

ORDINANCE O-2-14

Code of the Town of Cheverly

An Ordinance whereby the Mayor and Council update the housing code section regarding smoke detector requirements.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Sections C-23A(14) and (19) of the Charter of the Town of Cheverly grants to the Mayor and Town Council the power to prevent nuisances and protect the public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council are cognizant that smoke detectors in rental units directly affect the safety, health and well being of residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council deem it appropriate to clarify that the Town requirements for smoke detectors as part of the rental housing requirements must comply with the county and the state requirements in order to appropriately protect the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council, in regular session assembled, that Sections 5-2(h)(5) of Chapter 5 of the Cheverly Code be amended as follows:

Chapter 5 STANDARD

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§ 5-2(h) *Light and ventilation.*

(5) *Smoke detectors.* All rental dwelling units shall be provided with smoke detectors of a type, make, and model approved by the county AND STATE fire protection codes and mounted in locations as set forth in the aforementioned fire protection codes. Smoke detectors required by this section shall be installed and in operation by October 1, 1980 and maintained thereafter.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or applications, and to this end, all the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption; provided, however that a fair summary of the Ordinance is published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Cheverly.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, at a regular meeting on November 14, 2013, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, at a regular meeting on January 9, 2014, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.