

## ***TOWN OF WATERBORO SMOKE DETECTOR ORDINANCE***

### **Section 1: Requirement:**

It shall be the responsibility of the owner of each new and existing occupied dwelling unit to install and maintain smoke detectors in such dwelling unit as hereinafter provided. Said smoke detectors shall be capable of sensing visible particles of combustion and providing a suitable audible alarm thereof; Further they shall be installed by May 1, 1985, in the manner hereinafter provided. Failure to install smoke detector as and where required by said date will subject property owner to the penalties as hereinafter set forth.

### **Section 2: Location:**

3.1 At least one smoke detector shall be installed on every occupied level of the dwelling unit.

3.2 At least one smoke detector shall be installed at the head (top) of each stairway leading up to an occupied area in such a manner as to insure that rising smoke is not obstructed in reaching the detector and the detector intercepts rising smoke before it reaches the sleeping area.

### **Section 3: Alternative:**

As an alternative to self contained smoke detectors, an approved fire detection system may be installed. Each fire detector must be individually approved and a permit issued therefore by the Waterboro Fire Department or Code Enforcement Officer.

### **Section 4: Equipment:**

All devices, combinations of devices and equipment herein are to be installed in conformance with this ordinance and with all other applicable state and local building codes, and approved by the Waterboro Fire Department or Code Enforcement Officer, upon the sale, rental, or renovation of any dwelling unit. The Fire Department or Code Enforcement Officer may check all devices, combination or devices and equipment required herein which is in place. The inspecting officer may, in each such case, determine whether replacement or existing installation shall be required or additional installation shall be required or some combination thereof shall be required. Renovation as used in this section means renovation as required in the issuance of a building permit or permit

pursuant to applicable local building codes.

Section 5: Installation:

In new residential dwellings, smoke detectors shall be wired directly (hardwired) to the building's power supply or be powered by self monitoring battery. In existing dwellings within multi-family buildings, the detectors shall meet multi-family building power source requirements of state law or in the absence of state law, the requirements hereunder covering other existing dwellings. In other existing dwellings, it is preferred that smoke detectors be wired directly to the power supply; however, said detectors may be powered by self-monitored battery or operated in a plug-in outlet which is fitted with plug restrainer device provided the outlet is not controlled by any switch other than the main power supply.

Section 6: Supplemental Standards:

This section is intended to be used with and supplemented by the applicable current provisions of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 72E-82 entitled Automatic Fire Detectors, and Standard 74-80, entitled Household Fire Warning Equipment, which are hereby incorporated herein; however, if there shall be any conflict between this ordinance and the said supplemental standards, this ordinance and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto shall prevail.

Section 7: Penalties:

Any person in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$100. Each day such violation continues after the two weeks time for correction of the violation has been given in an order, shall constitute a continuing violation and the amount of the fine shall be \$100. each day said violation continues.

Section 8: Severability:

If for reason, any word, clause, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be held to make the same unconstitutional, this ordinance shall not hereby be invalidated and the remainder of this ordinance shall continue in effect.

Section 9: Effective Date:

This ordinance shall be come effective upon adoption by Town Meeting.

Section 10: Amendments:

This Ordinance may be amended by a majority vote at any Town Meeting.

Adopted March 9, 1985