



ORDINANCE NO. 17- 23
PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION

WHEREAS, the Porter County Board of Commissioners adopted the Porter County Municipal Code on December 2, 1997 pursuant to Ordinance No. 97-28; and

WHEREAS, the Porter County Board of Commissioners has deemed it necessary to pass a new ordinance to require carbon monoxide detectors in certain new residential construction; and

WHEREAS, the laws and rules of the State of Indiana and the unincorporated areas of Porter County regulate the use and installation of smoke detectors; and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide poses a threat to the health and safety of citizens within the unincorporated area of Porter County; and

WHEREAS, smoke detectors do not always provide ample warning of the presence of carbon monoxide; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interests of the public health and safety of the residents within the unincorporated area of Porter County to require the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in certain new construction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED THAT:

1. TITLE 15, Buildings and Construction in the Porter County Municipal Code is hereby amended through the addition of Chapter 15.34 entitled, Ordinance Establishing the Requirements for Carbon Monoxide Detection.
2. That Section 15.34.010 is added to the Porter County Municipal Code to read as follows:

15.34.010 Definition

Carbon Monoxide Detector shall be defined as a device that detects the presence of carbon monoxide (CO) gas and emits an audible alarm of at least eighty-five (85) decibels at ten (10) feet, and such alarm shall be capable of persisting for at least four (4) minutes, and conform to the NFPA 720 Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection and Warning Equipment.

3. That Section 15.34.020 is added to the Porter County Municipal Code to read as follows:

15.34.020 Carbon Monoxide Detector Requirement

Carbon Monoxide Detector Requirement – For all buildings of a Class 2 structure (as defined by I.C. 22-12-1-5, or any subsequent statute) designed for residential use and having a fireplace, attached garage, or fossil fuel burning appliance, and for which a building permit is issued for new construction after the date that this ordinance is in full effect, shall have at least one (1) operational carbon monoxide detector per residential unit. Installation of the carbon monoxide detector shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and recommendations.


This Ordinance shall be in full effect from and after its adoption, approval by the State Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, and publication by law.

This Ordinance passed and adopted this 14 day of November, 2017.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA



Jeff Good



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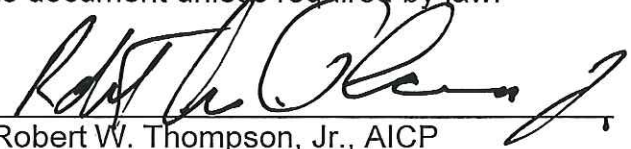


Jim Biggs

Attest: Vicki Urbanik

Vicki Urbanik, Auditor

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that I have taken reasonable care to redact each social security number in this document unless required by law.



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Director

Department of Development & Storm Water Management