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ORDINANCE NO. _____ - 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-1(C) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, TO ADOPT AND INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ESTABLISHING REQUIRED STANDARDS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN EXISTING SINGLE- AND MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS, WHICH SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS FOLLOWING PASSAGE OF COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas which poses a hazard to life and safety when undetected in dwellings and other structures; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is empowered under Section 156b of the Kentucky Constitution, KRS 82.082, KRS 67A.060, and KRS 67A.070 ("Home Rule") to enact laws which are in furtherance of a public purpose, including laws which promote the health and safety of Lexington-Fayette County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government considers the health and safety of its residents of the utmost importance and wishes to enact legislation ensuring that carbon monoxide leaks in homes and other structures do not go undetected, by adopting standards for carbon monoxide detection and requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in existing single- and multi-family dwellings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That Section 12-1(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government be and hereby is amended in pertinent part to add the following sequentially numbered sections, to read as follows:

Sec. 12-1. - Property maintenance code.

(c) *Revisions*. Certain sections of this code are hereby revised to read as follows:

[…]

PM-705.1

Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in existing single- and multi-family dwellings in accordance with Section 1103.9 of the International Fire Code.

PM-705.2

Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detection systems for existing single- and multi-family dwellings shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 720. Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detectors that become inoperable or begin producing end-of-life signals shall be replaced.

[…]

Section 2 – That this Ordinance shall become effective one hundred and eighty (180) days following passage of Council.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL