

Borough of Avalon

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RENTAL REGISTRATION AND FIRE INSPECTION INFORMATION

RENTAL LICENSE FEE - \$150. per unit

FIRE INSPECTION FEE - \$50. per unit-\$15 for each add'I (at same address)

Note: If you have a unit within a Multi-Dwelling, the FIRE fee will be paid by the condo association; only the RENTAL fee will be due.

(Please write one check payable to: Borough of Avalon in the amount of \$200- if single family unit)

 Rental and Fire payments must be received on or before December 31 for the upcoming season or a \$50. late charge will be due. Inspections start the first week in January thru April on renewals.

Should you get caught renting without a license, you may be subject to paying a fine & court costs!

- Rental and Fire fees are **not** refundable (If you decide not to rent you will **not** receive a credit or refund and should notify us in writing promptly; you **will** be responsible for re-inspection fees. If you sell the property it **is** transferable to the new owner)
- There is a \$25 charge for each re-inspection date. Keys are picked up from your Realtor, you need not be present
 for inspection. We recommend getting your fire extinguisher serviced, batteries changed, etc. in the Spring or Fall each year, this
 way you will be on a cycle where you won't have to make a special trip to the property in the winter. (You are notified months in
 advance of the date, mark your calendar and make the necessary arrangements. Inspection dates are set by the Licensing Clerk
 and cannot be changed.)
- **Must** have a *Cape May County Representative* with key to access rental property. Ask your realtor to make sure the keys work, *before* giving them out to the Inspector. (**If courtesy key, note on renewal form**)

Most Frequent Fire Inspection Violations

- 1. One fire extinguisher is required for each kitchen
 - a. The extinguisher must have a *minimum* rating of **2A 40 BC**, can be higher (ex. 3A 40 BC)
 - b. The extinguisher *must* be mounted in the kitchen. If you wish to hang it in a closet or cabinet, you must label the closet or cabinet and mount the extinguisher in the front of it. A closet/cabinet that is accessible without passing the cooking unit must be used.
 - c. The extinguisher *must* be inspected yearly by a NJ fire extinguisher dealer and tagged with service date. Visit this link to make sure the contractor is on this list: www.nj.gov/dca/dfs/contractorslisting.pdf
- 2. One smoke detector is needed for each floor
 - a. On a floor with bedrooms, the detector should be within ten (10) feet of the bedrooms.
 - b. New construction built on or after 1990- smoke detectors are required in the hallway and in each bedroom.
 - c. The batteries must be changed yearly, labeling with the date of change is helpful but not necessary.
- Hot water heaters, heaters & furnaces must have at least 3' clearance for stored items and be free of combustibles and flammables.
- 4. The property address must be easily distinguished from the street. The house number must be posted in a minimum of three (3) inch letters/numbers.
- 5. Carbon monoxide detectors must be on site when gas, oil, any type of fireplace or an attached garage is present. (One per level and within 10 feet of each sleeping area is needed. (Follow the manufacturer's specifications)
- 6. **Propane** Gas grills not permitted on any deck, under any building overhang or within 5 ft. of exterior wall. (Natural gas, charcoal and electric grills are acceptable)
- 7. Outlets within six (6) feet of sinks must have GFI receptacles. (Electric **must** be turned on by YOU to test)
- 8. A Knox Box is required for properties with alarm systems that are directed to central dispatch, you may order at: www.knoxbox.com (online purchase, enter zip, select Avalon, residential Knox Box) Also, you must have the alarm system

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