

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MARYLAND BUILDING
REHABILITATION CODE INCLUDING THE MARYLAND BUILDING
REHABILITATION CODE REGULATIONS**

RECITALS

The Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code Program was created as part of the State's Smart Codes initiative during the 2000 Maryland General Assembly Session. The enabling legislation is codified at Md. Code, *Public Safety Article*, §12-1001 – 1007.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, with assistance from the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code Advisory Council, published proposed regulations creating the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code ("MBRC"). The MBRC Regulations are codified in the *Code of Maryland Regulations* at Title 05, Subtitle 16 (the "MBRC" Regulations).

The MBRC became effective throughout the State on June 1, 2001, to encourage and facilitate the rehabilitation of existing building by reducing the cost of and constraints on rehabilitation that result from existing procedures and standards.

The MBRC encourages uniformity throughout the State by providing funding for certain programs to those local jurisdictions that adopt and administer the MBRC without making local amendments.

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the "Board"), being concerned with maintaining a level of safety consistent with existing codes and in order to qualify for funding for certain State programs, desires to adopt the MBRC, without local amendments, and to also adopt the MBRC Regulations.

A public hearing was held on November 13, 2007, following due notice and advertisement of the Board's intention to adopt the MBRC including the MBRC Regulations.

Public comment was received, reviewed and considered concerning the adoption of the MBRC including the MBRC Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland hereby adopts, without local amendments, the MBRC, including the MBRC Regulations, as may be amended or restated from time to time.

Adopted this 18th day of December, 2007.

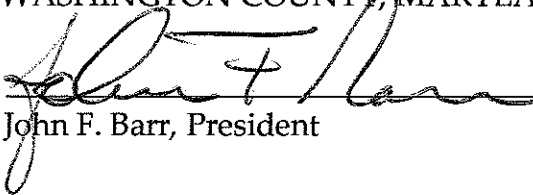
Effective this 1st day of March, 2008.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

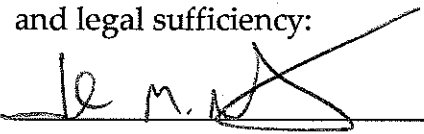


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