



## COASTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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### 2019 SMOKE ALARM & FIRE EXTINGUISHER REQUIREMENTS

Dear Property Owner / Resident:

This letter is to inform you of the California Fire Code/Health and Safety Code regulations requiring the installation of smoke alarms in dwelling units and the requirement for an annually inspected fire extinguisher.

#### **SMOKE ALARMS**

Location within dwelling units - In dwelling units, a smoke alarm shall be installed in each sleeping room and at a point centrally located in the corridor or area giving access to each separate sleeping area. When the dwelling unit has more than one story and in dwellings with basements, a smoke alarm shall be installed on each story and in the basement. In dwelling units where a story or basement is split into two or more levels, the smoke alarm shall be installed on the upper level, except that when the lower level contains a sleeping area, a smoke alarm shall be installed on each level. When sleeping rooms are on an upper level, the smoke alarm shall be placed at the ceiling of the upper level in close proximity to the stairway. In dwelling units where the ceiling height of a room open to the hallway serving the bedrooms exceeds that of the hallway by 24 inches or more, smoke alarms shall be installed in the hallway and in the adjacent room. Smoke alarms shall sound an alarm audible in all sleeping areas of the dwelling unit in which they are located.

**The owner** is responsible for ANNUALLY testing and maintaining smoke alarms in apartments, hotels, motels and lodging houses. The owner may enter any dwelling unit to install, repair, test and maintain single station smoke alarms required by this section (1) during normal business hours, and (2) upon giving the tenant reasonable notice in writing (at least 24 hours).

The smoke alarms must be operable at the time a tenant takes possession and the tenant is responsible for notifying the manager or owner when he or she becomes aware that the smoke alarm is not working. The owner must correct any reported deficiency, but the owner is not in violation of this section for an inoperable smoke alarm when he or she has not received notice of the deficiency.

#### **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

Section 906.3 of the California Fire Code requires a **minimum** size 2A10BC (5 pound) fire extinguisher. The maximum distance is 75 feet on the floor of the dwelling unit to the nearest fire extinguisher. Some apartment owners have opted to place fire extinguishers inside every dwelling unit instead of mounting them outside. The Coastside Fire District recommends that if installed outside, they be in a cabinet to protect them from the weather. The State Fire Marshal regulations require that "all fire extinguishers shall be inspected annually by a licensed fire extinguisher service company." For those properties that have the fire extinguishers inside each unit, it is necessary for you to verify that:

1. A minimum 2A10BC fire extinguisher is in each dwelling unit and
2. The extinguisher has either been inspected and tagged by a licensed service company **or** a fire extinguisher has been purchased in 2019. Proof of service is a copy of the invoice from a licensed service company **or** your store receipt from the purchase of new fire extinguishers.

## 2019 SMOKE ALARM & FIRE EXTINGUISHER CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have tested, or have had an individual under my direction test all smoke alarms approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal in all dwelling units listed below in compliance with Section 907.2.11.2 of the California Fire Code. I certify that the smoke alarms were operable at the time of annual test.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Smoke Alarm: (Check One) **A.C. Wired** \_\_\_\_\_ or **Battery Operated** \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Test: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Batteries Changed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature Title

**The following is provided to act as documentation that all Fire Extinguishers located at the above address are operational and located so that all residents/tenants have easy access to a Fire Extinguisher within a seventy-five (75) feet of the entrance to their dwelling.**

***PROOF OF SERVICE documentation from either:***

- \_\_\_ *Copy of invoice from a licensed extinguisher service company or*
- \_\_\_ *Copy of receipt for the purchase of new fire extinguishers in 2019*

**Return this form and copies of documentation to the Fire Department in the enclosed envelope.**

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