

CHAPTER 27: SMOKE DETECTORS

§ 27.1 Title

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Smoke Detector Law of the Town of Camillus, New York."

§ 27.2 Legislative Intent and Purpose

- A. The Town Board finds that disastrous fires often occur because they are not timely detected resulting in substantial property loss as well as injury or even fatalities among its residents.
- B. The purpose of this Chapter is to lessen the likelihood of disastrous fires and is enacted to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to promote the public good.

§ 27.3 Smoke Detectors

- A. Application of Chapter
Effective October 1, 1984, all dwelling units, except single family residences which are owner occupied shall have smoke detectors installed by the owners. Units shall have smoke detectors installed, inspected and approved before being occupied by any person or persons. Permit applications must be made with floor plans supplied for those structures to which this local law applies. Permit fees shall be five dollars (\$5.00).
- B. Definitions
As used in this Chapter, "Dwelling Unit" means one or more rooms with provision for living, cooking, sanitary and sleeping facilities arranged for the use of one family.

"Family" means a household constituting a single housekeeping unit occupied by one or more persons.
- C. Requirements
Smoke detectors shall be of a type approved for sale in the State of New York; shall be capable of sensing visible and invisible products of combustion and when activated, shall provide an alarm suitable to warn the occupants. Such detectors shall also include such markings and literature sufficient to inform the occupants and owners of the purposes, protective limitations and correct installation, operating, testing, maintenance and replacement procedures and servicing instructions for such equipment.
- D. Installation and Location
The manner of installation and the Location of the smoke detectors shall be approved by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Fire Marshall of the Town of Camillus, which shall be in accordance with and shall not exceed the standards under which the detectors were tested and approved and any limitations on their use. Approval shall remain in effect unless the Code Enforcement Officer or the Fire Marshall finds that the equipment is hazardous or unreliable and in such case he or she shall revoke such approval.

E. Number Required

1. At least one smoke detector shall be installed in each dwelling unit.
2. In each structure containing three or more dwelling units, at least one electric detector shall be installed in each common passageway on each floor.
3. In each structure containing three or more dwelling units, interconnected detectors shall be installed in each common passageway on each floor and in the cellar or basement, the signal or alarm of which shall be clearly audible through the structure, with the single exception, however, that in any structure containing three or more dwelling units in which all doors in the structure meet the requirements of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code as to doors required and door rating then, in that event, interconnected detectors shall not be required but at least one detector shall be installed in each common passageway on each floor.

F. Maintenance

It shall be the responsibility of the owner of each dwelling unit and structure covered by this Chapter to maintain all smoke detectors in good working order.

G. Certificates of Compliance

Between August 1 and August 31, 1985 and during August of each year thereafter, the owner of each dwelling unit and structure in which a smoke detector has been installed shall certify to the Code Enforcement Officer in writing that the required maintenance has been performed on all such detectors in the owner's dwelling units and structures and that the devices are in good working condition as of the date of the certification.

H. Inspections

The Code Enforcement Officer or the Fire Marshall may inspect all dwellings covered by this Chapter annually and as may be necessary to insure compliance. The Code Enforcement Officer can be contacted for recommendations when an owner is concerned about installation, number or type of detectors.

§ 27.10 Penalty

Any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be fined not more than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each violation; and a separate violation shall be deemed committed on each day, during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

HISTORICAL NOTE

This Chapter was added by Local Law # 5 of the year 1984 on May 22, 1984, effective 30 days after filing in the office of the secretary of state. Amended spelling LL#13-94.

Cross - References:

Building Code Enforcement. Chapter 26.

Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code; Exec Law §§ 377, 378

effective Jan. 1, 1984. Exec L § 377 (1)

local building regulations, Exec L § 379

higher standards; notification of state fire prevention

and building code council;

approval; stay. Exec L § 379(1)

supersession of uniform code. Exec L § 379 (3)