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HOUSING STANDARDS AGENCY CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR POLICY

Subject: Installation of Carbon Monoxide detectors under the HSA Ordinance **Article 102.7**

Requirements Not Covered by Code. The code official shall determine requirements necessary for the strength, stability or proper operation of an existing fixture, structure or equipment, or for the public safety, health and general welfare, not specifically covered by this code.

Issue: In at least one instance the Inspector was in a building equipped throughout with plug-in type Carbon Monoxide Detectors. One unit did not have a CMD. The tenant stated that the detector was "in the way" when they were moving furniture and so they removed the offending detector. Upon being questioned by the Inspector as to the whereabouts of the CMD, they could not remember where it was. This unit was totally unprotected from Carbon Monoxide, the landlord was out the cost of obtaining a new detector, and the Town, having an affirmative duty to act, was also liable should have any problem arisen. Note that this requirement was enacted in 2010 and required to be implemented by 1 Jan 2012, but has been delayed twice by the Fire Marshall ~~for no apparent reason.~~ *Feb 13*

Solution: That this board adopt a policy under Article 102.7 of the HSA Ordinance requiring Carbon Monoxide Detectors installed in accordance with NFPA 720 as adopted by the State Fire Marshall (ref Safc 6015.04) with the exception that plugin CMDs will not be allowed.

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