

AMENDMENT FORM

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL ADMINISTRATION

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AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: January 29, 2013

**Amend Section 1 by adding the following:**

**Said requirements shall not apply to public buildings existing as of July 1, 2013, but shall only apply to public buildings constructed on or after the effective date and to major modifications and renovations to existing public buildings or that are funded with "SPLOST" funds.**

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**AN ORDINANCE**

**BY PUBLIC SAFETY-LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AND WARNING EQUIPMENT IN ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Exposure to carbon monoxide (CO) – a colorless, odorless gas – can cause headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain and confusion; and

**WHEREAS**, High levels of CO inhalation can cause loss of consciousness and death; and

**WHEREAS**, On Monday, December 3, 2012 a carbon monoxide leak forced the evacuation of William Finch Elementary School located at 1114 Avon Avenue in the City of Atlanta; and,

**WHEREAS**, By the time authorities arrived at the school, four students and two teachers had passed out and some 40 children were taken to Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital where they were treated with 100 percent oxygen; and

**WHEREAS**, According to the Centers for Disease Control, every year more than 400 Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning, more than 20,000 visit the emergency room and more than 4,000 are hospitalized; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission and Underwriters Laboratories have developed safety standard UL 2034 for carbon monoxide alarms; and,

**WHEREAS**, To protect the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Atlanta's residents and visitors, it is necessary to ensure that all public buildings have carbon monoxide detectors and warning equipment; and,

**WHEREAS**, Federal, State and County buildings – although not under the City's direct purview – are encouraged to follow the same guidelines set forth in Sections 1, 2 and 3.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:**

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**Section 2:** The carbon monoxide detectors and warning equipment required shall be periodically inspected and maintained in good working order by the school.

**Section 3:** The carbon monoxide detectors and warning equipment shall be installed, operated, inspected, and maintained in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Office of the Chief, Fire Rescue Department.

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