

ORDINANCE NO. 298

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEPORT, ARMSTRONG COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF SMOKE DETECTORS IN EACH UNIT OF MULTIPLE DWELLINGS, AND IN ALL OTHER BUILDINGS UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY AND IN ALL NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS OCCUPIED AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THE HEREIN ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Freeport desires to advance and protect the safety and welfare of the persons residing and visiting within the Borough of Freeport; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to reduce the number of deaths and severity of injuries (both bodily and property) that occur as the result of fire; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to accomplish the same by providing for the mandatory installation of approved automatic smoke detectors.

WHEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Freeport and it is hereby ORDAINED AND ENACTED by authority of the same.

SECTION I. In each dwelling unit or individual apartment within buildings used as multiple dwellings, there shall be provided and installed by the owner of the building, a minimum of one (1) approved automatic smoke detector per floor-level, including basement area, which when activated provides an alarm suitable to warn the occupants therein, and said detector shall also be required to have Underwriters Laboratories' approval. The said detector shall be installed by no later than June 12, 1992.

SECTION II. In all commercially used buildings there shall be provided and installed by the owner of the building, a minimum of one (1) approved automatic smoke detector per floor-level which when activated provides an alarm suitable to warn the occupants therein, and said detector shall also be required to have Underwriters Laboratories' approval. The said detector shall be installed by no later than June 12, 1992.

SECTION III. In all other existing buildings a minimum of one (1) detector per floor-level, including basement area, shall be installed no later than upon change of ownership and/or occupancy of the real estate upon which the building is erected.

SECTION IV. In all newly constructed buildings occupied subsequent to the enactment of the herein ordinance, a minimum of one (1) detector per floor-level, including basement area, (per

unit) shall be installed no later than upon occupancy of the building.

SECTION V. All persons being owners of real estate upon which a building is erected shall, upon violation of the provisions of the herein ordinance and upon conviction thereof, be subject to a penalty as imposed by a District Justice of not more than THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) plus costs of prosecution and in default of payment of such fine and costs, imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 12th day of May, 1992.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF FREEPORT

Gene Ruskette  
Secretary

By

James W. Long  
President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED THIS 12th day of May, 1992.

Robert Savotti  
Mayor