NEW JERSEY RESIDENTIAL SMOKE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

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1. Model Number

BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE ALARMS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A TEN-YEAR SEALED BATTERY

(EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST 2019)

- HARD-WIRED (AC-POWERED) SMOKE ALARMS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE 10-YEAR BATTERY BACK-UP POWER

ALL SMOKE ALARMS SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN TEN YEARS OLD.

-Check the manufactured date on the back (if there is no date, it is way too old)

EXISTING HARD-WIRED SMOKE ALARMS AND INTER-CONNECTED SMOKE ALARMS MUST BE MAINTAINED

-THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED WITH BATTERY-ONLY SMOKE ALARMS

ATTIC BR Smoke alarm LR K BASEMENT SINGLE LEVEL

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR SMOKE ALARMS

10-YEAR SEALED BATTERY-POWERED SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED: 1. ON EACH LEVEL OF THE PREMISIS 2. WITHIN 10 FEET OF EACH SLEEPING AREA

ALL DETECTORS MUST BE LOCATED AS PER MANUFACTURER'S SECIFICATIONS

THIS MINIMUM REQUIREMENT IS TYPICALLY ONLY FOR HOMES BUILT BEFORE 1977*.

*THE CODE AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION DETERMINES TYPE OF SMOKE ALARMS REQUIRED, AS WELL AS PLACEMENT. HARD-WIRED, INTERCONNECTED SMOKE ALARMS, SHALL NOT BE REPLACED WITH BATTERY-POWERED SMOKE ALARMS.

THIS GUIDANCE DOCUMENT IS TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF AN INSPECTION, REQUIRED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A FIRE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION, AS PART OF THE CONTINUED CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY PROCESS AT THE CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSE.

THE COMPLETE STATE REQUIREMENT FOR SMOKE ALARMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE: N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19.

