

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE INTERPRETATION 05-01**

**CODE REFERENCE:**

NFPA 13D (2002), 8.6.5

**BACKGROUND:**

This code section requires sprinkler protection in the attic if it is intended for living purposes. This code does not define the phrase "intended for living purposes".

**INTERPRETATION:**

The phrase "intended for living purposes" in section 8.6.5 is defined as a space that has the following features:

Permanent stairs  
Side hinge door  
Floor designed for live load  
Ventilation (operable window)  
Required headroom

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Without this definition, it would be impossible to maintain consistency in the enforcement of this code section.

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