

**City of Burlington Smoke Detector Ordinance, passed 2/19/02, as part
of the Minimum Housing Code.**

Sec. 18-99. Smoke detectors.

(a) Each and every dwelling, rooming house, dwelling unit or rooming unit let to another for occupancy shall meet the following requirements for smoke detectors/ alarms.

(1) Smoke detectors/ alarms shall be installed in the following areas:

(A) In every sleeping room or area;

(B) Outside every sleeping room or area in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping room or area; and

(C) On all levels of the dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming house, or rooming unit, including basements but excluding crawl spaces and unfinished attics.

(D) Notwithstanding the above installation locations, detectors/alarms shall not be located within kitchens or garages or in other spaces where temperatures can fall below 40 degrees F (4 degrees C) or exceed 100 degrees F (38 degrees C). Detectors/alarms shall not, unless specifically listed for the application, be located closer than 3 feet (0.9 m) horizontally from:

(*) the door to a kitchen

(*) the door to a bathroom containing a tub or shower

(*) the supply registers of a forced air heating or cooling system, and outside of the airflow from those registers

(2) Smoke detectors/alarms shall receive their operating power from the building electrical system but shall also receive power from a battery when the building electrical system power is interrupted.

(3) Smoke detectors/alarms within each dwelling unit or rooming unit shall be interconnected so that the sensing of smoke by one detector sounds the alarms of all detectors within that dwelling unit or rooming unit.

(4) Smoke detectors/alarms shall be approved or listed by a nationally recognized testing or listing agency for the purposes for which they are intended.

(5) Smoke detectors/alarms shall be properly installed and shall be maintained in good working condition.

(b) All other dwellings, rooming houses, dwelling units or rooming units not covered by (a) shall have a smoke detector/alarm installed adjacent to bedroom areas. Such smoke detectors/alarms shall be approved or listed by a nationally recognized testing or listing agency for the purposes for which they are intended.