

Listed below are the requirements to receive a Certificate of Inspection:

#### **SMOKE ALARMS:**

- Alarms are to be located on every level of a resident (basement, first floor, second floor) excluding crawl spaces and unfinished attics, between sleeping areas such as the kitchen, garage, basement or utility room.
- In homes with only one sleeping area on one floor, an alarm is to be placed in the hallway within 10 feet of that room.
- In single family homes with two separate sleeping areas two alarms are required outside each sleeping area within 10 feet of that room.
- In multi-level homes, alarms are to be located outside sleeping areas and at every finished level of the home.
- Basement level alarms are to be located in close proximity to the bottom of the basement stairwells.
- If placed on the wall, the alarms should be six inches down from ceiling but no more than 12 inches.
- Smoke alarms shall not be older than 10 years or older than the expiration date prescribed by the manufacturer.

#### **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:**

- A carbon monoxide alarm shall be centrally located outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
- Where bedrooms are separated and the audibility of the alarm or detector to occupants within the bedroom area could be seriously impaired, more than one unit may be required.
- Each alarm shall be located on the wall, ceiling or other location as specified in the installation instructions that accompany the unit.
- The alarm can either be electric, battery or the plug-in type. It is highly recommended that the alarm be electric or battery type.
- If you have a combination smoke/carbon alarm, it needs to be placed in accordance with smoke detector placement in sleeping areas.
- Carbon monoxide alarms shall not be older than 5 years or older than the expiration date prescribed by the manufacturer.

#### **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:**

- One fire extinguisher shall be mounted within 10 feet of the kitchen.
- The extinguisher shall weigh less than 10 lbs. and be an ABC type extinguisher.
- The extinguisher shall be mounted with the top of the not higher than 10 feet from the floor.
- The seller of the home shall provide proof of purchase showing that the extinguisher is less than 12 years old.

#### **BUILDING NUMBER SIGNS:**

- All required building number signs shall be displayed in a prominent and legible manner, so as to be highly visible from said public or private streets on which the building fronts.
- Numbers may be placed on curbside mailboxes provided they appear on each side of the mailbox and are at least two (2) inches in height.
- All other numbers must be at least four (4) inches in height and must be clearly visible from the street. If numbers are painted, the color must contrast with the color of surrounding surfaces.
- Numbers may be on house doors or screen doors if they are also on another part of the building.

In order to receive your Certificate, the location of your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, building signage and fire extinguisher must all be in compliance with the regulations on all codes.

After inspection is complete, your certification is immediately issued. Each certificate is valid for six (6) months.