



# 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.