.1, add "No windows shall be in the seventy-inch wall area. Waterproofing
126 materials of epoxy or paint coatings are prohibited."
- 127 (16) In Section 603, WATER SERVICE, add:
128 603.3 Water service pipe sleeves.
129 a. Pipe sleeves shall be provided where water service pipes penetrate foundation
130 walls or floor slabs to protect against corrosion of the pipe and allow clearance
131 for expansion, contraction and settlement. The sleeve shall form a watertight bond
132 with the wall or floor slab. The annular space between the pipe and the sleeve

133 shall be resiliently sealed watertight.

134 b. Where water service piping is plastic, the wall sleeve shall not be less than five feet
 135 long extended outside beyond the wall to undisturbed earth or other equivalent
 136 support.

137 (17) In Section 608.14, Location of backflow preventers, add:

138 608.14.3 Double-check valves and reduced-pressure-principal valves.

139 Such devices shall be installed at not less than 12 inches above the floor or permanent
 140 platform with the maximum of 60 inches above floor or permanent platform.

141 (18) Section 701.2, Sewer required, shall read:

142 701.2 Sewer required

143 Every building in which plumbing fixtures are installed and all premises having drainage
 144 piping shall be connected to a public sewer, where available, or an approved private
 145 sewage disposal system in accordance with Code of Maryland (COMAR) Regulations.

146 (19) In Section 712.4, Sewage pumps and sewage ejectors, add:

147 712.4.3 High-water alarms.

148 a. All sewage ejector or sewage pump systems shall be provided with an audible,
 149 visual or combination high-water alarm device.

150 b. Exception: Sewage ejectors and sewage pumps servicing individual
 151 fixtures. Section 903.2, Frost closure, shall read:

152 (20) 903.2 Frost closure.

153 Where the authority having jurisdiction requires protection against frost closure, vent
 154 terminals less than three-inch pipe size shall be increased at least one pipe size to not less
 155 than three-inch size. Where an increase is necessary, the increase in size shall be made
 156 inside the building at least one foot below a roof or ceiling that is thermally insulated and
 157 in an area not subject to freezing temperatures.

158 (21) In Section 904, OUTDOOR VENT EXTENSIONS, add:

159 904.1.3 Location of vent terminal.

160 a. Vent terminals shall not be located where vapors can enter a building.

161 b. No vent terminal shall be located directly beneath any door, window, or other
 162 ventilation opening of a building or of another building, nor shall any such vent
 163 terminal be within ten (10) feet horizontally of such opening unless it is at least two
 164 feet above the top of such opening.

165 c. All open vent pipes that extend through a roof shall be terminated at least six inches
 166 above the roof, except that, where the roof is to be used for purposes other than

167 weather protection, the vent shall run at least seven feet above the roof.

168 (22) Section 905.6, Vent for future fixtures, shall read:

169 905.6 Vent for future fixtures.

170 On new construction of residential dwelling units with basements, a two-inch-minimum-
171 size vent shall be installed between the basement and attic or tied into an existing,
172 properly sized vent and capped for future use.

173 (23) Section 918.1, General, shall read:

174 918.1 General.

175 Air admittance valves shall only be installed with the approval of the authority
176 having jurisdiction. Where approved, vent systems utilizing air admittance valves shall
177 comply with this section. Stack-type air admittance valves shall conform to ASSE
178 1050. Individual and branch-type air admittance valves shall conform to ASSE 1051.

179 (24) In Section 1003.2, Approval, add:

180 1003.2.1 Interceptors or separators consisting of underground storage tanks shall be
181 corrosion protected and designed according to COMAR 26.10.03. Any system discharging
182 into an on-site subsurface disposal system shall be subject to the requirements of
183 COMAR 26.08.01 - 26.08.04.

184 (25) Section 1303.6, Estimating gray water discharge, shall read:

185 1303.6 Estimating gray water discharge.

186 The system shall be sized in accordance with all applicable requirements of COMAR
187 26.04.02.

188 (26) Section 1303.7, Percolation tests, shall read:

189 1303.7 Percolation tests.

190 The permeability of the soil shall be determined in accordance with all applicable
191 requirements of COMAR 26.04.02.

192 (27) Section 1303.8, Subsurface landscape irrigation site location, shall read:

193 1303.8 Subsurface landscape irrigation site location. The soil absorption system shall be
194 located in accordance with all applicable requirements of COMAR 26.04.02.

195 (28) Section 1303.9, Installation, shall read: 1303.9 Installation.

