

**ORDINANCE NO. 1233**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 848,  
"FIRE PREVENTION,"  
ADOPTED AUGUST 5, 1985,  
AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 927,  
"SMOKE DETECTORS,"  
ADDED JULY 18, 1988,  
AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1139,  
ADOPTED DECEMBER 1, 1997

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Borough Commission of the BOROUGH OF  
COLLINGSWOOD, that:

I. **PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for early fire detection by requiring fire detection devices by Borough residents in addition to those already required under the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70. The Borough has determined that the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code does not require residential properties to be equipped with smoke detectors within its sleeping areas. The Borough has further determined that requiring fully operable smoke detectors within residential sleeping areas will provide Borough residents with additional opportunity to detect fires within their residences. The Borough has further determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough's residents to require that residential sleeping areas be equipped with fully operable smoke detectors for such purposes. The ordinance shall be known as "Nicky's Law" in memory of Nicky Iezzi, a six year old Collingswood resident who passed away as a result of a fire in his home on April 29, 2000.

II. AMENDMENTS.

This Section of the Borough Code shall be known as “Nicky’s Law”.

Section 163-10 shall be amended as follows:

“A.” shall be inserted before the only currently existing sentence in this section. The following shall be inserted immediately thereafter:




“B. All residential sleeping areas within the Borough shall have at least one (1) fully operable smoke detector located within each sleeping area. All such residential sleeping areas enclosed by a door or otherwise shall, in addition, have at least one (1) fully operable smoke detector located outside each sleeping area within 10 feet of such sleeping area. Installation of the smoke detectors shall be in accordance with the manufacturer recommendations and National Fire Protection Association §74-1984.

C. Enforcement of this Ordinance shall be done by the Local Enforcing Agency as established by §163-2 of this chapter during annual fire prevention inspections, upon receipt of complaints of lack of existing fully operable smoke detectors, at the time of an inspection upon the sale of the property or any other time as may be authorized under the New Jersey Uniform Fire Safety Code, Borough Ordinances or any other applicable statute or ordinance.

D. Any property owner determined to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to penalties as allowed pursuant to the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code and the Ordinances of the Borough of Collingswood.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

  
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ADOPTED: 10-02-00

  
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ALICE MARKS, BOROUGH CLERK

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