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## Residential Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Inspections Facts and Responsibilities

Cumberland Fire District has adopted the State of Rhode Island fee schedule for residential smoke and carbon monoxide inspections. Beginning September 1, 2018, the state mandates fee of \$30.00 will continue for all inspections that are completed with one visit. Any inspection that fails, or the representative fails to appear will be charged and additional \$30.00 for a total of \$60.00. Inspections are conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- All detectors and devices shall be installed according to the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Smoke alarms shall not remain in service longer than 10 years from the date of installation unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer. The date can be found on the base of the unit.
- Carbon monoxide alarms and smoke/carbon combination alarms shall not remain in service longer than 8 years from the date of installation unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer. The date can be found on the base of the unit.
- Owners of existing residential properties, previously requires to install smoke detectors, shall maintain those detectors in good operating condition.
- It shall be the responsibility of the owner to maintain, in operable condition, smoke and carbon monoxide detection systems. Any occupant and /or enforcement official that notifies, by certified mail, the owner/representative of improper or inoperable equipment must make operable within seven (7) days.
- The cost of inspection shall be borne by the seller.
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors may be installed as either separate or combination units approved by the AHJ.
- Once received, smoke and CO certificates are valid for 120 days.
- It is recommended that inspections are scheduled at least 2 weeks prior to closing.
- The burden of correct placement is on the realtor.

Fire Safety Code can be found on the following websites:

- State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review
  - <http://www.fsc.state.ri.us/>
- Section 8 Rhode Island Life Safety Code (NFPA 101-2012 edition) of the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code
  - [http://www.fsc.state.ri.us/rules/rules\\_8.php](http://www.fsc.state.ri.us/rules/rules_8.php)
- State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review Interpretations
  - [https://www.ri.gov/RIFSC/interpretations/int\\_details.php?id=181&agency=FSC](https://www.ri.gov/RIFSC/interpretations/int_details.php?id=181&agency=FSC)