196 Absorption systems shall be installed in accordance with all of the applicable requirements
197 of COMAR 26.04.02.

198 (29) Section 1303.10, Distribution piping shall read:

199 Distribution piping shall be installed in accordance with all of the applicable requirements
200 of COMAR 26.04.02.

201 C. In conjunction with the adoption of the Plumbing Code, the County also adopts
 202 the ~~2021 2018~~ International Fuel Gas Code as prepared by the International Code
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206 § 270-7. Reused tanks and materials.

207 Hot water heater tanks shall not be disconnected and reused if more than two years old. Other plumbing
 208 materials such as spigots, sinks, bathtubs, commodes, commode seats, hot-water tanks, water pumps or used
 209 piping shall not be disconnected and reused without approval of the County Plumbing Inspector.

210 § 270-8. Traps and cleanouts.

211 The maximum distance of fixture traps from vents shall be the following:

212 Size of Fixture Drain (inches)	Distance from Trap to Vent (feet)
213 1- 1/2	5
214 2	8
215 3	10

216 § 270-9. Plumbing fixtures.

217 A. Indirect waste drains and piping.

218 (1) Clothes washers. The drains from clothes washers may discharge indirectly to the drainage
 219 system by means of an air gap without any traps or vents on the indirect piping.

220 (2) Food handling establishments. In food service establishments, all utensils, sinks,
 221 dishwashers, ice makers, food preparation sinks and any other compartment which may
 222 contain food or utensils and is connected to the drainage system shall be provided with an
 223 indirect waste drain with a vertical air gap.

224 B. Frostproof yard hydrants are prohibited for a potable water supply system due to possible cross-
 225 connections. A vacuum breaker may be used between the hydrant and the system, but no
 226 vacuum breaker shall be allowed underground.

227 C. Sump pumps are prohibited from connection to a municipal or private waste/sewer system.

228 § 270-10. Safety devices.

229 A. Pressure relief valves for pumps. All water pumps capable of producing pressures in excess of
 230 the safety-rated pressure capacity of the storage tank shall have a proper pressure relief valve
 231 installed in the pump discharge line near the storage tank or in the tank itself.

232 B. Temperature relief valves. Temperature relief valves shall be of adequate relief rating, expressed
 233 in Btu/hour, for the equipment served. The valve shall be installed so that the temperature-
 234 sensing element is submerged in the hottest water within the top six inches of the tank. The

235 valve shall be adjusted to open when the stored temperature is 210° F. or less. No temperature
 236 relief valve may be reused or transferred but must be replaced by a new valve.
 237 C. Automatic water cutoffs. Any piping supplying water to a boiler or other device shall be provided
 238 with an automatic water cutoff valve. The line shall have the valve installed in the front of and
 239 behind the water cutoff device. [Amended 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

240 § 270-11. Flow rates and water consumption.

- 241 A. Flow rates and water consumption for fixtures shall not exceed the amounts listed in the table
 242 below for either hot or cold water. When there are separate hot and cold water faucets or
 243 valves without a mixing spout or mixing arrangement, each faucet shall be limited to 1/2 the
 244 amount specified in the table.
 245 B. A water closet or urinal which consumes more water per flush than the amounts permitted in
 246 the table may be sold or installed only if the water closet or urinal:
 247 (1) Consumes no more than 3.5 gallons per flush for a water closet and 1.5 gallons per flush for
 248 a urinal;
 249 (2) Meets the requirements of the code which were in effect on January 30, 1992;
 250 (3) Was manufactured prior to January 31, 1992, and has been permanently stamped with the
 251 date of manufacture;
 252 (4) Was in the inventory of a wholesaler, retailer or installer in Maryland on January 31, 1992;
 253 and
 254 (5) Is installed on or before December 31, 1992.

255 Water Consumption for Each Flushing Operation

256 Fixture	Water Consumption
257 Water closets	1.6 gallons
258 Urinals	1.0 gallon
259 Lavatory faucet, "self-closing"	0.5 GPM/use
260 Sink faucet, "self-closing"	0.5 GPM/use

261 Article III

262 Permits

263 § 270-12. Permits required; applications; exceptions.

- 264 A. No plumbing work shall be commenced in the County until a permit to do such work has been
 265 issued by the Division of Permits and Inspections to a licensed master plumber. [Amended 8-18-
 266 2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]
 267 B. Application for such a permit shall be made on forms prepared and provided by the Office of
 268 Permits and Inspections and accompanied by the appropriate fee required.

