City of Atascadero

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN EXISTING DWELLINGS

2025 Certification of Installation for Residential Occupancies

The California Health & Safety Code, Sections 13113.7 and 17926 now requires that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms must be installed in every existing residential dwelling in the state. In addition, the 2025 California Residential Code (CRC) Sections R310 and R311 requires that these devices be installed in existing dwellings when a building permit is issued for alterations, repairs or additions having a valuation exceeding $1000.

Location of Alarms: Alarms are required to be installed and maintained in the following locations:

- Smoke Alarms: Shall be installed on a wall or ceiling in 1) each sleeping room, 2) in hallways or rooms immediately outside of bedrooms, and 3) on each story of the dwelling unit.
- Carbon Monoxide Alarms: Shall be installed in dwellings having any fuel burning appliance, heater or fireplace, or having an attached garage. Alarms shall be installed on a ceiling or wall 1) outside of, and in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms, and 2) on each story of the dwelling.
- R311.4 Combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms shall be permitted to be used in lieu of smoke alarms.

Alarms installed in existing dwellings may be battery operated or plug-in type if interior alterations do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes. In areas where interior wall or ceiling finishes are removed alarms shall be permanently wired with battery back-up and un-switched. All alarms must be listed by UL 217 & UL 2034 and the California State Fire Marshal and be installed and maintained in accordance with CRC 310 and CRC 311, NFPA 72 and the manufacturer's instructions.

Certification by Owner or Contractor

This self-certification option is only available for alterations or repairs to the exterior of the building when access to the interior of the dwelling by thy City of Atascadero Inspector is not achieved during the course of the construction.

Please select one:

Project Address: _____ Permit No. _____

Property Owner: _____

☐ As the contractor for this project, I agree to provide this document to the owner, obtain his/her signature and deliver this signed document to the Building Inspector. I understand that final inspection approval cannot be granted without this signed document or an interior inspection by the Building Inspector to verify the installation of required alarms.

Licensed Contractor: _____ Lic. No. _____

Contractor Signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ I, the owner, hereby certify that I have verified that all required smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are installed in the locations identified above and are operational.

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____