

BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE
ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT
856-662-2474
Ext. 110

WHERE TO LOCATE SMOKE DETECTORS: Smoke detectors are to be located on every level of a residence, first and second floor, within 10 (ten) feet of sleeping areas and living areas such as the kitchen, garage, basement – excluding crawl spaces or unfinished attics. Basement level detectors should be located at the bottom of basement stairwells, for finished basements on the ceiling, on non-finished basement on the bottom of the joist.

WHERE NOT TO LOCATE SMOKE DETECTORS: To avoid false alarms and/or improper operations, avoid installation of smoke detectors in the following areas;

1. Kitchens - smoke from cooking may cause a nuisance alarm.
2. Bathrooms - excessive steam from a shower may cause a nuisance alarm.
3. Forced air ducts for heating or air conditioning – air movement may prevent smoke from reaching detectors.
4. Near any type of furnace – air/dust movement and normal combustion products may cause a nuisance alarm.
5. The “Dead Air” space where the ceiling meets the wall, mount them more towards the center of the room.
6. The peak of an “A” frame type ceiling. The “Dead Air” at the top may prevent smoke from reaching the detector.

WHERE TO LOCATE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS: Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed in the immediate vicinity of ALL sleeping areas. They can be plug-in type or hard wired. Each detector should be as per manufacturer’s guidelines and be capable of alerting all sleeping occupants, again within 10 (ten) feet of a sleeping area and no more then 3 (feet) to 4 (feet) from the floor.

WHERE NOT TO LOCATE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS: Carbon monoxide detectors should not be located in electrical outlets which can be turned off by a switch unless the detector has a battery back-up. Carbon monoxide detectors should not be plugged into and outlet that is located against the floor molding.

WHERE TO LOCATE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: within 10 (ten) feet of a kitchen and located in the exit or travel path; and is visible and in a readily accessible location. The top of the fire extinguisher should be not more than 5 (five) feet above the floor and mounted using the manufactures hanger or brackets. Minimum size of 2A:10B:C and weigh no more then 10 (ten) pounds, is accompanied with the owner’s manual or with the proper written instructions.

Any questions please contact the zoning / code enforcement office at the above listed number.

**BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE
OF
SMOKE DETECTOR COMPLIANCE**

OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

BLOCK: _____ LOT: _____ QUAL: _____

If this property is being sold, provide the name of the purchaser(s):

If this property is being rented, provide the name of the tenant(s):

The application fee for certificate of smoke detector, CO detector and fire extinguisher is:

More than 10 business days \$35.00

Less than 10 days but more than 4 days \$70.00

4 business days or fewer \$125.00

Re-inspection required / per re-inspection \$10.00

Telephone: 856-662-2474 ext. 110 Fax: 856-665-1662

LISTING AGENT: _____

APPLICANT NAME

COMPANY

ADDRESS

TOWN

STATE

ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE #

FAX #

SETTLEMENT DATE

SCHEDULED FOR INSPECTION

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL