A monthly newsletter that will include tips, information, and important links from each of our three divisions - Planning, Permits, and Neighborhood Services.

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**PERMITS**

**HVAC work - Permit needed?**

**YES!** New installations or replacements of heating systems and/or cooling systems are to be performed under an issued permit. This includes boilers, heat pumps, hot water system, forced air, chillers, min-splits, etc. An owner occupant or a Maryland licensed HVAC contractor can obtain these types of permits.

The replacement of internal components such as fan motors, compressors, contactors, heat exchangers, electric boards, etc. does not require a permit.

**Mechanical Permit**

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**SAFETY TIP**

Local code amendments were created for electrical, mechanical, and property maintenance codes requiring an emergency shutdown switch for mechanical equipment.

Call our office for any clarifications.

301-739-8577 X123.
PLANNING

Did you know?

When installing or replacing the exterior components of an HVAC system, a property located in a Hagerstown Historic District is to contact our office about the work being performed. The work may not require a full review from the Historic District Commission but a conversation with the Zoning Administrator should happen for this type of work in a historic districts.

HDC plan reviews are conducted at no charge.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

65 Degrees from October 1 to May 15

According to the Property Maintenance Code, heating equipment is to operate and maintain temperatures at a minimum of 65°F from October 1 to May 15 in habitable spaces. There is no code requiring air conditioning; however, if there is a building system providing air conditioning it is required to function as designed.

HUB BUB PODCAST

Next episode:

Listen to the Hub Bub podcast on or after Wednesday, August 19th which will feature information about HVAC systems. We will explore the history of heating and cooling equipment along with ventilation requirements. We will also discuss HVAC safety features that have been added to protect homeowners and properties.

If you have something you would like to know more about or suggestions for what is featured in the newsletter, please send an email.

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