

Resolution

Carroll Fire Protection Districts Residential Fire Sprinkler Grant Program Guidelines

Whereas the General Assembly has recognized the importance of residential fire sprinklers and granted specific authority to fire protection districts' Board of Trustees to establish a grant program (**Public Act 095-0800**), administered wholly within their fire protection district, the following guidelines establish the Carroll Fire Protection District Residential Fire Sprinkler Program. The general idea is to provide an incentive for the property owner / resident over the long term. We want the fire sprinkler installed properly and operational to save lives, reduce the risk to our firefighters and reduce the property losses that occur in unsprinklered properties.

1. The Carroll Board of Trustees shall establish an account for the sole purpose of paying grants to residents of Carroll Fire Protection District that certify they have installed a fire sprinkler system per NFPA 13D, the Board of Trustees shall fund this account each year, based on the district's ability, that would be available in aggregate for the grant program. The Board of Trustees will also determine the percentage of taxes to be rebated based on the fire protection district's needs. The Carroll Board of Trustees have determined that amounts of up to 25% of taxes paid to the Carroll Fire Protection District are eligible for grants.
2. To qualify for an annual grant, the property owner must have installed a residential fire sprinkler in accordance with NFPA 13D, as initially certified by a sprinkler contractor, in their home and so certify each year that the system is operational as designed, the Carroll Fire Department staff may inspect the system to confirm owners certification. Public water supply is not mandatory.
3. Applications would have a due by September 1st of each year to be eligible for a grant to be issued in December. Application would have a copy of the real estate taxes due to the fire protection district for the most recent taxes paid. Then application will certify to the Board of Trustees that the system is operational as designed and has been tested annually. (We suggest that the fire sprinkler system terminate at the toilet in the master bathroom, if more than one bathroom. That way the system is tested on a daily basis.)
4. The applications would then be reviewed, approved and calculated for distributions. If total applications would result in less than the total appropriated, then each property owner so qualified would receive a grant of the percentage of real estate taxes paid as previously determined. If distributions, in aggregate, are more than the total set aside in the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance, then all rebates will be reduced proportionally, thereby limiting the total rebates to the maximum established by ordinance.

Be it resolved that Carroll Fire Protection District adopt this resolution at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, June 10, 2009.

Barney Bryson, President

Richard Quick, Secretary