

TINTON FALLS FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
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APPLICATION FOR SMOKE DETECTOR AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM INSPECTION

BLOCK: _____ LOT: _____ INVOICE # _____

DATE PAID: _____ CHECK # _____ CASH RECEIPT # _____

Checks are payable to Borough of Tinton Falls
\$ 40 - More than ten business days prior to occupancy change
FEES \$ 75 - 4 to 10 business days prior to occupancy change
\$130 - Less than four business days prior to occupancy change

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____ APT # _____

INSPECTION TYPE: Resale ___ Rental ___ Other ___ DATE OF CLOSING/OCCUPANCY _____

TYPE OF UNIT: House ___ Townhouse ___ Condo ___ NUMBER OF BEDROOMS: _____

NOTE: NJ State law stipulates that Smoke Detector Certificates expire 60 days from date of inspection

PRESENT OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ PAGER/CELL/OTHER _____

BUYER/TENANT NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

PERSON TO CONTACT: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Signature of Applicant

FOR OFFICE USE:

DATE OF INSPECTION _____ TIME OF INSPECTION: _____

SMOKE DETECTOR REQUIREMENTS

NJ State law requires smoke detectors in all 1 & 2 family dwellings when a change of owner/occupant occurs. Before a unit is sold, rented or otherwise subject to a change in occupancy for residential purposes, the owner shall obtain a Certificate of Smoke Detector Compliance. Applications may be obtained from the Tinton Falls Fire Prevention Bureau.

Smoke Detectors are required to be located on every level of a residence; basement, first floor (excluding crawl spaces and unfinished attic areas) and within 10 ft of every sleeping area. In homes with only one sleeping area on one floor, a detector is to be placed in the hallway outside of the bedroom(s). In multi-level homes, detectors should be located outside of sleeping areas and at every level of the home. Basement level detectors should be located at the bottom of the basement stairway.

Two-thirds of all fire deaths occur in households that have no working smoke detectors. Many of these deaths are a result of batteries being removed from the smoke detectors because of "nuisance" alarms caused by cooking or low batteries. Disabling your smoke detector will leave your household without the life-saving early warning that smoke detectors provide. The following recommendations can minimize the occurrence of "nuisance" alarms:

- ◆ DO NOT LOCATE detectors in the kitchen areas. Smoke from cooking may cause nuisance alarms. Use of exhaust fans while cooking can prevent cooking vapors from setting off the alarm. Bathroom areas should also be avoided since steam from showers may cause activation.
- ◆ OTHER AREAS TO AVOID are near forced air ducts used for heating or air conditioning. The air movement may prevent smoke from reaching the detector. "Dead Air" space where the ceiling meets the wall and peaks of an "A" frame type of ceiling should also be avoided.
- ◆ IF YOUR DETECTOR ANNOYS YOU by "chirping" or "beeping", the batteries may need to be replaced.
- ◆ RESIDENTIAL UNITS that have hard wired, interconnected detectors or just hard wired detectors. These detectors cannot be replaced with battery. All required interconnected detectors must activate simultaneously.

If the alarm on your smoke detector ever sounds when it shouldn't, don't risk your family's safety by disarming it. The measures listed above should be sufficient to maintain safety without experiencing annoying nuisance alarms.

If you have any questions or problems, please call Fire Marshal Cary Costa at (732) 542-3400 ext 236 or 238.

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CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

Effective April 7, 2003

NJ State law now requires the owners of 1 & 2 family dwellings to install at least one carbon monoxide alarm prior to resale or rental. NJAC 5:70-2.3 states that no municipal certificate of occupancy be issued for any residential dwelling structure containing a fuel-burning appliance and/or an attached garage unless each dwelling unit contains at least one carbon monoxide alarm.

Type & Location

- ***Alarms may be battery-operated***
- ***Must be listed in accordance with UL-2034***
- ***Must be installed outside bedrooms (preferably at eye level) and within 10 ft. of all bedroom doors as per NFPA-720***

A Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance will be issued by the Fire Prevention Bureau after an inspection determines the proper placement of the alarms, as well as smoke detectors.

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FIRE EXTINGUISHER REQUIREMENTS

Effective November 1, 2005 - Revised October 7, 2009

The Legislature amended and enacted P.L.1991, c. 92 (C.52:27D-198.1), requiring that all one- and two-family dwellings at a change of occupancy be provided with a portable fire extinguisher, in addition to the requirements for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This act was signed into law on April 14, 2005 with an effective date of November 1, 2005.

The requirements for the type and placement of the extinguishers are as follows:

- 1) At least one portable fire extinguisher shall be installed in all one- and two-family dwellings upon change of occupancy;
- 2) The extinguisher shall be listed, labeled, charged, and operable;
- 3) The size shall be no smaller than 2A:10B:C, rated for residential use and weigh no more than 10lbs;
- 4) The hangers or brackets supplied by the manufacturer must be used;
- 5) The extinguisher must be located within 10 feet of the kitchen.
NOTE: Fire extinguisher shall not be mounted in closets, kitchen cabinets or other rooms where the extinguisher is not fully visible from the kitchen area.
- 6) The top of the extinguisher must not be more than 5 feet above the floor;
- 7) The extinguisher must be visible and in a readily accessible location, free from being blocked by furniture, storage, or other items;
- 8) The extinguisher must be near a room exit or travel path that provides an escape route to the exterior;
- 9) The extinguisher must be accompanied by an owner's manual or written information regarding the operation, inspection, and maintenance of the extinguisher; and
- 10) Lastly, the extinguisher must be installed with the operating instructions clearly visible.

New fire extinguishers are not required to be serviced and tagged, as long as the seller or agent can provide proof of purchase or receipt.

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