

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**.

****All fields must be completed.****
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Date of Request: 07.09.2012

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

2. **Title:** (Include a concise, one sentence description – please include name of company or contractor and contract control number - that clearly indicates the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)

The amendment to the Denver Building and Fire Code deletes the requirement, which was set to take effect in 2013, for the installation of residential fire sprinklers in new construction of single-family, duplex and townhomes.

3. **Requesting Agency:** Community Planning & Development (Development Services)

4. **Contact Person:** (With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution.)

- **Name:** Kelly Leid
- **Phone:** (720) 865-2908
- **Email:** Kelly.Leid@denvergov.org

5. **Contact Person:** (With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary.)

- **Name:** Michael Roach, Denver Building Official (Kelly Leid and Michael Roach will both present/attend)
- **Phone:** (720) 865-2909
- **Email:** Michael.Roach@denvergov.org

6. **General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:**

The ordinance request amends the Building and Fire Code of the City and County of Denver by amending sections R303.2 and R313.2 of the Denver Amendments to the International Residential Code. This action deletes the enactment of requiring fire sprinklers in new residential construction of single-family, duplex and townhomes beginning in 2013.

****Please complete the following fields:** (Incomplete fields may result in a delay in processing. If a field is not applicable, please enter N/A for that field.)

- a. **Contract Control Number:** NA
- b. **Duration:** One-Time
- c. **Location:** NA
- d. **Affected Council District:**
- e. **Benefits:**
- f. **Costs:** None

7. **Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance?** (Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?) **Please explain.**

This topic has been widely discussed and both locally and nationally for a number of years. A majority of states and many local jurisdictions have deleted the residential fire sprinkler requirement from code for new construction.

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO.
SERIES OF 2012

COUNCIL BILL NO. 12-_____
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Land Use, Transportation and
Infrastructure

A BILL

For an ordinance, amending the Building and Fire Code of the City and County of Denver by amending sections R302.2 and R313.2 of the Denver Amendments to the International Residential Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That section R302.2 of the Denver Amendments to the 2009 International Residential Code of the City and County of Denver is hereby amended by adding the language underlined below and deleting the language stricken below to read and be read as follows:

Section R302.2 Townhouses is amended by replacing the Exception 4 with the following and ~~by adding Exception 2.~~

Exceptions: ~~4.~~ A common 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 is permitted for townhouses if such walls do not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to and be tight against exterior walls and the underside of the roof sheathing. Electrical installations shall be installed in accordance with Chapters 34 through 43. Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4.

~~2. Where the townhouse is protected throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 313.1 the common wall may be a 1-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 if such walls do not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to and be tight against exterior walls and the underside of the roof sheathing. Electrical installations shall be installed in accordance with Chapters 34 through 43. Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4.~~

Section 2. That section R313 of the Denver Amendments to the 2009 International Residential Code of the City and County of Denver is hereby amended by adding the language underlined below and deleting the language stricken below to read and be read as follows:

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

SECTION R313

AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

~~Section R313 is deleted in its entirety.1 Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler systems is amended by making the effective date January 1, 2012.~~

~~Section R313.2 One and two family dwellings automatic fire systems is amended by changing the effective date of January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2013.~~

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: __/__/2012.

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: __/__/2012.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2012

_____ - PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2012

ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2012; _____ 2012

PREPARED BY: Kerry A. Buckey, Assistant City Attorney _____ 7/2/2012

Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

_____, City Attorney

BY: _____, _____ City Attorney

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