

**ORDINANCE NO. 97-55 AC CMS**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1501.16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO, WHICH RELATES TO SMOKE DETECTORS AND ALARM SYSTEMS**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** That Section 1501.16 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, relating to Smoke Detectors and Alarm Devices is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1501.16 SMOKE DETECTORS AND ALARM DEVICES**

- (a) The Ohio Fire Code and the City Building Code are hereby supplemented by adding to the requirements of such codes the provision that in all new and existing multiple dwelling units, including but not limited to condominiums and rental units, boarding and lodging houses, bed and breakfast, dormitories, hotels, motels, adult group homes, efficiency suites, assisted-living homes, and all rooming houses or rental units within the City being used by persons for whom sleeping accommodations are provided therein, the owners or developers of such buildings or structures shall install automatic smoke detection and alarm devices.
- (b) Single-station and/or multiple-station detection devices shall be installed and maintained in full operating condition as required and approved by the Fire Prevention Officer in the following locations:

  - (1) outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms;
  - (2) on each additional story of the dwelling unit, including basements, but excluding crawl spaces and unfinished attics.
  - (3) In new construction, a smoke detector also shall be installed in each sleeping room.
- (c) Where required by the Fire Prevention Officer, in all new construction, or as a requirement when interior alterations, repairs, or additions to the building require a building permit, smoke detection devices and/or heat detection devices shall be powered by an AC (primary) power source and a battery backup (standby) power source. The AC primary power shall be supplied either from a dedicated branch circuit or the unswitched portion of a branched circuit also used for power and lighting, but not subject to loss of power by operation of a switch or a ground-fault circuit-interrupter. A restraining means shall be used at the plug-in of any cord connected installation. Until such time of alteration, repair or addition to an existing building, smoke detectors powered by a battery supply source are permitted and shall be required in all dwellings as listed in (a).

- d) All installations shall be made in accordance with the latest edition of National Fire (Protection Association Code, the National Electric Code and any other codes theretofore or hereinafter adopted by the City by reference or otherwise. All smoke and/or heat detectors shall be listed with Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Factory Mutual, or any other recognized testing laboratory listed in the Ohio Basic Building code relating to reliability and performance of such devices.
- (e) Whoever violates this section shall be punished in accordance with Section 1501.99. Each days violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

**SECTION 2.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

**PASSED:** 1st Reading - May 19, 1997  
2nd Reading - June 2, 1997  
3rd Reading - June 16, 1997 (Amended)

**ATTEST:**

  
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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

  
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**CHAIR OF COUNCIL**

**POSTED:** June 17, 1997

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 16, 1997