AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, relating to the installation and maintenance of smoke detectors in occupancies that are rented, leased or let.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Smoke detectors shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance in the following occupancies that are rented, leased, or let to a person or persons:

(a) Group R, Division 1 of the Uniform Building Code, 1976 Edition, Guest Rooms and Dwelling Units, i.e., hotels, motels, apartments and condominiums.

(b) Group R, Division 3 of the Uniform Building Code, 1976 Edition, Dwelling Units, i.e., duplexes, single family dwellings and lodging houses.

(c) Mobile Home Dwelling Units.

Section 2. Any Group R, Division 3, Mobile Home or condominium occupancy sold following the effective date of this Ordinance shall have installed therein smoke detectors. Installation of smoke detectors shall be the responsibility of the seller.

Section 3. Smoke detectors installed in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be of an approved type conforming to Uniform Building Code Standard 43-6 or of a type listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

Section 4. The method of installation of smoke detectors shall be in accordance with the provisions of the 1976 Edition of the Uniform Building Code, Section 1310 for hotels, motels, apartments and condominiums and Section 1413 for duplexes, single family dwellings, lodging houses and mobile homes.
(a) The building owner or agent shall be responsible for the installation.
(b) A no-fee permit shall be required for the installation of smoke detectors. Said permit may be obtained at the Fire Inspection/Building Department, City Hall.
(c) The building owner or agent shall provide or post within each Guest Room or Dwelling Unit, written operating instructions and maintenance instructions for the smoke detector installed therein.

Section 5. Maintenance of smoke detectors shall be the responsibility of the tenant who shall maintain the device in accordance to the instructions of the manufacturer. When an occupancy is vacated, the building owner or agent shall insure that smoke detectors are operational prior to re-occupancy.

Section 6. Smoke detectors required by this Ordinance shall be installed in all occupancies listed in Section 1 by not later than 18 months after the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than Three Hundred (300) Dollars.

Section 8. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:

ISABEL HOGAN, MAYOR

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK

DONALD E. MIRK, CITY ATTORNEY
PASSED the 20 day of March, 1978.
APPROVED the 21 day of March, 1978.
PUBLISHED the 23 day of March, 1978.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2082, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

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MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK