TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT

SMOKE DETECTOR CERTIFICATION FOR RENOVATIONS, REHABILITATION OR INCREASE IN SIZE/PROPOSED ADDITIONS

Block ____________    Lot ____________

Work Site Address ________________________________________________________________
Owner/Agent ________________________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________
Tel. (_____ ) ________________________________

Please complete sections- A, B and C
A.) Type of work - Check the appropriate box(es):
(  ) Kitchen
(  ) Living Room
(  ) Family Room
(  ) Garage
(  ) Basement
(  ) Bedroom
(  ) Bathroom
(  ) Sunroom
(  ) Other ________________________________

B.) Please calculate the square footage of the largest floor of the existing home (usually the 1st floor)

(Existing) L x W = ____________ sq.ft.

(New Addition) L x W = ____________ sq.ft.  %__________

An inspector will verify the dimensions upon a field visit.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN ONLY ONE (of the 3) FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

1.) The area (square footage) of the addition is five percent (5%) or more, but less than twenty five percent (25%) of the largest floor of the existing building, so I will be installing hardwired, interconnected smoke detectors with battery back-up in each story/level of the dwelling, including the basement.

DATE____________________    SIGNATURE__________________________

2.) The area (square footage) of the addition is equal to, or more than, twenty five percent (25%) of the largest floor of the existing building, so I will be installing hardwired, interconnected smoke detectors with battery back-up in each story/level of the dwelling AND in each existing/new bedroom of the dwelling, including the basement.

DATE____________________    SIGNATURE__________________________

(OVER)
3.) I already have hardwired, interconnected smoke detectors with battery back-up in the dwelling and meet the code requirements as set forth in #1 or #2.

   DATE_________________   SIGNATURE_____________________

C.) Please indicate the total number of smoke detectors:

   * EXISTING_________   NEW_________

*NOTE: Existing smoke detectors must be AC hardwired, interconnected to other smoke detectors with battery back-up to meet code requirements.

If the existing smoke detectors DO NOT meet the code requirements, they MUST be replaced.

This form must be completed and submitted along with the permit application, prior to approval and issuance of the construction permit. If you have any questions, please call (856) 374-3500.

Fire Subcode Official

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REVIEWED BY_________________   DATE_________________

COMMENTS ________________________________

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EXAMPLES

A.) You decided to add a second floor bathroom (7%) to the existing Cape Cod. You currently have three hardwired smoke detectors located in the basement, first floor and second floors. The existing smoke detectors are interconnected, but don’t have a battery back-up. You would be required to replace existing smoke detectors with new electric smoke detectors with battery back-up to comply with code.

B.) You decided to add a family room (20%) to the rear of the existing single story rancher with no basement. There is one battery operated smoke detector in the hallway, leading to the bedroom. You would be required to replace the existing smoke detector with a new electric smoke detector with battery back-up to comply with code.

C.) You decided to add a master bedroom with bath (more than 25%) over an existing garage. The existing split level home has only one electric smoke detector in the second floor hall near the existing three bedrooms. Depending on the arrangement of the home, you would probably need to install six new smoke detectors and replace the one on the second floor (total of seven).

All detectors are required to be electric hardwired, interconnected and battery back-up. One detector would be installed in the lower level (basement or family room). Another detector would be installed in the middle level of the home (living room, dining room & kitchen). The third smoke detector would replace the existing detector on the second floor. Because of the construction of a new bedroom, the fourth detector is required within the new bedroom, and each of the three existing bedrooms will require the installation of a smoke detector.

There could be several other scenarios that correspond to your particular needs. If so, please contact John Honer Fire Sub-Code Official at (856) 374-3500.

In very rare occurrences, it is impossible for the licensed electrician to gain access to existing walls & ceiling. In these cases, you will need to arrange a meeting, file an application for a variation, and schedule consultation inspections prior to the start of the job.

You or the general contractor will need to provide the Construction Office with your intentions in writing, so the Fire Protection plan review can be completed and the permit can be issued. Please use the enclosed “Smoke Detector Certification” form.

Thank You