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FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

October 17, 2025

RE: New Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm Requirements Effective January 1, 2026

Dear Short-Term Rental Operator,

This letter serves as a reminder of upcoming changes to the Ontario Fire Code regarding carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and how this may affect your Short-Term Rental license application for 2026.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm Requirements – Effective January 1, 2026

On June 2, 2025, the Solicitor General of Ontario approved Ontario Regulation 87/25 under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 (FPPA)*, which introduces amendments to the Ontario Fire Code (O. Reg. 213/07).

The Township of Tiny would like to draw your attention to Section 2.16 of the Fire Code, which specifies requirements for the installation and maintenance of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in residential occupancies, including short-term rentals.

When CO Alarms Are Required

A carbon monoxide alarm is required in any residence that contains:

- A fuel-burning appliance,
- A fireplace (woodstove),
- An attached garage, or
- Is served by a forced-air fuel-burning appliance located outside the building.

Where CO Alarms Must Be Installed

Where any of the above conditions exist, CO alarms must be installed:

- Adjacent to each sleeping area, and
- On every storey (floor) of the dwelling unit that does not contain a sleeping area.

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Permitted Power Sources

CO alarms may be:

- Permanently connected to an electrical circuit with no disconnect switch,
- Battery-operated, or
- Plugged into an electrical receptacle.

If your short-term rental is affected by these changes, please ensure that:

- All required CO alarms are installed in compliance with the new Fire Code requirements by January 1, 2026.
- Your floor plans are updated to reflect any new CO alarm locations and are uploaded to Granicus at the time of your renewal application.

Please take the necessary steps to ensure your short-term rental property is compliant with the upcoming Fire Code amendments and that all required documentation is prepared for your next license renewal. These measures help ensure the safety of guests and compliance with provincial and municipal fire safety standards.

Your cooperation and continued commitment to maintaining a safe rental environment in the Township of Tiny are greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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