

# CHAPTER 201: SMOKE DETECTORS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Newport 4-9-1985 by Ord. No. 238 (Ch. 7, Part 2, of the 1985 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

## GENERAL REFERENCES

Uniform construction codes — See Ch. 99.

§ 201-1. Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following words shall have the following meanings:

### DWELLING UNIT

A structure, or portion thereof, building or portion thereof, arranged for the use of one or more individuals living together as a housekeeping unit on a permanent, temporary or transient basis which may or may not include sanitary facilities or facilities for preparation, storage or serving of food.

### OWNER

Any person who, alone, or jointly or severally with other persons, has legal title to any premises. This includes any person who has charge, care or control over any premises as: an agent, officer, fiduciary, or employee of the owners; the committee, conservator, or legal guardian of an owner who is incompetent, a minor or otherwise under a disability; a trustee, elected or appointed, or a person required by law to act as a trustee, other than a trustee under a deed of trust to secure the payment of money; or an executor, administrator, receiver, fiduciary, officer appointed by any court, attorney-in-fact, or other similar representative of the owner or his or her estate. This does not include a lessee, a sublessee or other person who merely has the right to occupy or possess a premises.

### SMOKE DETECTOR

A device which detects visible or invisible particles of combustion, and is capable of providing a suitable audible alarm of at least 85 decibels at 10 feet, either ionization or photoelectric type.

§ 201-2. Smoke detectors required in dwelling units.

[Amended 1-8-2013 by Ord. No. 348] In each dwelling unit or individual apartment within buildings used as a multiple dwelling, there shall be provided by the owner of the real estate, a minimum of one smoke detector sensing device for each level/floor of the dwelling, which has received Underwriters' Laboratories' approval.

§ 201-3. Alarm requirements.

Said smoke detector sensing device shall provide an alarm suitable to warn occupants within individual dwelling units in the event of fire.

§ 201-4. Time of installation.

The smoke detector sensing device shall be installed as above in all multiple dwellings immediately and shall be installed, by the owner, in all other buildings within the Borough of Newport not later than upon change of ownership of the real estate upon which the building is erected.

§ 201-5. Violations and penalties.

[Amended 1-8-2013 by Ord. No. 348] Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600; and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days. Every day that a violation of this chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense.