

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTING INSPECTIONS - CONTRACTORS AND HOMEOWNERS

When scheduling inspections, please have the following information: PERMIT NUMBER, BLOCK AND LOT, JOB NAME AND JOB LOCATION. REQUIRED PLANS MUST BE KEPT ON-SITE FOR INSPECTIONS.

INSPECTION REQUESTS WILL BE TAKEN ONLY BETWEEN 9:30 A.M. & 3:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

NOTE: APPROVED HARDSHIP INSPECTION TIMES: A.M.: 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.; P.M.: 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

CANCELLATIONS: Please call for cancellations between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS: Please adhere to advance notice periods indicated below:

FOOTING: Exposed exterior footing inspections must be done on the day that concrete is scheduled to be poured BEFORE the actual pour. Please try to contact this office at least two (2) days in advance for this inspection.

FOUNDATION LOCATION SURVEY FOR NEW STRUCTURES: Zoning Officer approval required prior to foundation inspection FOR BOTH NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NEW COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES.

BUILDING, PLUMBING, HVAC, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND FIRE: Please call three (3) days in advance. EXCEPTIONS: Open trenches or emergency work.

OTHER REQUIRED INSPECTIONS - THREE (3) DAY NOTICE

UNDERSLAB: Plumbing, Electrical, Building, Radon or Plumbing Drains.

SLAB: Concrete below or above grade.

FOUNDATIONS:

- Concrete foundations/forms: inspection required prior to placement of concrete.
- Block foundations: mid-way inspection is required.
- Rebars, masonry reinforcement, metal tiedowns, etc., required.

OPEN DECK: Prior to placement of subfloor.

TRACK: To floor, walls, or roof for sunrooms prior to panel installation.

BACKFILL: Required inspection of damp-proofing, exterior/perimeter drains, etc.

SHEATHING: Exterior undercovering of building - roof and walls.

ROUGH ELECTRIC, PLUMBING, HVAC AND MECHANICAL: Completed prior to framing inspection.

FRAMING: All structural framing prior to covering with finish or infill material plus above-ceiling and grid inspections. Special inspections & CHECKLIST required for wood framing for both residential and commercial structures, additions & new buildings.

INSULATION: Energy or insulation inspection.

CHIMNEY/FIREPLACE: Smoke chamber clearances.

FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM AND SPRINKLER TESTS: Call Richard Soltis, Fire Subcode Official, at (609) 844-7024.

FINAL CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, APPROVAL OR CONTINUED OCCUPANCY: All final inspections are held on the same day for all Sub Codes. Call three (3) days in advance.

PRIOR APPROVALS: Applicant shall be aware that other approvals may be necessary before an Occupancy Permit can be issued, such as Zoning, Engineering, Health, Historical, etc.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT NO FINAL PAYMENT BE MADE BY HOMEOWNERS TO CONTRACTORS UNTIL THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE BY THE TOWNSHIP (OWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR FINAL INSPECTION)

OTHER INSPECTIONS MAY BE REQUIRED DEPENDING UPON THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT. PLEASE CONTACT THIS OFFICE IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

Interoffice Memo

To: Contractors And Homeowners

From: Richard A. Soltis Jr. *RASjr*
Fire Subcode Official

Date: April 23, 2003

Subject: Smoke Detector/ Carbon Monoxide Detector Requirements

Per N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.20(c) Carbon Monoxide detectors are now required in use group I-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 any time construction work is performed. This is in addition to N.J.A.C. 5:23-6.4(f) that requires smoke detectors any time construction work is performed in use group R-2, R-3 and R-4. As with N.J.A.C. 5:23-6 any time a permit is issued, notification, which this is considered, to the contractor and homeowner has to be made. If there is no Fire Protection permit issued on the job, it is the responsibility of the contractor and homeowner to assure compliance with these requirements.

To assist you with these new inspections I will explain some important points, and attached is a copy of an installation manual, which should cover any other questions.

