



St. Mary's County Plumbing Fuel Gas Advisory Board

Annual Report

January 2024 To July 2024

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The St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to review plumbing and gas codes for use by the plumbing and gas trades in St. Mary's County, to hear complaints and, to render code disputes.

In January 2017 Senate Bill 140 was placed in effect a Local Plumbing Code--Repeal. The Repeal read "For the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law related to the adoption of a plumbing code in St. Mary's County; and generally relating to the repeal of a provision of law that relates to the adoption of a plumbing code in St. Mary's County".

The County Attorney at that time George Sparling made the decision to follow suit with the Senate Bill 140 decision. After a few years of discussion with the then Acting County Attorney David Weiskopf and the order of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County a new Resolution number 2019-34 was signed creating the St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board.

Meetings

Per the new Board will meet bi-annually in January and June of each year.

January 9, 2024

Continued discussion on the Back Flow Cross Connection Program letter to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County

2021 IRC Building Code Discussion

June 11, 2024

Continued discussion of Back Flow Cross Connection Program Alex McNamee (MDE) guest attendee via Zoom

Budget

There is no current budget for the Plumbing, Fuel, Gas Advisory Board.