

NESQUEHONING BOROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF NESQUEHONING BOROUGH, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 10-601 ET. SEQ. (ORDINANCE NO 2011-4 AND ORDINANCE NO. 2019- ) AND REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SMOKE, HEAT AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN LEASED OR RENTED DWELLING UNITS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Nesquehoning, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, deem it to be in the best interest and general welfare of the citizens and residents of the Borough to require the installation of smoke detectors in rented or leased dwelling units in order to promote public safety and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has the authority to regulate property and to enforce the ordinances and codes of the Borough of Nesquehoning under 53 P.S. Section 46202 of the Borough Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Nesquehoning, the Smoke, Heat and Carbon Monoxide Detector Ordinance is hereby Amended as follows:

**SECTION 10-602. DEFINITIONS.**

*Apartment Building/ Multi-family Building:* A Building which rooms are rented on a transient or non-transient basis, with accommodations for more than three rented residential units.

*Multi-family Building;* deleted in its entirety

**SECTION 10-604. Apartment/ Multi-family Building Standards.**

In all new and proposed apartment/ multi-family buildings, approved smoke, heat and carbon monoxide detection systems shall be installed pursuant to the applicable Uniform

Construction Codes and approved by the Nesquehoning Borough Code Official.

**SECTION 10-605. Apartment/Multi-family Building Standards**

In all existing apartment/multi-family buildings, approved smoke and carbon monoxide detectors shall be interconnected and installed within each unit. All detecting units must be UL approved.

**SECTION 10-606– Smoke, Heat and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Required**

The placement of smoke, heat and carbon monoxide detectors shall be pursuant to the applicable Uniform Construction Codes.

a) All smoke, heat and Carbon Monoxide detectors required under this Part shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and current state of art practices. Any alarm system installed to comply with this Part shall be installed in accordance with all applicable national, state and local codes and standards. It shall be the installer's responsibility to document the adequacy of such installations. Each Unit must be UL approved

b) Upon the sounding of an alarm the owner, or his designee shall have one hour to respond upon receipt of the alarm signal. The building owner or his designee must have available on premises or provisions made to silence the alarm upon response and confirmation by the Nesquehoning Fire Department.

**SECTION 10-608-- Wiring**

For electrically powered devices, an AC primary power source shall be utilized on all new construction pursuant to the provisions of the National Electrical Code. If battery powered detector units are available and conform to the UL standards contained herein then they be approved for use after inspection by the Nesquehoning Code Enforcement.

**SECTION 10-609- Inspections**

The installation and/or maintenance shall be subject to inspection by the Code Enforcement Official or his or her designee for Nesquehoning Borough as part of the rental inspection program, UCC permitting related inspections, or as necessary pursuant to applicable ordinances and codes. The Code Enforcement Official or his or her designee shall inspect each property required to have smoke detectors, heat alarm or Carbon Monoxide alarms installed to see if the installation and/or maintenance is in compliance with this Part.

**Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by Borough Council.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Nesquehoning, Carbon  
County, Pennsylvania, this *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *January*, 2026.


BOROUGH OF NESQUEHONING:

  
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President of Council

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary

AND NOW, this *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *January*, 2026, the foregoing ordinance is  
approved.

  
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Mayor