

DUPONT BOROUGH
RENTAL UNIT INSPECTION PROGRAM
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To ensure Clean and Safe housing that meets basic property maintenance and fire prevention code standards, Borough Ordinance #2 of 2023 requires that all residential/commercial rental units be inspected by the Borough Code Enforcement Officer before initial rental, and every two (2) years thereafter.

This Ordinance became effective February 14, 2023 and inspections will begin in March. The inspection is to assure compliance with the borough property maintenance, fire prevention, and zoning ordinances. The inspection fee is \$75.00 per residential unit and \$100.00 per unit in commercial properties will be inspected every two years.

During the inspection, some of the items the inspector will be checking include:

- Occupation Limitations
- All areas clean and sanitary with no accumulation of garbage, debris or signs of rodent or insect infestation.
- No holes in walls, doors, floors, ceilings.
- All rooms and hallways have working light fixtures
- All electric switches and outlets are working have cover plates.
- No exposed or unsafe electrical wiring
- Steps are safe and secure and that stair and deck railings meet code for railing height and picket spacing
- Working smoke detectors and co detectors where required by fire prevention code.
- Kitchen sink with working hot and cold water
- Working kitchen range
- Bathroom sink, shower or bathtub with working hot and cold water
- Working water closet (toilet)
- Bathroom and kitchen outlets must be ground-fault protected (GFCI outlet or breaker) as required by code
- Accessible electrical box with labeled breakers/fuses and no open knock outs or breaker openings
- No broken windows or doors, or doors and windows that do not close
- Adequate "means of egress" (doors to the exterior) that open and close properly and which are not obstructed.

Additionally, each rental property must have a designated "property manager" who lives within twenty (20) miles of the Borough, and whose contact information is on file with the code enforcement officer so that we can contact the manager if there is any problem at the rental unit.

These are some of the basic requirements to assure safe and clean housing. Complete copies of the Borough ordinances can be viewed by contacting the Code Enforcement Office or online on the Borough website. If you have any questions, contact the Office.