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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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26F Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Compliance Policy

When selling a home in Somerville you are required to have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in accordance with Massachusetts General Law 148, Sections 26F and 26 1/2F. This policy defines how to schedule a 26F Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector inspection.

- Office hours are Monday through Friday 08:00-10:00 AM
- The certification is \$50 per unit inspected and must be paid through the Citizenserve portal.
- A date and time for inspection will be assigned when the application is filed through the Citizenserve portal [Home | Citizenserve Online Portal](#) We cannot schedule appointments over the phone or in person. **The request for inspection must be at least two weeks prior to the closing date.** Appointments are scheduled on a first come first served basis.
- Inspection times are assigned in blocks of time either 10:00 AM-12:15 PM
- Prior to the inspection, the alarm system should be checked by the owner, agent or an electrician for proper operations and placement/location of detectors. Specific information is available in the link above, under Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Requirements located under the regulations tab.

Inspection Day

- Arrive at the location at least five minutes prior to designated time
- The inspector will wait ten minutes past the scheduled block of time. The application will be returned as a failed inspection.
- The inspection will automatically fail if the devices are not mounted or operating. The Fire inspector is not there to install batteries or detectors or to direct someone else to perform these actions.
- Have keys and access to all areas of the building. If the inspector cannot get into an apartment or area, the inspection fails
- Certificates are valid for sixty days from the issue date