

Fire Apparatus Access Code Amendment Language Unanimously Agreed to by The Commissioners of St. Michaels at their March 22, 2023 Legislative Agenda Meeting

§ 340-91 Requirement for Fire Apparatus Access for New Developments

The requirement for a fire apparatus access road shall apply to any new commercial development outside the Historic District that is in excess of 10,000 square feet in size. To qualify as a fire apparatus access road, the road must include the following: (1) be at least twenty feet (20') in width; (2) have a vertical clearance of at least thirteen feet, six inches (13'6"); (3) be designed to withstand the imposed load of fire apparatus as approved by the Town's engineer in consultation with the Town Fire Department; (4) be designed as an all-weather surface; (5) have a turning radius adequate to permit fire apparatus to negotiate any turns; (6) have no dead-ends greater than 150 feet without adequate turn-arounds; (7) provide access to all sides of the building; and (8) be within 50 feet of at least one exterior door of the building which door is able to be opened from the outside and provides access to the interior of the building. In addition, all covered or underground parking ceilings must be at least ten feet, six inches (10'6") in height for ingress and egress of emergency service vehicles and ambulances.