

## **BALTIMORE COUNTY LAWS & REGULATIONS**

The Baltimore County Circuit Court Law Library has several sources of local Baltimore County laws and regulations. This step-by-step guide is designed to point you to those sources. However, it is not an exhaustive list of all resources available on this topic. This guide is not meant as legal advice, and the Law Library is not responsible for this information or the utilization thereof. By law the Library staff can only provide legal information; the staff must never give legal advice or interpret legal materials. Therefore, for further assistance it would be best to consult an attorney.

**The Laws** – Examine the two largest compilations of Baltimore County laws. The Library retains one copy of each title at the Reference Desk and shelves a second copy in the Maryland Section--around the corner to the right when you enter the Library.

**Baltimore County Code**. American Legal Publishing, updated quarterly and online at <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/law/countycode.html> . (It includes the Baltimore County Charter.) (Previous versions of the Code, Charter, and Public Local Laws are located in the Superseded Materials collection on the Second Floor.)

**Baltimore County Zoning Regulations**. Baltimore County, updated.

**Sources of the Laws** – Check to see if the particular issue in question has been updated or adopted from a national uniform code. Some of these materials are shelved at the Reference Desk:

**Baltimore County Council Bills**. The Library receives copies of passed legislation every two weeks. (Select bills from 1982-1985 and 1987-previous year are bound and kept in binders in the Superseded Materials collection on the Second Floor. Additional bills may be available at the County Council, 400 Washington Ave., Towson, MD 21204, 410-887-3196.)

**Baltimore County Building Code**. County Council Bill 49-07 adopted sections of several national codes listed here; it should be consulted to see the exact provisions which have been adopted. This Bill is not codified, but a copy of it is kept at the Reference Desk and in the Superseded Maryland Section.

**ICC International Building Code** (2006).

**ICC International Residential Code** (2006).

**ICC International Mechanical Code** (2006).

**ICC International Energy Conservation Code** (2006).

**Baltimore County Fire Prevention Code**. County Council Bill 36-07 adopted sections of the following national codes listed here; the Bills should be consulted to see the exact provisions which have been adopted. This Bill is not codified, but is kept at the Reference Desk and in the Superseded Maryland Section.

**NFPA 1 Fire Prevention Code** (2006).

**NFPA 101 Life Safety Code** (2006).

**Baltimore County Plumbing Code**. County Council Bill 85-07 adopted sections of the following national codes listed here; the Bills should be consulted to see the exact provisions which have been adopted. This Bill is not codified, but is kept at the Reference Desk and in the Superseded Maryland Section.

**National Standard Plumbing Code** (2006) and 2007 Supplement

**Related codes used by Baltimore County:** [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/index.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/index.html)

**National Electric Code** (2002)

**Maryland Accessibility Code-COMAR 05.02.02**

**Maryland Rehabilitation Code-COMAR 05.16.01**

**Flood Plain Regulations**

**Other codes:** Current copies of the above and following codes are kept at the Reference Desk:

**ICC International Residential Code**

**ICC International Private Sewage Disposal Code**

**ICC International Electrical Code**

**ICC International Zoning Code**

**ICC International Energy Conservation Code**

**ICC International Property Maintenance Code**

**ICC International Fuel Gas Code**

**CABO Model Energy Code**

**ICC International Plumbing Code**

**ICC International One- and-Two-Family Dwelling Code**

**Provisions from the BOCA National Plumbing Code/1993, Applicable to Detached One- and Two-Family Dwellings**

**Additional Resources** – These sources may provide additional administrative information. They are all available at the Reference Desk (unless noted). Check with the appropriate Agency for more recent information.

**Administrative Manual.** Baltimore County Police Department. Received 2004

**Community Colleges of Baltimore County Board of Trustees Policy Manual.** Received 2003.

**Development Management Forms Manual.** Balt. Co. Dept of Permits & Development Management, 2003.

**Development Management Policy Manual.** Balt. Co. Dept of Permits & Development Management, 2002.

**Development Regulations.** Baltimore County Office of Planning. (Part I is a reprint of Article V, Title 26 of the Baltimore County Code (last updated June 1996); Part II is the "Development Handbook" (1992); and Part III is the "Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies" (last updated Aug. 1994).

**Field Manual.** Baltimore County Police Department. Received 2004

**Historic Design Guidelines: Basic Principles of Historic Preservation.** Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission. 1991.

**Manual of Policies and Regulations.** Board of Education, Balt. Co. (Last updated Jan. 2006) (2 volumes.)

**Purchasing Manual.** Purchasing Bureau, Office of Central Services, Baltimore County. 2003.

**Research Guide for Maryland Regulation.** 1992

**“Right of Way Documents” Manual.** Balt. Co. Dept. of Permits & Development Management, Bureau of Land Acquisition, 1997.

**Rules and Regulations Handbook.** Baltimore County Fire Department. Received 1996.

**Rules & Regulations of the Balt. Co. Government Board of Liquor License Commissioners.** 1995.

**Standard Specifications & Details of Construction.** Balt. Co. Dept. of Public Works. (Updated Nov. 1985.)