

Article III. – Smoke Detectors

CHAPTER 10 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

Sec. 10-71. – Structures or buildings requiring smoke detectors.

Smoke detectors shall be installed in the following structures or buildings:

- (1) Any building containing one or more dwelling units;
- (2) Any hotel or motel regularly used, offered for, or intended to be used to provide overnight sleeping accommodations for one or more persons; and
- (3) Roominghouses regularly used, offered for or intended to be used to provide overnight sleeping accommodations.

(Ord. of 8-8-1995, § 2)

Sec. 10-72. – Specifications for smoke detectors.

The type and installation of smoke detectors shall be in conformance with the provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

(Ord. of 8-8-1995, § 3)

Sec. 10-73. – Provisions relating to rented units.

The owner of any unit which is rented or leased shall, at the beginning of each tenancy and at least annually thereafter, furnish each tenant with a certificate that all required smoke detectors are present, have been inspected, and are in good working order. Except for smoke detectors located in hallways, stairwells and other public or common areas of multiple-family buildings, interim testing, repair and maintenance of smoke

detectors in rented or leased units shall be the responsibility of the tenant; however, the owner shall be obligated to service, repair or replace any malfunctioning smoke detectors within five days of receipt of written notice from the tenant that such smoke detector is in need of service, repair or replacement.

(Ord. of 8-8-1995, § 4)

Sec. 10-74. – Penalty for violation.

Any person violating this article shall be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor and shall be punished in accordance with Code of Virginia, § 18.2-11.

(Ord. of 8-8-1995, § 5)

Secs. 10-75–10-105. – Reserved.