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**Comm 62.0907 Fire alarm and detection systems. (2) SMOKE ALARMS.** These are department informational notes to be used under IBC section 907.2.11:

**Note:** Section 101.145 (2) and (3) (a), Stats., addresses installation of smoke detectors and reads as follows: Section 101.145 (2) “A smoke detector required under this section shall be approved by underwriters laboratory.” (3) (a) “The owner of a residential building shall install any smoke detector required under this section according to the directions and specifications of the manufacturer of the smoke detector.”

**Note:** Section 101.145 (4), Stats., addresses retroactivity requirements for buildings constructed prior to the effective date of this section. This statute section applies beyond the application of this code, as established in s. Comm 61.03 (2), and states “The owner of a residential building the initial construction of which is commenced before, on or after May 23, 1978, shall install and maintain a functional smoke detector in the basement and at the head of any stairway on each floor level of the building and shall install a functional smoke detector either in each sleeping room of each unit or elsewhere in the unit within 6 feet of each sleeping area and not in a kitchen.”

**Note:** Under section 101.145 (1) (b), Stats., “sleeping area” means the area of the [dwelling] unit in which the bedrooms or sleeping rooms are located. Bedrooms or sleeping rooms separated by another use area such as a kitchen or living room are separate sleeping areas but bedrooms or sleeping rooms separated by a bathroom are not separate sleeping areas.