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2013 Legislative Session,  
Legislative Day No. 1Introduced By: County CouncilBILL NO. 2013- 1

AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY MARYLAND, ACTING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 25A, CHARTERED COUNTIES, SECTION 5T, BUILDING ORDINANCES, OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND TITLE 12, OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TO AMEND SECTION 65-6 (A) TO ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 65 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE IS HEREBY AMENDED AND REPLACED WITH THE NEW § 65-6 A OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS.

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on the official bulletin board of County, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613.

Ordered publication for once a week for two (2) successive weeks, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland at 6:25 p.m.

By order:



Jay L. Newcomb  
President of the County Council

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SECTION ONE: Acting under Article 25A and Section 5(S) and Section 5(T) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Title 12 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the “Acts”), be it ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that Section 65-6(a) of Article IV, entitled International Residential Code of Chapter 65, entitled Building Code, of the Dorchester County Code be repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Chapter 65

BUILDING CODE

ARTICLE IV  
International Residential Code

§ 65-6. Amendments and changes to the International Residential Code.

A. THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS IS HEREBY AMENDED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

A. Section R101.2. Scope: In the case of accessory structures, the code shall only apply to such structures of 300 square feet or greater. Additionally accessory structures from 300 square feet up to 500 square feet are permitted to be installed upon the following:

1. SLAB - A reinforced concrete slab may be used. Minimum reinforcing shall be standard 6 inch x 6 inch welded wire fabric. The slab shall be placed on a firm gravel base and shall be built up or thickened at the edge to prevent frost damage. *Arrow Anchor Kit for Sheds (model DKAK108) or Arrow Storage Sheds Concrete Anchor Kit (model AK100) shall be used or equivalent anchoring system.*
2. FOOTINGS – A reinforced concrete or block and mortar footing and pier may be used. The footing shall be a minimum of 24 inches in the ground and a minimum of 24 inches x 24 inches and a minimum of 8 inches thick. The Pier shall be a minimum of 8 inches x 24 inches. The footing shall be placed on a firm undisturbed earth base.
3. FOUNDATION WALL – A foundation wall may be used for continuous support around an accessory building. Such a wall may be reinforced concrete or block and mortar and shall be placed on a continuous footing 8 inches wider than the block being used, with a minimum of 8 inches block to be used, and a minimum of 24 inches in the ground. The footing shall be placed on a firm undisturbed earth base.
4. COMPACTED GRAVEL BASE – a minimum of 6 inches of gravel compacted by a vibrating tamperer shall be placed on a firm undisturbed earth base.
5. ANCHORAGE: One of the following anchorage requirements shall be used with the appropriate foundation.
  - a. WITH SLAB – The structure shall be fastened to the slab by means of anchored fasteners in the concrete. *Arrow Anchor Kit for Sheds (model DKAK108) or Arrow Storage Sheds Concrete Anchor Kit (model AK100) shall be used or equivalent anchoring system.*
  - b. WITH FOOTINGS OR WALLS – With reinforced concrete the structure may be fastened to anchored fasteners in the pier, foundation wall or footings. With a block and mortar pier or wall the fasteners must be anchored in the footing and not to the pier or wall alone.
  - c. BURIED ANCHORS –
    - (1) Screw Anchors- 4 inch anchors set at least a minimum of 2 feet in form earth may be used. *DuraMax Storage Shed Corkscrew Anchor Kit which consists of 4 screw-type anchors or Arrow Storage Sheds Earth Anchor Kit (AK4) shall be used or equivalent anchoring system.*
    - (2) Concrete – 24-inch square by 6-inch thick poured concrete with no less than 16 inches of compacted earth, with embedded anchors may be used. *Arrow Anchor Kit for Sheds (model DKAK108) or Arrow Storage Sheds Concrete Anchor Kit (model AK100) shall be used or equivalent anchoring system.*
6. ALL PREFABRICATED BUILDINGS must be secured by approved anchor straps. Such straps (2) shall encompass the entire width of the prefabricated building with said straps attached to anchors in the fastened manner. *DuraMax Storage Shed Corkscrew Anchor Kit which*

consists of 4 screw-type anchors or Arrow Storage Sheds Earth Anchor Kit (AK4) shall be used or equivalent anchoring system.


**SECTION TWO:** Be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that General Code Publishers is directed to codify amended Section 65-6(a) of Article IV, entitled International Residential Code of Chapter 65, entitled Building Code, of the Dorchester County Code accordingly.

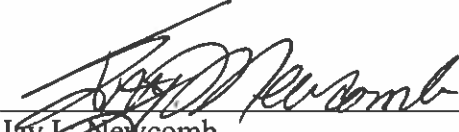
**SECTION THREE:** Be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2013-1 of Dorchester County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage.

PASSED this 19th day of March, 2013.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND


BY:   
Donna F. Lane  
Executive Administrative Specialist

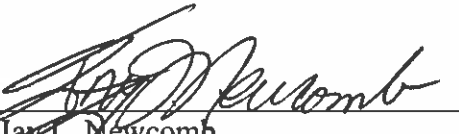
BY:   
Jay L. Newcomb  
President

APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2013.

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Donna F. Lane  
Executive Administrative Specialist

BY:   
Jay L. Newcomb  
President

- Nichols – aye
- Newcomb – aye
- Bradshaw – aye
- Price – aye
- Travers – aye