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Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements Begin April 1

AUSTIN- TEXAS- Beginning April 1, 2018, residential and commercial properties that have gas or fuel-burning appliances are required to install and maintain carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.

The Austin City Council adopted the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) on October 12, 2017, and issued a few local amendments, including the carbon monoxide alarm requirements.

[Ordinance no. 20171012-SPEC001.](#)

“Carbon monoxide is a deadly gas that cannot be smelled, seen or heard, but it can be detected through an alarm,” said Code Supervisor Moses Rodriguez. “It can only be detected through an alarm. That is why this ordinance is so important. For safety measures, it’s important to install the CO alarms if you have any gas appliances at home.”

Previously, carbon monoxide alarms have not been required. The Austin Code Department will begin enforcing carbon monoxide alarms within residential and commercial buildings, effective April 1, 2018.

IPMC is a model code that regulates the minimum maintenance requirements for existing residential and commercial buildings. City codes and ordinances have been adopted to protect the health, safety and quality of life for the citizens of Austin. If there is a code violation in your neighborhood, call 3-1-1. And remember, you can always call anonymously.

For more information, visit www.austintexas.gov/departament/international-property-maintenance-code.

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