



## Legislation Text

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A substitute ordinance relating to installation and replacement requirements for smoke alarms in residential buildings.

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This ordinance requires that all battery-operated smoke alarms shall be powered by 10-year or more non-removable (sealed) batteries. Compliance with this requirement must be met when replacing an existing battery-operated unit according to the manufacturer's recommended replacement date or by October 1, 2017, whichever is sooner. This ordinance will be effective June 1, 2013.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 214-23 of the code is repealed and recreated to read:

**214-23. Battery-Operated Smoke Alarms. 1. TYPE.** Every battery-operated smoke alarm shall be powered by 10-year or more non-removable batteries. Compliance with this requirement shall be met when replacing an existing battery-operated unit according to the manufacturer's recommended replacement date or by October 1, 2017, whichever is sooner.

**2. SILENCING SWITCH.** Any smoke alarm located within 20 feet of the primary cooking appliance within the unit shall have a silencing switch.

**3. TESTING.** Every battery-operated smoke alarm shall be tested by the owner not less than once every calendar year. The owner shall provide a copy of test results to the commissioner or the commissioner's designee upon request. Test results shall include the date on which testing was performed and the name, telephone number and property relationship of the person who performed the test. Testing shall be performed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications for testing.

Part 2. Section 214-27-3 of the code is amended to read:

**214-27. Smoke Detectors and Smoke Alarms for Residential Dwellings Built Prior to January 1, 1983. 3. TYPE.** Smoke detectors and alarms required under this section shall be single station devices, either battery operated >>as provided in s. 214-23<<, plug-in or directed wired A/C units unless otherwise required by the code.

Part 3. This ordinance takes effect June 1, 2013.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Legislative Reference Bureau

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE  
IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

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Office of the City Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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