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Governor signs bill to amend fire sprinkler requirements

Governor Mark Dayton signed a bill ([Chapter 20 - H.F. No. 792](#)) May 2, 2017, that directs the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry to amend Minnesota Rules Part 1309.0313, Sections R313.1-R313.3 (Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems), to establish that newly built one- and two-family dwellings and newly built two-unit townhouses are not required to have installed automatic fire sprinkler systems under the Minnesota Residential Building Code.

DLI has begun an expedited process to amend the Minnesota Residential Code to conform with the 2015 Minnesota Court of Appeals decision and to clarify that newly built two-unit townhouses are also not required to have installed automatic fire sprinkler systems.

The department anticipates that the new rule amending the Minnesota Residential Code will be adopted in approximately 90 days.

Single and two-family dwellings

Fire sprinkler systems have not been required in one- and two-family homes since October 2015.

Two-unit townhouses

During the rulemaking process, for permits issued after May 2, 2017, automatic fire sprinkler systems are not required to be installed in two-unit townhouses unless the structure is otherwise required to be provided with an automatic fire sprinkler system under Minnesota law.

Contact me with any questions.

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