



Community Development Department
Building & Safety Division

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**Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms
Certification Letter for Residential Exterior Work Only**

Date: _____ Permit No.: _____

Project Address: _____
(If multiple addresses, please attach separate page, listing addresses and permit numbers)

Note that the permit cannot be finalized and completed until this letter has been signed and returned to the City or access to the interior of the dwellings is provided for inspection.

I / We, the owners of this property, certify under penalty of perjury that smoke alarm(s) and carbon monoxide alarm(s) have been installed by me/us, or the contractor, in our residence noted above in accordance with the Dublin Municipal Code and in accordance with the manufacturer's installation requirements, and that they have been tested and are operable. Smoke alarms have been installed in every sleeping room, hallway leading to a sleeping room, and on each story. Carbon monoxide alarms have been installed outside of each hallway leading to a bedroom and every level of a dwelling unit (including basements).

In buildings containing more than one dwelling unit, smoke alarms shall be installed in each separate unit, as noted above. The address of each separate dwelling unit shall be included in the job address space above.

Upon completing and signing this letter please return to either:

City of Dublin
Building & Safety Division
100 Civic Plaza
Dublin, CA 94568

OR

Provide to the Building Inspector
prior to the final inspection

Signature of Owner

OR

Signature of Contractor

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Code Interpretation

Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms in Existing Family Dwellings

(Based on Sections R314 and R315 of the 2016 California Residential Code)

When alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit occur, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwellings, the individual unit shall be equipped with smoke alarms to be installed as follows:

Location

- In each sleeping room
- Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms
- On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

When a permit is required for alterations, repairs, or additions to existing dwellings or sleeping units, that have attached garages or fuel-burning appliances, said structures shall be provided with a carbon monoxide alarm. Alarms shall only be required in the specific dwelling unit or sleeping unit for which the permit was obtained and shall be installed in the following locations:

- Outside of each separate dwelling unit sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedroom(s)
- On every level of a dwelling unit including basements
- Where a fuel-burning appliance is located within a bedroom or its attached bathroom, a C/O shall be located in the bedroom

Interconnection

Where more than one smoke/carbon monoxide alarm is required to be installed within an individual dwelling unit, the smoke/carbon monoxide alarms shall be interconnected in such a manner that the activation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual unit. All alarms shall be clearly audible in all bedrooms over background noise levels with all intervening doors closed.

Power Source

Smoke/carbon monoxide alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring provided that such wiring is served from a commercial source and shall be equipped with a battery backup. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than as required for overcurrent protection. All alarms are to be installed in accordance with the approved manufacturer's instructions.

Existing Dwellings

It is the intent of this section that every existing occupancy need not mandatorily conform with the requirements for new construction. Reasonable judgment in the application of requirements must be exercised by the enforcing agency. Therefore, under the following **exceptions the smoke/carbon monoxide alarms may be solely battery operated and non-interconnected in existing areas where:**

1. Repair work is limited to the exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as replacement of re-roofs, exterior siding, replacement or addition of windows and doors, or addition of a porch or deck.
2. Work is limited to the alteration or repair of plumbing, mechanical, or electrical systems which do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure.
3. Self-certification is permitted and the certification form shall be submitted to the Building & Safety Division prior to the final inspection.

Note: The above information is not intended to violate any manufacturer's specifications or instructions but is to be used for interpretation of the 2016 California Residential Code.