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Mansfield Township Home Resale Fire Inspection Application

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As of August 2020, the Fire Prevention Office is no longer reaching out to homeowners or authorized representatives to schedule inspections. It is the responsibility of the person submitting the application to contact the listed inspector (below) via email to schedule the inspection.

To schedule your inspection, email Inspector Jarrod Foster after submitting your application to the Township Clerk's office: jfoster@mansfieldtwp.com

Applications and the appropriate fee are to be submitted to the Mansfield Township Clerk's Office. The Bureau does not accept any application submitted directly to the Bureau via email.

***Vacant Properties** - Vacant properties are not scheduled. The inspection may be done at odd hours of the day or evening. Ensure there is a lock box at the property, with the code listed on the provided space (**the Fire Prevention Bureau does not have "SUPRA" access**). If you would like to be present for inspection, email the above listed inspector. Please ensure your property has been made ready for inspection prior to submitting your application to the Clerk's office.

If you have any questions about the code requirements, please reach out to Inspector Foster either through email or by phone: (609) 575-0579

REALTORS: *The application is updated as needed. Please download a new application from the township website for every resale to ensure you have the most updated code requirements. If you are submitting the application for a homeowner, make sure they receive the packet to ensure code compliance at the time of inspection.*

I. Inspection Requirements

A. Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms, whether battery powered or hard wired, shall be less than ten (10) years old at the date of resale.
- ***Effective Jan. 1, 2019:*** Single station battery operated alarms must be replaced with Ten-year sealed battery powered alarms per N.J.A.C. 5:70 – 4.19 regardless if the currently installed alarms are less than ten (10) years old.
- Alarms adjacent to or in vicinity of bedroom(s) shall be within ten (10) feet of bedroom(s),
- Alarms shall be either battery powered or electric powered (hardwired), in accordance with the stated requirements depending on the year your house was built.
- Hard wired and/or interconnected smoke alarms installed in homes constructed after January 1977 shall be maintained in working order.

Please identify the year the dwelling was constructed to see requirements for Smoke alarms:

- **Before 1977:** Battery powered alarm in hall adjacent to bedroom(s).
- **1977 – 1980:** Hard wired alarm in hall adjacent to bedroom(s), battery powered alarm on remaining level(s).
- **1981 – 1983:** Hard wired, interconnected in hall adjacent to bedroom(s) and basement, if applicable.
- **1984 – 1990:** Hard wired, interconnected alarms on all levels.
- **1991 – 1992:** Hard wired, interconnected alarms in all bedrooms, in vicinity of bedroom(s), and on all levels.
- **1992 – Present:** Hard wired, interconnected alarms in all bedrooms, in vicinity of bedroom(s), and on all levels with battery powered back-up.

Homestead: The original installed smoke detector system shall be maintained in working order.

- The original installed smoke detector system must be inspected as required below under the “Integrated Alarm System” subsection.
- The seller can apply for U.C.C. construction permits through the Township Construction Office to upgrade the alarm system to the most current requirements (see above) of N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19

Integrated and/or Monitored Alarm Systems

- Integrated alarm systems are systems that contain several different parts that work together to protect you and your property
- Homes with integrated systems (such as Homestead & Country Walk) must provide documentation of certification from the respective alarm company dated no more than 30 days prior to the “CO Inspection”.

B. Placement of Smoke Alarms

Basement: The basement smoke alarm shall be installed in the basement, within ten (10) feet of the stairway. The alarm shall not be located in the stairway. If installed on an open joist ceiling, the alarm shall be placed on the bottom of the joist. For finished ceilings see note below. Crawlspace are excluded.

Living area and/or First Floor: The living area smoke alarm shall be installed in the living room and/or near the stairway leading to the upper level. The alarm shall not be located in the stairway.

Bedroom area: The bedroom area smoke alarm shall be located in the hall outside of the bedroom(s), within ten (10) feet of any bedroom door. In dwellings with more than one (1) bedroom area or with bedrooms on more than one (1) floor, an alarm is required within ten (10) feet of each bedroom.

Attic: If the attic is finished, the smoke alarm shall be located near the stairway from the floor below. The alarm shall be mounted as indicated in the note below. If the attic is unfinished, no alarm is required.

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- Smoke alarms shall be mounted on the ceiling at least four (4) inches from the wall, or on the wall with the top of the alarm not less than four (4) inches or more than twelve (12) below the ceiling at its highest point.
- Smoke alarms have a ten (10) year life from the date of manufacture. If your alarm does not have a date of manufacture, it is greater than the ten (10) year life and will need to be replaced. This applies to both battery and hard wired smoke alarms.
- Depending on the build year of the dwelling, alarms in bedrooms shall be mounted as described in the note above, where required according to the previously stated code requirements.
- Effective Jan. 1, 2019: Single station battery operated alarms must be replaced with Ten-year sealed battery powered alarms per N.J.A.C. 5:70 – 4.19 regardless if the currently installed alarms are less than ten (10) years old.

C. Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector

All dwellings that contain fuel-burning devices or an attached garage shall have a carbon monoxide detector centrally located outside of each separate sleeping area, within ten (10) feet of the bedroom(s). Detectors shall be less than seven (7) years old at the date of resale.

- Detectors are required if there is an attached garage or a fuel-burning device (i.e. wood fireplaces, propane and/or natural gas appliances)
- Detectors must be located in the hallway outside of each separate sleeping area
 - Detectors must be within ten (10) feet of each bedroom
 - If a single detector does not meet the ten (10) foot requirement for every bedroom, multiple detectors will be required.
- Detectors can be any of the following:
 - Plug in
 - Battery operated
 - Hard wired
 - Combination (Smoke & CO)
- Stand-alone detectors will be less than seven (7) years old at the resale date
 - Combination detectors will be less than ten (10) years old at the resale date

D. Fire Extinguisher

Fire Extinguishers shall be the following TYPE, with a minimum RATING of, and be mounted as described in order to pass inspection:

Type: A-B-C Rating: 2A:10B:C

- **Installation**
 - Installed within ten (10) feet of the kitchen
 - In the path of egress
 - Readily accessible and not obstructed from view
 - Mounted on the manufacturer provided bracket
 - The extinguisher shall weigh no more than ten (10) pounds
 - The extinguisher shall be:
 - Tagged with an inspection tag checked within the previous 12 months by a certified fire protection company
- OR**
- Newly purchased with a receipt within the previous 12 months. Original receipt shall be affixed to the extinguisher.

E. House Numbers

Township of Mansfield House Numbering Ordinance #1991-26

Numbers shall be a minimum of thirty (30) inches from the ground with three (3) inch high Arabic numbers that are visible from the road, contrasting in color or reflective. Numbers shall be mounted on the structure of the house, not the front or any other door. Numbers that are not readily visible from the street due to set back or obstruction shall have a post with three (3) inch Arabic numbers at the driveway that leads to the dwelling unit.

- Minimum of three (3) inch tall Arabic numbers
- Numbers shall be contrasting in color (black over white etc.) or reflective
- Numbers shall be attached on the structure of the house and be a minimum of thirty (30) inches above the ground
 - Numbers will not be attached to the front door OR any other doors
- Numbers shall be visible from the road
 - Numbers that are not readily visible from the street due to set back (distance) or obstruction will be posted at the driveway leading to the dwelling on a post thirty (30) inches above the ground.
 - If the numbers are posted on the mailbox, both sides of the mailbox must be numbered.

Received by Twp: _____

II. Application

Inspection Scheduled: _____

PRINT LEGIBLY

Application for Certification of Smoke Alarm / Carbon Monoxide Detector / Portable Fire Extinguisher Compliance

Block _____ Lot _____ This is a _____ story dwelling with _____ without a basement

Address _____ Phone: _____

I, _____, certify that I am the owner or an authorized representative of the owner of the dwelling at the above referenced location. I further certify that this dwelling meets the minimum New Jersey Fire Code and Municipal code requirements listed in this application.

Anticipated Closing Date: ____/____/____

Lock Box Code: _____

- Property is currently: Occupied Vacant Vacant, want to be present for inspection
- **Contact Inspector Foster via email to schedule your inspection. jfoster@mansfieldtwp.com**
- **Please contact the Fire Prevention office ASAP should the anticipated closing date change.**
- All above information **MUST BE COMPLETE** before submitting the application to the township.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Inspection Fees (made out to Mansfield Township)

____ 10 business days or more \$35 ____ <10 to > 4 business days \$70 ____ < 4 business days \$ 125

The inspection fee is not refundable. Any re-inspection fee issued will be equal to the initial fee paid. Once issued, the certificate is non transferable. If the change of Occupancy does not occur within six months, a new certificate application shall be required.

DO NOT FILL OUT ANY INFORMATION BELOW – FOR FIRE INSPECTOR ONLY

Year Built: _____

- Smoke Detectors** (In compliance with N.F.P.A. 72) meet the quantity, type, location requirements, and are all in working order.
- Carbon monoxide detector(s) present (within ten feet of sleeping area)**
- Fire Extinguisher meets N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19(e)**
- Compliant with house numbering Ordinance #1991-26**

Date of Inspection: ____/____/____

Date of Re-Inspection(s): _____

Inspector Name: _____

Certification Date ____/____/____

Certificate # _____

Signature _____

Fee Paid \$ _____ Chk # _____ Re-inspection Fee(s) Issued _____