



City of Palm Desert

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SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM RETROFIT VERIFICATION

I, _____, and I, _____
(Print Property Owner's Name) (Tenant's Name - if same as Owner write "Same")

who own and/or live in the dwelling located at: _____
(Address)

verify that the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms required by the California Residential Code (CRC) have been installed in the dwelling, in compliance with the code and with the manufacturer's instructions and further that they have been tested and do function properly.

In an effort to enhance life safety within dwellings, CRC Sections R314.6, R315.2 and CBC 420.4 requires the retrofit of these alarms in existing dwellings when alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit and exceeding \$1,000 in value are made. Generally, the alarms must be hard wired (110 volt) with battery back-up and all alarms are to be interconnected. If the installation of the alarms will require the removal of wall or ceiling finishes or there is no access by means of attic, basement or crawl space, then alarms may be solely battery operated and not interconnected.

Alarms must be installed in all of the following locations within the existing dwelling:

- In all bedrooms (*only require Smoke Alarms*)
- Immediately outside of each separate bedroom (*require Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms*)
- In each story level of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attic rooms (*require Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms*)

And;

- Shall be current within 10 years from the date of manufacture marked on the unit, or replaced if the date of manufacture cannot be determined.
- Shall be equipped with a 10 year battery if a conventional ionization smoke alarm.

These safety devices must be installed by the time a final inspection is requested for your project.

I understand the above requirements and certify that we now have smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms installed that comply. We agree to comply with the CRC in regards to smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms.

Signature of Owner

Date

Signature of Tenant

Date

ATTENTION OWNER - OCCUPANT:

This is a Voluntary Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm verification procedure. If you prefer a Building Inspector to perform the verification, you must arrange to have an adult present at the time of inspection.

NOTE: This Verification is only used when normal access to the interior of the dwelling by the City of Palm Desert Building Inspector is not achieved during the course of project construction. It is normally used for projects such as re-roofing, re-siding, patio covers, swimming pools and the like.



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New State Building Code Requirement effective January 1, 2011

2016 California Residential Code sections R314.2 and R315.2

Where a permit is required for alterations, repairs or additions exceeding \$1000, including exterior work, i.e. roofing, HVAC change-outs, electrical panel upgrades, windows, etc. existing dwelling or sleeping units that have attached garages or fuel burning appliances including fireplaces shall be provided with a carbon monoxide alarm.

Smoke and Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

- *In all bedrooms (only require Smoke Alarms unless bedrooms contain a gas appliance then a carbon monoxide alarm is required as well)*
- *Immediately outside of each separate bedroom. (require Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms)*
- *In each story level of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attic rooms (require Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms)*

Power supply.

The carbon monoxide alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring and shall be equipped with a battery back-up.

Exception: In existing dwelling units the alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated where repairs or alteration do not result in the removal or wall and ceiling finishes or there is no access by means of attic basement or crawl space.

Interconnection.

Where more than one carbon monoxide alarm is required to be installed within the dwelling unit or within a sleeping unit the alarm shall be interconnected in a manner that activation of one alarm shall activate all of the alarms.

Exception: Interconnection is not required in existing dwelling units where repairs do not result in the removal of wall and ceiling finishes, there is no access by means of attic, basement or crawl space.

The Building Inspector will verify the installation of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms during the inspection process or complete and sign under the penalty of perjury the "Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Retrofit Verification" form.