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Re: Notice of Adoption of Emergency Rule Regarding Carbon Monoxide Alarms in Commercial Buildings.  
Effective Date: June 27, 2015

Dear Commercial Property Owner/Business Owner:

As carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless gas, detecting devices are crucial in identifying its presence. Exposure to CO can cause health problems up to and including death. Effective immediately, the NYS Law requires the installation of carbon monoxide detecting devices in every commercial building.

There is a transition period for “existing” commercial buildings if a complete building application for the construction was filed on or before December 31, 2015. The transition period ends June 27, 2016, at which time all affected properties must be in compliance.

All commercial buildings which have a building permit application filed as of January 1, 2016 must comply with this law in order to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy or Compliance.

General Guidelines:

- CO Alarms must be hard wired into the electrical system with battery back up;
- CO Alarms shall be interconnected;
- CO Alarms & detection systems shall annunciate using a temporal 4 pattern;
- CO Alarms & detection systems shall not set off the fire alarm;
- If the fire alarm reports to central station, then the CO detection system must report to central station;
- CO Alarms shall be UL 2034 Listed; CO detectors shall be UL 2075 Listed;
- NFPA 720 does permit a separate CO detection system, provided the systems do not generate conflicting notifications (NFPA 720 Section 5.2.3)
- The installation of a CO detection system will require a Fire Alarm permit from the Fire Marshal’s office:
  - Modification permit – up to 5 devices;
  - Installation permit – more than 5 devices;
  - Forms available at: [www.townofriverheadny.gov](http://www.townofriverheadny.gov)

Contact this office for additional information and requirements regarding the installation of carbon monoxide alarms and detection systems under the new NYS Carbon Monoxide law.

Sincerely,



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Chief Fire Marshal

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