



# CITY OF PETALUMA

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## **NOTICE TO REAL ESTATE OFFICES AND SALES PERSONS**

Applicable to all persons buying and/or selling single family dwellings, apartments, and/or condominiums:

### **Smoke Detector Requirements**

This notice is to inform all agents of the California Building Code (CBC), Section 907.2.10.1.2, "Location (of smoke detectors) within Dwelling Units," which states:

"In dwelling units, a detector shall be installed in each sleeping room and at a point centrally located in the corridor or area giving access to each separate sleeping area." In each story within a dwelling unit, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics.

In connection with this requirement, the Petaluma Municipal Code, Section 1007.2.9.1.2(2), page 1714.10, requires that all dwelling units bought or sold within the City limits meet the requirements of the CBC where smoke detectors are concerned.

#### Detector Criteria:

- Must be "UL" listed. Almost any detector sold at a hardware store is "UL" listed. Look for the "UL" signature on the packaging.
- Battery-operated detectors are acceptable.
- If powered by 110V house wiring, detectors require battery back-up.
- Either photoelectric or ionization detectors are acceptable.
- This standard does not apply to carbon monoxide detectors.
- See diagrams attached for general conditions.

Early detection of smoke and fire gasses is paramount in saving lives in residential fires. Please remind all buyers and sellers of these requirements.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please call the Fire Marshal's office at (707) 778-4389.

*Fire Prevention Bureau  
11 English Street  
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Placement of the Smoke Detectors under the Uniform Building Code

Section 310.9.1.4

