



Smoke Alarm Requirements For Apartments & Lodgings

ORS 479.257 states, "Every smoke alarm installed in a dwelling unit regulated under ORS chapter 90, a lodging house or a hotel guest room as required under ORS 479.255, shall contain" the following "features as described in ORS 479.297 (1) and (2)":

- Ionization smoke alarms that are solely battery-operated shall be packaged with a 10-year battery
- All ionization smoke alarms shall include a "hush" mechanism that allows a person to temporarily disengage the alarm for a period of not more than 15 minutes. This also applies to hard-wired smoke alarms.

Rental Units/Lodgings/Hotels effected

- All *rental* dwelling units including single family residences and apartment buildings
- All lodging houses
- All hotel guest rooms
- All *rental* dwelling units, lodging houses and hotels without an approved sprinkler system

Requirements do not apply to:

- Smoke alarms located in common area corridors or hallways which are not part of the dwelling unit; or
- Photoelectric smoke alarms; or
- Smoke alarms specifically designed for the hearing impaired; or
- Smoke alarms sold in this state for shipment out of state; or
- Smoke alarms sold for installation in recreational vehicles, commercial vehicles, railroads equipment, aircraft, marine vessels or manufactured dwellings.

Smoke alarms must meet these requirements when dwelling is sold.

The City of Medford inspects for adherence to these State of Oregon ordinances. If a violation is found, a written notice will be served to the owner or owner's agent for compliance. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please, do not hesitate to call this office.