

## **Point of Sale - Smoke Detector Ordinance AND How Do I Get a Smoke Detector Certificate for Closing?**

### **Point of Sale Smoke Detector Ordinance:**

All single family homes, or single dwelling units within a condominium, located in the City of Holland are required to obtain a Smoke Detector Certificate of Compliance before the sale or transfer of a home. We believe that this provides one step in the overall process of protecting our residents against unnecessary fire deaths.

There are 3 ways to obtain the required Smoke Detector Certificate:

1. For existing hardwired, battery back-up, interconnected smoke detectors, call (616) 355-1330 to schedule an inspection. This inspection will cost \$50. The Certificate will be issued after the inspection, and is valid for 3 years.
2. The home owner or licensed electrician can obtain a permit\* to install new hardwired, battery back-up, interconnected smoke detectors. When a final inspection is requested, also request a Smoke Detector Certificate of Compliance for a property sale. This Certificate is valid for 3 years.
3. If this property is currently being used as a rental property, and has a valid Rental Certificate of Compliance, call (616) 355-1330 and request a Smoke Detector Certificate. The Smoke Detector Certificate will expire at the same time as the Rental Certificate of Compliance.

This Smoke Detector Certificate must be issued before completing the sale or transfer of any single family home, or single dwelling unit within a condominium, located within the City of Holland.

### **Smoke Detector Installation:**

14-4.22 (f) & (g) requires that smoke detectors be installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's installation specifications: in the vicinity of all bedrooms and on each level within a dwelling unit, including basements. (**\*Please note: If there are no smoke detectors already installed in the vicinity of all bedrooms, an upgrade must be made to additionally have smoke detectors installed in each bedroom\***). These smoke detectors shall be hardwired into the electrical system, contain a battery back up unit, and be interconnected so the activation of one alarm will activate all alarms in the building. In addition, all hardwired smoke detectors shall be replaced every ten (10) years after initial installation or in accordance with manufacture specifications.

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Ordinance #1503 Amend. Eff. May 12, 2008

- Please take a moment to review the Smoke Detector Certificate for Closing flow chart that is listed below.

### **Supporting Documents**



[How do I get a smoke detector certificate for closing?](#)

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