

ORDINANCE

AMENDING PART 5, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE A OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA TO REQUIRE CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN CERTAIN NEW ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS

WHEREAS, the International Residential Code approved for use in South Carolina does not require that carbon monoxide alarms be installed as part of new construction; and

WHEREAS, the proposed update to the International Residential Code will contain provisions requiring carbon monoxide alarms in certain new one- and two family dwellings; and

WHEREAS, attached garages present the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning; and

WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in the number of new houses being built in the City with attached garages; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to be proactive in protecting the health and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared an amendment that updates Part 5, Chapter 1, Article A of the Code of Ordinances to require carbon dioxide alarms in certain types of new single- and two-family construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, duly assembled and by authority of same, that Part 5, Chapter 1, Article A the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina*, "Planning and Development, Building Regulation and Code Enforcement, Building," be amended by adding a new Section 5-1020.3 to read follows:

SECTION 5-1020.3. Carbon monoxide alarms

(a) *Where required.* For new construction, an approved carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms in dwelling units within which fuel-fired appliances are installed and in dwelling units that have attached garages.

(b) *Alarm requirements.* Single station carbon monoxide alarms shall be listed as complying with UL 2034 and shall be installed in accordance with this code and the manufacturer's installation instructions

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

(SEAL)

Attest:

BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK

1st Reading

2nd Reading & Adoption

Reviewed by:

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