- 269 C. Repairs which involve only the working parts of a faucet or valve, the clearance of stoppages,
 270 the repairing of leaks or the replacement of defective faucets or valves may be performed
 271 without a permit, provided that no alterations are made in the existing piping to fixtures.
- 272 D. § 270-13. Denial or rescission.
- 273 A. Bad faith or unreasonable delays in the performance of work or the failure to respond promptly
 274 to official communications shall be deemed sufficient reason for rescinding permits or
 275 withholding future permits, and the master plumber shall be held responsible for the violation of
 276 these regulations by him or his employees.
- 277 B. At any time that the Division of Permits and Inspections or any designated Code Enforcement
 278 Officer or inspector of the County determines that any person, firm or corporation erects,
 279 constructs, alters, repairs, removes, demolishes, and/or installs any plumbing apparatus or
 280 system or causes the same to be done in violation of this Code or the Plumbing Code as adopted
 281 by the Cecil County Council, notice shall be sent to said person, firm or corporation advising of
 282 said violation and corrections necessary. Said notice shall be presumed received upon being
 283 mailed to the address of said person, firm or corporation provided on any permits issued or
 284 other information obtainable for such person, firm or corporation three days after mailing. Until
 285 such violation(s) has been corrected, the Division of Permits and Inspections and/or any
 286 appropriate Code Official of the County shall have the power to suspend any permit issued to
 287 said person, firm or corporation, withdraw any permits issued to said person, firm or
 288 corporation and/or deny any further permits requested by said person, firm or corporation.
- 289 C. For the purpose of this section, "person, firm or corporation" shall be defined to mean the party
 290 to whom the permit was issued and/or the owner of the property not in compliance and shall
 291 also include any party actually performing work upon such property. The person, firm or
 292 corporation shall include any officer of any corporation, any partner of any partnership or any
 293 related corporation, partnership, limited- liability company or limited-liability partnership owned
 294 in whole or in part by any aforementioned party. [Amended 11-13-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-12]
- 295 D. Any person shall have the right to appeal any decision of the Code Official. An application for
 296 appeal shall be filed in writing with the Division of Permits and Inspections within 10 days of
 297 receipt of any notice. All appeals shall be heard by the Plumbing Board. [Amended 11-13-2012
 298 by Ord. No. 2012-12]
- 299 § 270-14. Transfer.
- 300 A. In the case where a plumber signs an application for a permit and does not desire to do the work
 301 covered by it, either in part or in its entirety, he shall so notify the County Plumbing
 302 Inspector/Division of Permits and Inspections in writing, requesting that he be released from

303 responsibility for that part of the work that he does not desire to do. He will, however, be held
304 responsible for any work which he has completed. The Plumbing Inspector's record will indicate
305 the extent of such completed work and such responsibility, and the permit will be revised
306 accordingly and held in abeyance.

307 B. In the event that the plumber who signed the application for a permit dies and the owner calls in
308 a new plumber, the original permit will remain active upon request, in writing, from the new
309 plumber to the extent of the incomplete work.

310 C. In the case where the plumber who originally signed the application (and to whom the permit
311 was issued) is removed from the work by the owner and is replaced by another plumber, the
312 owner shall notify the Division of Permits and Inspections, in writing, of the proposed change
313 and no transfer of the permit will be made without his consent in fewer than seven days. The
314 transfer may then be made by the Division of Permits and Inspections. The new contractor will
315 be held responsible for the entire work covered under the scope of the permit. [Amended 8-18-
316 2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

317 D. Licensed master plumbers shall not be allowed to apply for and be issued a plumbing permit for
318 unlicensed plumbers. Such action is just cause for revocation of the master plumber's license.

319 § 270-15. Homeowners plumbing permits.

320 A. At the time of application for a plumbing permit, any homeowner wanting to perform the
321 plumbing work within his or her dwelling must take a test and submit a drawing of all plumbing,
322 including drainage and water lines. Upon receiving a score of 75, a permit may be issued to the
323 homeowner. If the homeowner contracts the work to a plumber, it is his responsibility to
324 determine that the plumber is licensed in the State and County. It shall be understood that no
325 one except the homeowner or a licensed master plumber shall be permitted to do plumbing in
326 the residence.

327 B. An individual may not provide plumbing services that make a final connection between the
328 residence of the individual and a public or private disposal system or water supply system. This
329 connection shall only be made by a Maryland licensed master plumber.

330 C. Homeowners can only obtain a plumbing permit to provide plumbing services within their own
331 dwelling once in a five-year period for new construction. For repair work or additions, the work
332 performed shall be within the personal residence only.

