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Another Regional Apartment Fire Raises Concerns with Lightweight, Wood-Framed Construction in Low- to Mid-Rise Buildings

*Build With Strength Statement on Fire at 10th Street Flats Building in
Arlington, VA*

Arlington, VA – Earlier today, a [fire broke out on the fourth floor of the 10th Street Flats building](#), a lightweight, wood-framed, luxury apartment complex currently under construction in Clarendon, Virginia, drawing firefighters to the scene and leading to the evacuation of construction crews.

The fire comes just weeks after a five-alarm fire across the Potomac River nearly destroyed a wood-framed apartment complex under construction in College Park, MD – the largest fire in Prince George’s County’s (MD) history – [renewing questions about the use of vulnerable construction materials in certain buildings](#).

“We are saddened that once again, the desire to build quickly and cheaply, coupled with the lack of oversight from lawmakers, has led to yet another apartment fire in a wooden building,” said Kevin Lawlor, a spokesperson for Build With Strength, a coalition of fire service professionals, engineers, architects, and industry experts. “Residents should not have to worry that the safety and security of their families and belongings play second fiddle to economic arguments.”

The fire in Arlington comes amidst a string of other spectacular lightweight, wood-framed apartment fires this year – most notably in College Park, MD; [Overland Park, KS](#); [Raleigh, NC](#); and [Maplewood, NJ](#).

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