

IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Attention: Owner or occupants of residential structures built prior to November 6, 1974

Smoke Alarm Rule Changes

In an effort to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State of Michigan, the Michigan Legislature has passed Public Acts 64 & 65 of 2004 effective March 14, 2006. The Acts set a minimum standard for the installation of smoke alarms for structures built prior to November 6, 1974. **Property owners have until March 14, 2007, to install smoke alarms in their building(s), structures(s), and / or residential dwelling(s) and be compliant with the law.**

The minimum requirements of the Acts state that a smoke alarm, powered by a non-rechargeable battery (able to power the detector under normal conditions for 5 years), be installed in each sleeping room or directly outside each sleeping room, and one on each floor level, including the basement.

All structures built after November 6, 1974, must follow the codes set forth for new construction. Conformance with the Act does not circumvent the requirements of Section R313.1.1 of the Michigan Residential Code for smoke alarm upgrades during remodeling and alteration projects.

Smoke alarm devices shall be listed, installed, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's installation requirements, the provisions of the Code, and the provisions of NFPA 72. **The above information has been abbreviated and paraphrased.**

Please direct questions to your local Building Department.

Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor Township, York Township, Ypsilanti Charter Township, Pittsfield Charter Township, Superior Charter Township, Northfield Township, City of Saline, City of Ypsilanti.