SMOKE INSPECTION INSTRUCTIONS

House Numbers
- All house numbers must be numerical characters and at least 4" high.
- Numbers are required to be contrasting in color from the house.
- All house numbers must be made of metal, wood or plastic permanently affixed to the house & visible from the street.
  *Light post or mailbox numbers are NOT acceptable*

Smoke Alarms *Law Effective January 01, 2019*

Battery-
- **10-year battery sealed** smoke alarm located on EVERY level of dwelling. Smoke alarms MUST be less than 10 years old and operational.
- Basement level 10-year battery sealed alarm is located at bottom of stairwell, at ceiling level (not between joists)
- Bedroom hallway 10-year battery sealed alarms MUST be within 10 feet of ALL bedroom doors
- Installed as per the manufacturer’s instructions provided with detector or the below drawings for further instructions.
- Detectors should not be closer than 3 feet to a ceiling fan. Ceiling mounting is preferred.
- Verify the detectors are properly located and mounted securely.

Electric-
- Electric smoke alarms (Hardwired), required to be installed by the by the building code, CANNOT be replaced with battery operated smoke alarms (NIAC 5:70 Section 104.1): Smoke detectors have a life expectancy of 10 years & MUST be replaced.
- Any house equipped with a low voltage fire alarm system (installed by an alarm company) must have that system tested and approved by an alarm contractor prior to the inspection date. A copy of the alarm certification provided by the alarm contractor must be presented to the inspector at the time of the inspection.

- **DO NOT** install smoke detectors in kitchens, bathrooms, near forced air ducts, furnaces, in the “dead air” space where the ceiling meets the wall, close to ceiling fans, in crawl spaces without fixed permanent steps or attics accessible by hatches, pull-down steps or ladders.
- **DO NOT** place a detector closer than 3 feet from an air register that might re-circulate smoke.
- **DO NOT** place a unit on an unfinished exterior wall or ceiling. Smoke detectors must be at least 18 inches from a corner.
- Place smoke detectors at least 3 feet from ceiling fans

Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- Located in the hallway, **within 10 feet of ALL bedrooms** - installed as per the manufacturer’s instructions
- Carbon monoxide alarm(s) are less than 10 years old and are operational
- Plug-in, battery powered and hardwired CO alarms are acceptable. **DO NOT** place alarms in electrical outlets that can be turned off by a switch or are located against floor molding.

Fire Extinguisher Installation 5:70-4.19 (e)
- Minimum rating **2A-10B:C** under 10 pounds - **MOUNTED** on bracket
- Shall be within 10 feet of the kitchen and located in the path of egress. Readily accessible and not obstructed from view