

## MEMORANDUM

To: Fire Extinguisher Contractors/State Fire Marshal Personnel

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Subject: Apartment Fire Extinguishers-Size/Location/Mounting

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This is to advise that we have reviewed several requests for clarification of the requirements for the provision of fire extinguishers in apartment buildings, and have made the following observations and determination.

As you know, NFPA 10 establishes specific requirements for mounting, sizing, and locating fire extinguishers. This office will allow a deviation from the specific requirements of NFPA 10 in order to address the unique problem apartment owners have regarding the theft of fire extinguishers typically required to be installed in common areas. If the apartment owner (not the manager) submits a written request for permission to deviate from the specific requirements of NFPA 10, this office will allow the installation of 1A:10B:C fire extinguishers inside each apartment **not exceeding 1,500 sq. ft.** in lieu of installing 2A:10B:C fire extinguishers in the common areas throughout the apartment complex. These smaller extinguishers shall be wall mounted near the kitchen or mounted inside the cabinet under the kitchen sink. Owners who wish to request permission to deviate from the specific requirements of NFPA 10 shall submit their request in writing to the Fire Marshal District Inspection Office responsible for the building's location. The letter must identify the building location and the licensed fire extinguisher company certifying the extinguishers.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact the District Inspection Office for your area.

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