

## **Ordinance 2016-49**

### **Amending the Northbrook Municipal Code (1988) as Amended, Regarding the Location of Smoke Detectors**

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VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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/s/ Debra J. Ford  
Village Clerk

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BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Northbrook, County of Cook and State of Illinois THAT:

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shall be, and is hereby, adopted as follows:

#### Section 1.      BACKGROUND.

Chapter 12 of the Northbrook Municipal Code (1988), as amended ("***Municipal Code***") establishes the Village's standards for fire prevention and protection for buildings and structure in the Village. Section 12-5 deals specifically with smoke detectors in residential structures. Section 12-5 currently requires that a smoke detector be installed in close proximity to all furnaces and heating equipment in residential structures. Placement of detectors in proximity to furnaces and heating equipment is not a requirement of the Illinois Smoke Detector Act (425 ILCS 60/1 *et seq.*) which establishes the minimum uniform standards for the placement of smoke detectors in Illinois.

The Village previously deleted a parallel requirement from the Northbrook amendments to the International Residential Code; however, this requirement remained in Section 12-5 of the Municipal Code. The Northbrook Electrical Commission has discussed the practical difficulties of this requirement and recommends that requiring a smoke detector in close proximity to a furnace is not an effective method for alerting residents of a smoke or fire emergency. During its meeting on July 2, 2016, the Northbrook Electrical Commission unanimously recommended that Section 12-5 of the Northbrook Municipal Code be amended to delete the requirement that smoke detectors be installed near furnaces and heating equipment in residential structures.

The President and Board of Trustees find that adoption of this Ordinance pertains to the Village's government and affairs and is in the best interest of the Village and the public, and adopt this Ordinance pursuant to the Village's home rule authority.

Section 2. RESIDENTIAL SMOKE DETECTORS.

Section 12-5 entitled "Residential Smoke Detectors" of Chapter 12, entitled "Fire Prevention and Protection" of the Municipal Code, shall be, and is hereby, amended shall be, and are hereby, amended, as follows: **added text bold and double underlined**; ~~deleted text struck through~~

Sec. 12-5. - Residential smoke detectors.

Smoke detectors shall be installed and maintained in accordance with and pursuant to the Illinois Smoke Detector Act, (425 ILCS 60/1 et seq. ), as the same may, from time to time be amended; ~~provided, however, that there shall be a smoke detector located within the general location of all heating equipment.~~

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect following its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner required by law. The amendments set forth herein shall apply to any project initiated after the effective date of this Ordinance.

Adopted: 7/12/2016

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	A.C. Buehler, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Karagianis, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Karagianis, Buehler, Ciesla, Israel, Frum
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Michael Scolaro, Todd Heller

ATTEST:

/s/ Debra J. Ford  
Village Clerk

/s/ Sandra E. Frum  
Village President