SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
Community Development Department

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SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM VERIFICATION FORM

In an effort to enhance life safety within dwellings, The California Residential Code Sections R314 & R315, California Building Code Section 907, and National Fire Protection Association 72 Section 29.8 require the retrofit of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in existing dwellings when alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit are made.

Alarms generally shall be hard wired (110volt) with battery back-up. Exceptions:

- Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in existing areas of buildings undergoing alterations or repairs that do not result in the removal of interior walls or ceiling finishes exposing the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available which could provide access for building wiring without the removal of interior finishes.
- Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated where repairs or alterations are limited to the exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as the replacement of roofing or siding, or the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck.
- Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated when work is limited to the installation, alteration or repairs of plumbing or mechanical systems or the installation, alteration or repair of electrical systems which do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure.

Alarms must be installed in the following locations within the existing dwelling:

- In all bedrooms (only requires a Smoke Alarm), unless the bedroom contains a gas appliance, then a carbon monoxide alarm is required as well.
- Immediately outside of each sleeping area (These areas require a Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm).
- At least one Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide alarm on each level of the dwelling. This includes basements and habitable attic rooms.
- 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 life battery and have a silence feature if a conventional ionization smoke alarm
- Shall be replaced if no longer functioning

I understand the above requirements and certify that we have smoke and carbon monoxide alarms installed that comply with the code and with the manufacturer's instructions, have been tested, and do function properly.
Must be signed by either the property owner or contractor:

_____ OR _____
Signature of Owner Date Signature of Contractor Date

_____ _____
Print Name Print Name

Property Address: _____

Permit #_____