OFFICIAL NOTICE

TO: Contractors, Homeowners, Developers, and Design Professionals

SUBJECT: Inspection of Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms for One- and Two-Family Dwellings

DATE: June 26, 2013

SMOKE ALARMS

Effective for building permits issued on or after August 1, 2013, installation of approved smoke alarms for each one- and two-family dwelling with an alteration, repair, or addition will be verified during the inspection process as specified by the adopted edition of the International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings with Georgia State Amendments. Installation of additional smoke alarms may be required for older homes, particularly those constructed prior to 1991.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Adoption of the 2012 International Residential Code by the state of Georgia (proposed effective date of January 1, 2014) is expected to require installation of approved carbon monoxide alarms for one- and two-family dwellings which will be verified during the inspection process for the following activities requiring issuance of a building permit:

- New construction of one- and two-family dwellings including additions
- Remodeling, alterations and some repairs for existing dwellings

(Georgia Department of Community Affairs is expected to announce final code adoption information during the last quarter of 2013.)

Please contact the following for further assistance:

- Ray Leach (Chief Building Inspector) at (678) 518-6036 (ray.leach@gwinnettcounty.com).
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- Joel Rodriguez (Inspections Manager) at (678) 518-6035 (joel.rodriguez@gwinnettcounty.com).