- There shall be one smoke detector on every level of the dwelling unit.
- There shall be one smoke detector within 10 feet of every bedroom.
- Smoke detectors shall not be located within 5 feet of a kitchen or bathroom with shower unless the detector is Photoelectric.
- Smoke detectors shall not be located in unheated, dusty, dirty, insect infested areas; attics, garages, crawl spaces, etc.
- Carbon monoxide detectors are to be located near each sleeping area if the building contains a fuel-burning appliance or has an attached garage.
- All of the detectors may be battery operated. Carbon Monoxide detectors may also be the plug in type.

cc; Anthony J. Cermelo, Construction Official

Smoke Alarms at Home



SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



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ing, explosive, or intentional. Others are caused by care-
; or safety hazards. Smoke may not reach the smoke alarm
ENOUGH to ensure safe escape.

alarms have limitations. This smoke alarm is not fool-proof
it warranted to protect lives or property from fire. Smoke
are not a substitute for insurance. Homeowners and renters
sure their lives and property. In addition, it is possible for
ke alarm to fail at any time. For this reason, you must test
ke alarm weekly and replace every 10 years.

SMOKE ALARM PLACEMENT

ase recommends complete coverage protection achieved
ing a smoke alarm in every room of your home. The
Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) minimum require-
etailed in Standard 72, Chapter 2, reads as follows:

Smoke detectors shall be installed outside of each sepa-
ring area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and on
lional story of the family living unit including basements
ding crawl spaces and unfinished attics. In new construc-
ke detector also shall be installed in each sleeping room.

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that operation of any
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, 1993 Edition, Appendix
states:

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protected by the
smoke detectors. For
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for those areas for increased protection. The additional
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required by the California State Fire Marshal:

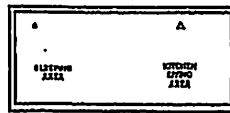
urning fire detection is best achieved by the installation of
tion equipment in all rooms and areas of the household
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he vicinity, but outside the bedrooms), and heat or smoke
s in the living rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms, kitchens,
, attics, furnace rooms, closets, utility and storage rooms,
ts and attached garages."

FOR BEST PROTECTION, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU INSTALL A SMOKE ALARM IN EVERY ROOM.

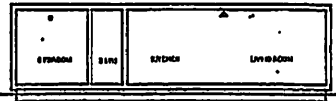
In addition, we recommend that all smoke alarms be interconnected.

Typical Efficiency Home (Apartment)

- Install a smoke alarm on the ceiling or wall closest to the sleeping area.



EFFICIENCY APARTMENT



MOBILE HOME

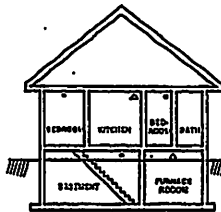
Typical Mobile Home

NOTE: For mobile homes built before 1978, install smoke alarms on an inside wall between 4 and 12 inches from the ceiling. (Older mobile homes have little or no insulation in the ceiling.) This is especially important if the ceiling is unusually hot or cold.

- Install a smoke alarm inside each bedroom and in the hallway outside each separate sleeping area.

Typical Single Story Home

- Install a smoke alarm on the ceiling or wall inside each bedroom and in the hallway outside each separate sleeping area. If a bedroom area hallway is more than 30 feet long, install a smoke alarm at each end.



SINGLE STORY

If there is a basement:

- Install a smoke alarm on the basement ceiling at the bottom of the stairwell.

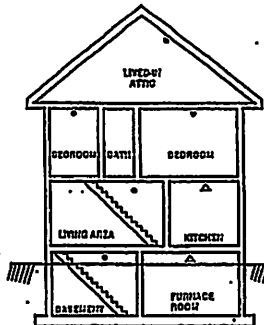
Typical Two-Story or Split Level Home

- Install a smoke alarm on the ceiling or wall inside each bedroom and in the hallway outside each separate sleeping area. If a bedroom area hallway is more than 30 feet long, install a smoke alarm at each end.

- Install a smoke alarm at the top of a first-to-second floor stairwell.

If there is a basement:

- Install a smoke alarm on the basement ceiling at the bottom of the stairwell.



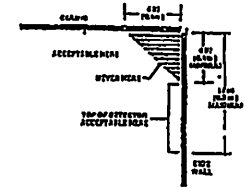
TWO STORY

Key

- Smoke Alarm (Ionization)
- △ Ionization Smoke Alarm with False Alarm Control™ or Photoelectric Smoke Alarm

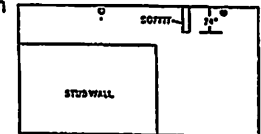
IMPORTANT SMOKE ALARM PLACEMENT AND EXCEPTION INFORMATION:

- Install a smoke alarm as close to the center of the ceiling as possible. If this is not practical, mount no closer than 4 inches from a wall or corner. Also, if local codes allow, install smoke alarms on walls, between 4 and 12 inches from ceiling/wall intersections.

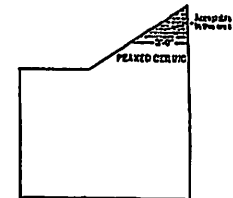


- Install a minimum of two smoke alarms in every home, no matter how small the home. New construction codes require a minimum of two interconnected smoke alarms in newly built homes.

- Install a smoke alarm in each room that is divided by a partial wall (either coming down from the ceiling at least 8 inches, or coming up from the floor).



- Install smoke alarms on peaked, cathedral, or gabled ceilings 3 feet from the highest point (measured horizontally).



- Install a smoke alarm in lived-in attics or attics which house electrical equipment like furnaces, air conditioners, or heaters.

DO NOT install smoke alarm:



Near appliances or areas where normal combustion regularly occurs (kitchens, near furnaces, hot water heaters). Use specialized smoke alarms with unwanted alarm control for these areas.



In areas with high humidity, like bathrooms or areas near dishwashers or washing machines. Install at least 10 feet (3 meters) away from these areas, if possible.



Near air returns or heating and cooling supply vents. The air could blow smoke away from the detector, interrupting its alarm.



In rooms where temperatures may fall below 40°F (4°C) or rise above 100°F (38°C).



In extremely dusty, dirty, or insect-infested areas. Loose particles interfere with smoke alarm operation.

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CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT

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NOISE ORDINANCE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, RESIDENTS OF PROPERTIES


IN LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ORDINANCE #1935-07
EFFECTIVE JUNE 26, 2007, REGULATING NOISE DISTURBANCE, AS REVISED.

CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION

NO CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS, SUCH AS EXCAVATION, DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR OR ALTERATION WORK IN CONNECTION WITH ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE OR OTHER IMPROVEMENT, SHALL BE DONE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 P.M. AND 8:00 A.M., MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. EXCAVATION, DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR OR ALTERATION WORK MAY BE CONDUCTED ON SUNDAYS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M., SO LONG AS SUCH EXCAVATION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR OR ALTERATION WORK IN CONNECTION WITH ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE OR OTHER IMPROVEMENT IS NOT CLEARLY AUDIBLE AT A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET FROM THE EXCAVATION, DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR OR ALTERATION SOURCE FROM WHICH IT IS LOCATED. THE OPERATION OF SUCH DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR OR ALTERATION WORK WHICH CAN BE DETECTED ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET FROM IT SOURCE FROM WHICH IT IS LOCATED ON SUNDAYS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M., SHALL BE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION

VIOLATIONS TO THIS NOISE ORDINANCE CAN CAUSE A SUMMONS TO BE ISSUED AND A POSSIBLE FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE AND \$2,000.00 FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE NOISE CONTROL OFFICER OR POLICE.

THIS NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN WITH EACH CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED AND WILL SERVE AS A WARNING THAT, BY ACCEPTING THE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT, SUCH PERSONS WILL SUBJECT THEMSELVES TO THIS NOTICE ORDINANCE OR ANY AND SUCH VIOLATION.



ANTHONY J. CERMELE
CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

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THE NOISE ORDINANCE IDENTIFIES LEGAL HOLIDAYS AS:

NEW YEAR'S DAY
MEMORIAL DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
LABOR DAY
THANKSGIVING DAY
CHRISTMAS DAY

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