

VILLAGE OF ISLAND PARK
LOCAL LAW NO. 10 OF 1991

A local law Requiring Sprinkler Systems

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Island Park as follows:

Legislative Finding: The Village of Island Park is a densely inhabited community comprised to a great degree of frame homes built on small plots. Mercantile business establishments are in relatively close proximity to residential areas. To protect the inhabitants of these residences, including any community residence facility that may be developed in the future, more stringent regulations as to sprinkler systems than are provided in the Uniform Code are needed.

Section 1 (A) All Buildings including those classified as multiple dwellings by Sec.701(3) of the State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code but excluding one and two family residence used for only residential purposes, which buildings are constructed pursuant to a building permit issued after the effective date of this Local Law shall be required to have approved sprinkler systems as hereinafter defined. Such systems shall comply with the current edition of the National Fire Protection Association Standards for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, NFPA 13, in effect at the time of the issuance of the building permit for such construction. Residential structures shall comply with National Fire Protection Association Standards 13D or 13R where applicable. Sprinkler systems designed to comply with NFPA 13 shall be approved by the Insurance Service Office of New York (I.S.O.) or Factory Mutual Insurance Company (F.M.) prior to installation. Sprinkler systems designed for residential structures pursuant to NFPA 13D or 13R shall be signed by a registered Professional Engineer (P.E.), a member grade of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (S.F.P.E.) or by a Nicet Level

III. Sprinkler Designer.

(B) No building permit shall be issued for the construction of any building or structure or alteration or restoration of any portion thereof or addition thereto, unless the plans and specifications therefor comply with this Local Law. For the purpose of this section any alteration or restoration of any existing building or structure or addition thereto

which

1. Increases the habitable or occupiable square footage of such building or structure more than 30% shall require sprinkler system in the permit area only; or
2. Increases the habitable or occupiable square footage of such building or structure more than 50% shall require sprinkler system for the entire structure; or
3. The cost of alterations, additions or repairs made within any six month period exceed 30% of the cost of replacement of the building at the beginning of that six month period; or
4. Repairs damage caused by fire, storm or other act of God or natural deterioration to more than 30% of the habitable or occupiable square footage of such building or structure shall require a sprinkler system in the permit area only; or
5. Repairs damage caused by fire, storm or other act of God or natural deterioration to more than 50% of the habitable or occupiable square footage of such building or structure shall require a sprinkler system for the entire building or structure.

(C) No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued for the occupancy use of any building or structure or portion thereof required to have a sprinkler system in accordance with this Local Law, unless such sprinkler system shall have been approved, installed, inspected and tested.

(D) Sprinklers shall not be required to be installed in spaces where the discharge of water would be hazardous. In such places, other fire extinguishing equipment as approved by the Building Department shall be provided.

(E) All sprinkler systems operated from a dedicated fire line tap, shall be inspected at least once annually and a certificate of proper operation thereof shall be filed with the Building Department on or before October 31st in each year.

(F) Any person, persons, firm, partnership or corporation who violates any provision of this Local Law shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$250.00. Each week a violation of any of the provisions of this Local Law shall continue to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

(G) In the event that any subsection, provision or requirement of this section is declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, all other subsections, provisions and requirements shall continue to be enforceable.

Section 2. Appeal Procedure.

(a) If any person or corporation is or claims to be aggrieved by this Local Law, He or it may appeal from the requirements.

(b) Such appeal shall be made to the Zoning Board of appeals within 90 days from the date of the Village's determination.

(c) Petitions or applications for relief shall be served on the Building Inspector and any other interested parties.

(d) Any member of the said Zoning Board of Appeals who is involved in a family business or professional matter with the applicant must recuse himself.

(e) All hearings shall be conducted at an open hearing and a determination shall be made within 60 days from the conclusion of said hearing.

Section 3. This local law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, and shall be in full force and effect pending any action required by the Building Codes Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 379 of the Executive Law.