

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS  
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BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION  
430 SENGER PLACE  
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**10:00 – 12:00**

**APPLICATION FOR CARBON MONOXIDE / SMOKE DETECTOR / SUMP PUMP  
FIRE EXTINGUISHER CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

Dwelling Location: Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner In Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize the Bureau of Fire Prevention of the Township of Scotch Plains to conduct those inspections as required by Section 2-20.31 of the Township Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.20 and N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19 at the above stated location. I understand the following are requirements for issuance of this Certificate of Approval:

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Outside each separate sleeping area if the dwelling contains a fuel burning appliance or an attached garage.

Smoke Alarms

- On each level of a dwelling, including basements, excluding crawl spaces and attics with uninhabitable space; and
- Outside each separate sleeping area on any floor; and
- All alarms shall be properly mounted and in working order; and
- All alarms must have a test button; and
- All battery-operated smoke alarms must be 10 year sealed units; and
- Per NFPA 72 2002 10.4.6, no smoke detectors (battery or AC powered) may remain in service longer than 10 years from the date of manufacture. All detectors older than 10 years must be replaced; and
- Homes constructed or altered after 1977 provided with AC powered and/or interconnected detector shall be maintained in working order, with battery backup, as required by the Certificate of Occupancy.

Sump Pump

- Sump pumps shall not be connected to the plumbing system of any dwelling nor empty into any sink or other fixture.

Address Numbers

- It is required that house/building numbers shall be clearly visible at all times from the public or private street on which the property is located. See the back of this form for proper size and location.

Fire Extinguisher

- It is required that one ABC Fire Extinguisher be provided within 10 feet of the kitchen. See back of this form for details.

The detectors required above shall be located in accordance with NFPA 74. The detectors are not required to be interconnected unless required in accordance with the Certificate of Occupancy. Battery powered detectors are permitted unless otherwise required by the Certificate of Occupancy. See diagrams for further information regarding installation locations. Payment of the required \$100.00 fee must be made prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Approval. All open Uniform Construction Code permits must be closed out prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Approval. **Fee is non-refundable.**

NOTE: Home constructed after January 1997 provided with AC powered and/or interconnected detectors shall be maintained in working order. All smoke alarms older than 10 years from the date of manufacture must be replaced.

In any dwelling unit that in connected to or serviced by a Central Alarm System, a representative or authorized agent of that system shall be present to conduct the test. In lieu of a representative or authorized agent, a knowledgeable person, homeowner, tenant, or property manager shall be present to demonstrate and test the system. Pets must be secured to the satisfaction of the inspector.

I do hereby hold the Township of Scotch Plains and it’s officials, employees, officers and Inspectors harmless in the event that a smoke detector device becomes damaged, inoperable or otherwise be put out of service.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant’s Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name (12/2019)

### **ADDRESS NUMBERS**

It is required that house/building numbers be affixed to the building and shall be clearly visible at all times from the public or private street on which the property is located.

1. All addresses shall be a minimum of 4 inches in height and shall be Arabic in format and style. Script lettering is not acceptable.
2. They shall be mounted at a height of not less than 4 and not more than 10 feet above the level of the main entrance.
3. They shall be securely fastened, of durable, weatherproof material, and shall be mounted against a contrasting background arranged so that the number may be clearly legible from the center of the road.
4. Numbers posted on a mailbox are only acceptable if the residence is not visible from the center of the road. In such cases the number shall meet the height and color requirements and be posted on both side of the mailbox. Numbering on the mailbox post is not acceptable. Where driveways serve more than one dwelling, number shall also include numbers on the house.
5. Number shall not be posted on any door of the dwelling.

### **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

One fire extinguisher shall be provided in each dwelling unit as follows:

1. The extinguisher shall be listed, labeled, charged and operable. The extinguisher shall have been purchased within the prior 12-months (proof of purchase date required) or the extinguisher shall be inspected and tagged by a NJ licensed fire extinguisher inspection company.
2. The size shall be no smaller than 2A:10BC and no larger than 10 pounds.
3. The extinguisher shall be supported by brackets or hangers supplied by the manufacturer.
4. The extinguisher must be within 10 feet of the kitchen and shall be mounted near a room exit or travel way that provides an escape to the exterior.
5. The extinguisher must be mounted with the top of the extinguisher no less than 3 feet and no more than 5 feet above the floor.
6. The extinguisher shall be visible and in a readily accessible spot, free from blocking by furniture, storage, equipment or other items.
7. The extinguisher shall be accompanied by an owner's manual or written information regarding the operation, inspection and maintenance of the extinguisher.
8. The extinguisher shall be installed so the operation instructions are clearly visible.

### **FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

1. All required fire protection systems such as sprinkler systems shall remain fully operational.

#### **Township of Scotch Plains Ordinance 17-1.9e(3)**

**“In the event that an inspection is not passed for the reason of non-compliance of requirements or missed appointment by the applicant or their designee, a new application and fee must be submitted.”**