

ORDINANCE NO. 4554

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 13.802 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REGULATIONS TO THE RENTAL CODE; REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that:

Section One. The Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa shall be and the same is hereby amended by amending Section 13.802 as follows:

**"Sec. 13.802. FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS.**

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(5) Carbon Monoxide Alarms

(a) When Required. A carbon monoxide alarm is required within dwelling units or sleeping units that contain or are served by any of the following:

(i) Fuel-burning appliance or fireplace

(ii) Attached garage

(b) Where required. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be located as follows:

(i) In any bedroom or sleeping unit where a fuel-burning appliance is located within the bedroom or attached bathroom

(ii) Directly outside, in the immediate vicinity of:

a. Every room used for sleeping purposes in each dwelling unit

b. Every sleeping unit

(c) Alarm power source.

(i) In buildings for which construction began on or after July 1, 2018, carbon monoxide alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than that required for overcurrent protection and shall be equipped with a battery backup.

(ii) New and replacement carbon monoxide alarms installed in buildings for which construction began on or before June 30, 2018, may be solely battery operated or may plug into an electrical socket and have a battery backup."

Section Two. Violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a municipal infraction punishable as set out by law.

Section Three. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Four. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from July 1, 2025, after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this 22 day of April, 2025.

  
Renee Hall, City Clerk

  
John A. Haila, Mayor