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PLEASE REVIEW NEW UPDATES TO THE FIRE CODE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
FIRE SAFETY CODE BOARD OF APPEAL AND REVIEW

FIRE CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY HOME SMOKE AND CARBON
MONOXIDE INSPECTIONS

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The following are the current fire code requirements for one and two family home smoke and carbon monoxide inspections under the newly adopted Fire Code:

Homes built in 1976 or prior:

Smoke Alarms shall be installed outside sleeping areas and on each level of the dwelling unit (s) (including basements).

Smoke Alarms shall be permitted to be battery operated.

Smoke Alarms are not required to be interconnected.

Carbon monoxide Detectors shall be installed outside sleeping areas.

Carbon monoxide Detectors shall be permitted to be battery operated.

Carbon monoxide Detectors are not required to be interconnected.

Homes built on and after January 1, 1977 through December 31, 2001:

Smoke alarms shall be installed outside sleeping areas and on each level of the dwelling unit (s) (including basements).

Smoke Alarms shall be hard-wired with battery backup.

Smoke Alarms shall be required to be interconnected.

Carbon monoxide Detectors shall be installed outside sleeping areas.

Carbon monoxide Detectors shall be permitted to be battery operated.

Carbon monoxide Detectors are not required to be interconnected.

Homes built on and after January 1, 2002 through February 19, 2004:

Smoke Alarms shall be installed outside sleeping areas and on each level of the dwelling unit (s) (including basements).

Smoke Alarms shall be hardwired with battery backup.

Smoke Alarms shall be required to be interconnected.

Carbon monoxide Detectors shall be installed outside sleeping areas.

Carbon monoxide Detectors shall be hard-wired with battery backup.

Carbon monoxide Detectors shall be required to be interconnected.

Homes built on and after February 20, 2004 through December 31, 2012:

Smoke Alarms shall be installed inside each bedroom, outside sleeping areas and on each level of the dwelling unit (s) (including basements) (In accordance with NFPA 72 2002 Edition)

Smoke Alarms shall be hard-wired with battery backup.

Smoke Alarms shall be required to be interconnected.

Carbon monoxide Detectors shall be installed outside each sleeping area and on each level of the dwelling unit including basements.

Carbon monoxide Detectors shall be hard-wired with battery backup.

Carbon monoxide Detectors shall be required to be interconnected.

Homes built on and after January 1, 2013:

Smoke Alarms shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 72 2010 Edition.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 720 2012 Edition.

Where the above provisions require both smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, combination devices shall be permitted and deemed to be acceptable.

Where smoke alarms are required, household fire alarm systems, in accordance with NFPA 72 2010 Edition, shall be permitted.

The local fire authority that performs smoke and carbon monoxide detector inspections in all residential occupancies shall, at the time of inspection, be allowed to charge a thirty dollar (\$30.00) fee for the inspection. A sixty dollar (\$60.00) fee will be added for any subsequent re-inspection of the same residential occupancy due to improper installation, wrong location, improper wiring method or the seller's failure to maintain a mutually agreed upon appointment with the local fire authority that performs the inspection function.

Please contact Matt Johns, Asst. Deputy State Fire Marshal at 401-348-9835 with any questions you may have regarding the new changes.