

**STREET & BUILDING NUMBERS  
REQUIRED**

**COMPLIANCE REQUIRED FOR ISSUANCE OF  
CERTIFICATE**

NO ORIGINAL OR CONTINUING SDCM CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED FOR ANY STRUCTURE IN RARITAN TOWNSHIP UNLESS THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE ARE IN COMPLIANCE.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS SHALL APPLY TO ALL NUMBERS TO BE INSTALLED, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE GREATEST DEGREE OF IDENTIFICATION TO THE PROPERTY SO AS TO ASSIST ANY PERSON THERON:

- THE ID NUMBER(S), SHALL BE NO LESS THAN 4 INCHES IN HEIGHT AND MADE OF DURABLE AND CLEARLY VISABLE MATERIAL.
- THE NUMBERS SHALL BE OF REFLECTIVE MATERIAL OR OF SUFFICIENT VISABLE CONTRAST TO THE BACKGROUND MATERIAL TO BE EASILY DISCERNIBLE AT NIGHT WITH THE AID OF A SPOTLIGHT.
- ALL NUMBERS SHALL BE MOUNTED SO THAT THEY FACE THE ACCESS ROAD WHICH THE BUILDING FRONTS, AND SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER SO AS TO BE UNOBSTRUCTED BY ANY OBJECT.

THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE ENFORCED BY THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF RARITAN TOWNSHIP WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE POLICE DEPT. MAXIMUM FINES COULD REACH \$100.00 EACH DAY THE VIOLATION EXISTS AND NON ISSUANACE OF THIS CERTIFICATE.

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**ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS & AGENTS**

DUE TO WORKLOAD VOLUME, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE SPECIAL REQUESTS & INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT CALL TO REQUEST INSPECTION TIMES.

INSPECTIONS ARE COMPLETED ON WEDNESDAYS; YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY MONDAY AFTERNOON WITH A TIME SLOT.

**FOR SAFETY & HYGIENE, INSPECTORS DO NOT  
REMOVE THEIR SHOES.  
(PER DEPARTMENT POLICY)**

ALL FINISHED BASEMENTS WILL BE REPORTED TO THE RARITAN TOWNSHIP BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

IN HOMES THAT A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM OR COMBINATION BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS PREVIOUSLY LISTED, WILL NOT PASS CERTIFICATION.



**SMOKE DETECTOR & CARBON MONOXIDE  
ALARM LABEL  
COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS**



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INSPECTION APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE  
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## SMOKE DETECTORS

- **HARDWIRED SMOKE DETECTORS ARE NOT TO BE REPLACED WITH BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE DETECTORS**
- **MOST RECENT APPROVED CONFIGURATION MUST BE MAINTAINED**
- **REPLACE DETECTORS WHEN THE END-OF-LIFE SIGNAL IS ACTIVATED OR 10 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST \*DETECTORS MUST BE UL LISTED\***
- **SMOKE DETECTORS MUST BE A MINIMUM 36 INCHES AWAY FROM CEILING FANS AND VENTS**

### **HOUSES BUILT/RENOVATED:**

#### **PRIOR TO 1977:**

TEN-YEAR SEALED BATTERY-OPERATED DETECTORS ON ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING BASEMENT & WITHIN 10 FEET OUTSIDE OF ALL BEDROOMS

#### **JANUARY 1, 1977 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1978:**

HARDWIRED SMOKE DETECTORS ON SLEEPING LEVELS AND WITHIN 10 FEET OUTSIDE OF ALL BEDROOMS. TEN-YEAR SEALED BATTERY-OPERATED DETECTORS ON ALL OTHER LEVELS INCLUDING BASEMENT

#### **OCTOBER 1, 1978 – FEBRUARY 21, 1983:**

HARDWIRED SMOKE DETECTORS ON SLEEPING LEVELS, BASEMENT LEVEL AND WITHIN 10 FEET OUTSIDE OF ALL BEDROOMS. TEN-YEAR SEALED BATTERY-OPERATED DETECTORS ON ALL OTHER LEVELS

#### **FEBRUARY 22, 1983 – AUGUST 5, 1984:**

HARDWIRED SMOKE DETECTORS ON ALL LEVELS INCLUDING BASEMENT AND WITHIN 10 FEET OUTSIDE OF ALL BEDROOMS

#### **AUGUST 6, 1984 – MARCH 3, 1991:**

HARDWIRED SMOKE DETECTORS ON ALL LEVELS INCLUDING BASEMENT AND WITHIN 10 FEET OUTSIDE OF ALL BEDROOMS. **ALL DETECTORS MUST BE INTERCONNECTED.** (WHEN ONE ALARM SOUNDS/ ALL ALARMS SOUND)

#### **MARCH 4, 1991 – FEBRUARY 2016:**

DUAL POWERED (ELECTRIC & BATTERY BACKUP) HARDWIRED & INTERCONNECTED (WHEN ONE ALARM SOUNDS/ ALL ALARMS SOUND), ON EACH FLOOR INCLUDING BASEMENT, IN **EACH** BEDROOM AND WITHIN 10' OF ALL BEDROOMS

#### **MARCH 2016 TO PRESENT:**

DUAL POWERED (ELECTRIC W/ BATTERY BACKUP) HARDWIRED & INTERCONNECTED (WHEN ONE ALARM SOUNDS/ ALL ALARMS SOUND), ON EACH FLOOR INCLUDING BASEMENT, IN **EACH** BEDROOM AND WITHIN 10' OF ALL BEDROOMS. CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SHALL BE HARDWIRED. (Combination alarms are approved)

## CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS ARE REQUIRED WITHIN 10 FEET OUTSIDE OF EVERY BEDROOM

BATTERY POWER OR PLUG-IN TYPE ARE PERMITTED FOR HOMES BUILT PRIOR TO 2016

ALARM CANNOT BE OLDER THAN TEN YEARS FROM MANUFACTURE DATE

IN HOMES WITH MORE THAN ONE BEDROOM AREA OR BEDROOMS ON DIFFERENT LEVELS, SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS ARE REQUIRED BY SEPARATE BEDROOM AREA.

### **DOES YOUR HOME HAVE A SECONDARY POWER SOURCE?**

IF YOUR HOME HAS A SECONDARY POWER SOURCE SUCH AS A **GENERATOR, SOLAR PANELS, BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM, OR ANY OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SOURCE OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY,** THEY ARE NOW REQUIRED TO BE LABELED.

THE LABELS MUST READ "CAUTION MULTIPLE SOURCES OF POWER." THE LABELS MUST BE COMPLIANT WITH ANSI Z535.4, REFLECTIVE & WEATHER RESISTANT. PRINTING ON REGULAR COPY PAPER IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

SIMILAR EXAMPLES BELOW:



### **WHERE?**

WITHIN 18 INCHES OF THE MAIN ELECTRICAL PANEL AND ELECTRICAL METER.

## REQUIRED FEES

THE APPLICATION FEE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SMOKE DETECTOR & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM COMPLIANCE AS REQUIRED BY N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3, SHALL BE BASED UPON THE AMOUNT OF TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE CHANGE OF OCCUPANT IS EXPECTED AS FOLLOWS:

- REQUESTS FOR SD/CM INSPECTION RECEIVED 11 OR MORE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE CHANGE IN OCCUPANT:  
**\$55.00**
- REQUESTS FOR SD/CM INSPECTION RECEIVED 4 TO 10 BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE CHANGE IN OCCUPANT:  
**\$100.00**
- REQUESTS FOR SD/CM INSPECTION RECEIVED LESS THAN 4 BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE CHANGE IN OCCUPANT:  
**\$160.00**
- A **REINSPECTION FEE** WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL INSPECTIONS THAT FAIL FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OR ARE NOT PRESENT AT SCHEDULED INSPECTION TIME FRAME  
**\$55.00**