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This Bulletin is intended to provide guidance concerning the application of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code to residential uses sponsored by Oxford House, Inc. and Oxford House like organizations. Premises sponsored by Oxford House, Inc. are classified as Use Group R-3 in accordance with the BOCA definition or Group R-5 in accordance with the ICC definition.

A Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance inspection should be conducted by the local enforcing agency when a new Oxford House is established in an existing home. No additional inspections of these uses should be conducted unless there is a local ordinance that addresses all rental properties in single-family homes or conditions as described in Bulletin 2010-2 exist.

These provisions apply to residential uses sponsored by Oxford House, Inc. Homes sponsored by Oxford House, Inc. will have documentation from the parent organization defining their status. There are also organizations claiming to be "Oxford House-like." These requirements may apply; however, their application must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. If there is a suspected change of use, refer the property to the construction official for a determination.

Division of Codes and Standards Bulletin 04-2 was issued in July 2004 and sent to all Construction Officials to address homes sponsored by Oxford House, Inc. A copy of this bulletin may be found on the Division of Codes and Standards website at: www.nj.gov/dca/codes/bulletins_ftos/list_of_bulletins_ftos/b_04-2.pdf.

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to the Division of Fire Safety, Bureau of Fire Code Enforcement at 609-633-6132 or through our website – www.nj.gov/dca/dfs.