

SOMERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

26F & 26F ½ Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Detector Compliance Policy

- File an application for 26F/26F1/2 certification at the Fire Prevention Bureau, 1 Franey Road (Blank applications are available, cannot be done electronically). Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
- The certification/inspection fee is \$50.00 per unit; it must be received at the time of filing. Checks only, **NO CASH ACCEPTED**. Fee is non-refundable.
- A date and time for inspection will be assigned when the application is filed. The inspection **must be requested at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date desired**. Inspections are scheduled on a first come first served basis.
- **BEFORE** the inspection, the alarm system should be checked by the owner, agent, or an electrician for proper operations and placement/location of detectors (information is available at the Fire Prevention Bureau, 1 Franey Road).
- **Inspection Day:**
 - Arrive at the location at least five (5) minutes before the designated time.
 - The Inspector will wait ten (10) minutes past the scheduled time. After that, the application will be returned as a failed inspection.
 - The system will fail automatically if the devices are not mounted or operating. The fire Inspector is not there to install (batteries/detectors) or to direct someone else to perform these procedures.
 - 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 considered valid for sixty (60) days from the date issued.

If the system **FAILS**, you must submit a new application and schedule a **NEW** appointment, subject to the conditions outlined above. If you need assistance or have any questions regarding the proper location to place the detectors, please contact the Somerville Fire Prevention Bureau at (617) 623-1700 extension 8400 during the regular office hours. (Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM).