

## **Fire Inspection Information:**

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,2020 To all Residents and Business Owners in Farmingdale Borough:

Recently, the Farmingdale Borough Council and the Howell Township Council entered into a shared services agreement to utilize the Howell Fire Bureau staff to perform the required annual fire prevention inspections in the Borough of Farmingdale.

This agreement takes effect on January 1, 2020. How does this affect the resident?

The only noticeable change to the resident will be the Howell Fire Bureau personnel in town. If a resident decides to sell their home, a smoke alarm inspection certificate is required by State Law.

In the past, the local Fire Bureau would do this inspection. With this change, the Howell Fire Bureau is now the responsible agency to perform this inspection.

Application for this inspection must be submitted in person at the Howell Fire Bureau office where the Staff will schedule an inspection date with you as you pay the required fees for the inspection.

Application forms for this inspection are available on the Howell Township website under the forms section or copy and paste the below link.

<https://www.twp.howell.nj.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/59>

Fees for the Smoke Alarm Inspection were set by Farmingdale Borough Ordinance and are all based on how many business days until your closing:

More than 10 days = \$50. Less than 10 more than 4 = \$90. Less than 4 days = \$161.

For the commercial business: Your inspection will take place annually at approximately the same time each year. You will be required by ordinance to pay an inspection fee based on the square foot of your space used. Your invoice will be mailed to you prior to your inspection. All fees will now be paid directly to the Howell Fire Bureau.

Our offices are open and available for questions and concerns Monday thru Friday 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. Fees for businesses were set by Farmingdale Ordinance earlier this year and will be attached to your annual invoice. If you have any questions, please contact the Howell Fire Bureau office at **732-938-4500 ext. 2900** or by email at [firebureau@twp.howell.nj.us](mailto:firebureau@twp.howell.nj.us). Visit the Howell Township website at <https://www.twp.howell.nj.us/>

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We also request a final water reading prior to the closing.