

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 _____

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