333 § 270-16. Verbal permits.

334 Under no circumstance whatsoever shall verbal permission be given at any time by any person be considered as
335 a justification for any work to be accomplished or deviation from approved plans to be made which violates any
336 of these regulations.

337 Article IV

338 Plumbers

339 § 270-17. Licensing; applications.

340 [Amended 11-13-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-12; 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

341 All master plumbers doing work in the County must be licensed by the County in accordance with the provisions
 342 of the law with respect thereto as set forth in Title 12, Plumbers, of the Business Occupations and Professions
 343 Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Prior to submitting an application for a County license, the applicant
 344 must present valid proof of his master plumber's certificate as issued by the Maryland State Board of Plumbing,
 345 and the applicant must also furnish copies of liability insurance.

346 § 270-18. Nonresident plumbers.

347 [Amended 11-13-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-12; 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

348 Any master plumber licensed outside of the state must be licensed in the state and also in the County in
 349 accordance with the provisions of the law with respect thereto as set forth in Title 12, Plumbers, of the Business
 350 Occupations and Professions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Any plumber unable to produce valid
 351 proof, as required by the County, of his master plumber's certificate, as issued by the Maryland State Board of
 352 Plumbing, may not acquire any permits until such time as the license is obtained.

353 § 270-19. Misuse of license.

354 Under no circumstances whatsoever shall a master plumber or journeyman plumber licensed in the State or in
 355 the County sell, lend or transfer his license for the purpose of performing plumbing work.

356 § 270-20. Display of information; vehicles.

357 A. It shall be required of every master plumber to display in clear view at his place of business, in a
 358 conspicuous place, a sign with the full registered name or names and the words "Registered
 359 Plumber(s)" immediately following, or beneath his state certificate number or numbers.

360 [Amended 8-18-2015 by Bill No. 2015-14]

361 B. All trucks or other vehicles owned and used by the master plumber's firm or corporation must
 362 display in a conspicuous place the name of the person(s) holding the master plumbing
 363 certificate, the words "Registered Plumber(s)," and the state certificate number or numbers.

364 C. No pleasure vehicles shall be used when conducting plumbing work.

365 D. Failure to comply with these requirements shall result in revocation or suspension of the master
 366 plumber's license until such time as compliance is made with the above regulations.

367 § 270-21. Connections to municipal system or regulated utility.

368 A. A licensed master plumber shall install all piping necessary for connections between the water
 369 distribution and drainage systems of any building in which plumbing fixtures are installed and

- 370 shall be connected to a public water or sewer system. The County Plumbing Inspector shall
371 inspect all lines between the building and the property line before they are covered up.
- 372 B. In the case where the public lines are already installed to the property line, a licensed master
373 plumber is required to make the connection of the line at that point to the building's lines under
374 the inspection of the County Plumbing Inspector.
- 375 C. In the case where the public lines are not installed to the property line, it is required that a
376 licensed master plumber tap the public lines and extend the service connection to the property
377 line; this work is subject to inspection by the County Department of Public Works or any
378 municipality which regulates such lines or its agent prior to covering any lines. The connection
379 between the public line and the private line at the property line must be performed by a
380 licensed master plumber and inspected by the County Plumbing Inspector as well.
- 381 D. If any service lines are covered up prior to inspection by either the County Department of Public
382 Works, responsible municipality or the County Plumbing Inspector, all work shall be uncovered
383 by order of the Plumbing Inspector.

384 § 270-22. Plumbing in commercial/industrial building.

385 Anyone building a commercial/industrial building in Cecil County must obtain the services of a Maryland licensed
386 master plumber to do the plumbing work.

387 Article V

388 Violations

389 § 270-23. Failure to remedy defects.

390 Failure of a master plumber to remedy any defective work or refusal to open any walls, floors or ditches as
391 required by the Plumbing Inspector, after written notice, shall result in no further permits being issued to the
392 plumber until such requirements are corrected or met.

393 § 270-24. Violations and penalties.

394 Any person who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof
395 or who erects, constructs, alters or repairs any plumbing in violation of an approved plan or directive of the Code
396 Official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code shall be liable for a civil offense, and
397 upon a judicial finding of said violation shall be liable for a fine of not more than \$500 and, in addition, shall pay
398 all costs and expenses associated with the County's abatement of said violation as well as any and all fair and
399 reasonable attorneys' fees incurred as a result of said abatement efforts. Each day that a violation continues
400 shall be deemed a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the County from taking such other
401 lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

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403 **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that**

404 this Act shall take effect in 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY Council Manager