

	<b>STANDARD OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURE</b> <b>Community Development and Public Works</b>	<b>Number:</b>  <b>4-2</b>
<b>Subject: CO Detectors for Existing Residences</b>		<b>Approval Date:</b> October 1, 2013
<b>Approval:</b> Chuck King, Building Official		<b>Effective Date:</b> October, 2013

**1.0 PURPOSE**

To clarify when carbon monoxide (CO) alarms are required to be added to existing dwellings

**2.0 DISTRIBUTION**

Public, Building Inspectors, Building Plans Examiners

**3.0 REVISION HISTORY**

**4.0 CODE REFERENCE**

2012 International Residential Code, Section R315.3

**5.0 POLICY**

The 2012 International Residential Code added the requirement for carbon monoxide alarms. This includes the addition of alarms when certain alterations or additions take place to existing residences. Addition of alarms is required when work requiring a permit takes place **in** existing dwellings. As such, if the work being done is a remodel to the inside of an existing dwelling that has an attached garage with communicating openings, or gas appliances; or if an attached garage with communicating openings is added as part of the construction; a carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed and located in accordance with Section R315.1.

Alarms installed in existing dwellings shall be permitted to be battery operated when the work being done does not involve removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes in areas where the alarms are to be located.

Plans examiners shall add a note to plans when carbon monoxide alarms will be required if not specified on the building plans provided.