

CITY OF AMHERST, OHIO
Building & Fire Department
480 Park Avenue 44001
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POLICY

1503.04 LIFE SAFETY CODE. ORD 91-76 PASSED 11-25-1991

- * SMOKE DETECTORS
- * KNOX BOXES
- * HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY
- * NUMBER OF EXITS
- * YARD HYDRANTS

Smoke Detectors Required.

- (a) Every new building shall be equipped with smoke/heat detectors. Smoke/Heat detectors shall be monitored/supervised in accordance with NFPA 72.
- (b) Every existing building, which is remodeled, altered, expanded, enlarged or has a change of use shall have smoke/heat detectors monitored/supervised in accordance with NFPA 72.

Knox Boxes.

Every new building or new occupancy shall require a Knox Box. Several businesses in one building could share one Knox Box.

Number of Exits.

Two (2) exits per floor, Tenant Space, Dwelling Units.

Yard Hydrants.

Every property shall have a fire hydrant located within 300 ft. of said property. Fire lines shall be fed from a 6" minimum water line. Where a property has no Fire hydrant within the required distance, a yard hydrant shall be required. The yard hydrant shall be located not more than 100ft from the main building and fed from a 6" waterline. Approved by the Fire Department.

Where a fire hydrant is located – across a major street or traffic artery from the property, and connection to said hydrant would obstruct traffic flow, a yard hydrant shall be required to be installed and maintained by property owner. The Fire Department shall confirm and approve all locations and installations of yard hydrants. Installation shall be to NFPA standards.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the City of Amherst Building & Fire Department have initiated a smoke/heat detector, knox boxes, number of exits, yard hydrants and handicap accessibility policy throughout the city as of April 2001 for all new and existing commercial, industrial, or other types of buildings and uses.

All Smoke Systems are to be in accordance with NFPA 72 and city guidelines. We are looking forward to working with all property and business owners to achieve a higher degree of safety throughout the city. Please check with your insurance carriers for premium reductions.

For further information contact the Amherst Fire and Building Departments.

Regards,

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Chief Wayne Norheim, Fire Department
Tony Syrowski, Fire Inspector

Ron Konowal, Building Inspector
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