

ORDINANCE NO.16,140

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Sections 60-19 and 60-174, relating to carbon monoxide alarms.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Sections 60-19 and 60-174, relating to carbon monoxide alarms, as follows:

Sec. 60-19. Definitions.

Unless otherwise expressly stated, or the context clearly indicates a different intention, the following terms have the following meanings and shall be so construed wherever they appear in this article:

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Carbon monoxide alarm means a device which detects carbon monoxide, and which incorporates an alarm-sounding unit operated from a power supply either in the unit or obtained at the point of installation.

Carbon monoxide alarms means one or more devices, including but not limited to combination carbon monoxide alarm/smoke alarms, which detect carbon monoxide gas for the purpose of alerting occupants by a distinct audible signal, which incorporate a sensor, control components, and an alarm notification appliance in a single unit operated from a power source either in the unit or obtained at the point of installation, and which meet the standards established by the Underwriters Laboratories (UL). All carbon monoxide alarms shall meet the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 720, 2013 edition, and be UL listed in accordance with UL 2034.

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Sec. 60-174. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.

- (a) Every dwelling unit shall have an approved smoke detector on the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom.
- (b) Every room used for sleeping shall have an approved smoke detector.
- (c) Every story within a dwelling unit, including basements and cellars, but not including crawlspaces and uninhabitable attics, shall have an approved smoke detector. 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.
- (d) Carbon monoxide alarms are required in single-family rental units, single-family residences, and multiple-unit residential buildings if the building is served by a fuel-burning heater, fuel-burning furnace, fuel-burning appliance, fuel-burning fireplace, or has an attached garage and must be installed immediately and no later than June 1, 2025. Installed per manufactures specifications.
- (e) A carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed in the following locations:

1. Outside of each bedroom, and
2. In every occupiable level of a dwelling, including basements.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED: Judy K. Parks-Kruse, Assistant City Attorney

T. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

Attest: I, Laura Baumgartner, Acting City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance (Roll Call No. 22-0960), passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on June 13, 2022 and signed by the Mayor on June 13, 2022 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on July 1, 2022 Authorized by Publication Order No. 11930.

Laura Baumgartner, Acting City Clerk