

# 1 RCNY §908-02

## CHAPTER 900

### Fire Protection Systems

#### §908-02 Standards for Installation and Location of Natural Gas Alarms.

- (a) **Adoption of National Standard.** In accordance with Local Law 157 of 2016, the Department of Buildings adopts the 2023 edition of National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”) 715 *Standard for the Installation of Fuel Gases Detection and Warning Equipment* as it pertains to the installation and location of natural gas alarms.
- (b) **Installation required.** Natural gas alarms must be installed in private dwellings, class A multiple dwellings, and class B multiple dwellings as defined in the Housing Maintenance Code, in accordance with the requirements of this section and local law 157 of 2016.  
Exception: The requirements of this section do not apply to buildings that do not have gas piping or gas service.
- (c) **Private dwellings.** One or more natural gas alarms must be installed in each dwelling in accordance with this section on or before May 1, 2025.
- (d) **Class A multiple dwellings.** One or more natural gas alarms must be installed in each dwelling in accordance with this section on or before May 1, 2025.
- (e) **Class B multiple dwellings.** On or before May 1, 2025, class B multiple dwellings must be protected by either:
- (1) One or more natural gas alarms installed in each dwelling in accordance with this section; or
  - (2) A line-operated zoned natural gas detecting system, designed in accordance with NFPA 715-2023 by a registered design professional, and installed in all public corridors and public spaces.
- (f) **Requirements.** Each single- or multiple-station alarm, as defined in NFPA 715, must meet all of the following requirements:
- (1) The alarm must be manufactured in accordance with NFPA 715-2023, Standard for the Installation of Fuel Gases Detection and Warning Equipment;
  - (2) Where a fuel-gas-burning appliance is installed within a dwelling, the gas alarm must be installed in the same room as the appliance. The alarm must be located at least 3 feet, but not more than 10 feet from the appliance, measured horizontally. The gas alarm must be installed on either the ceiling, or a wall. Where installed on a wall, the alarm must be located not more than 12 inches from the ceiling.  
Exception: Where the existing space does not allow for installation at least 3 feet from a fuel-gas-burning appliance, or the manufacturer’s instructions or NFPA 715-2023 require installation in a different location, alarm installations must be placed in accordance with the manufacturer’s or the NFPA 715 location requirements.
  - (3) The alarm must be labeled with the name of the manufacturer;
  - (4) The alarm must be listed and labeled with either UL 1484 or UL 2075, as applicable; and

(5) The alarm must be kept in good working order.

**(g) *Installer qualifications.*** Natural gas alarms must be installed by a New York City Licensed electrical contractor, who obtains all required permits.

Exception. Natural gas alarms that are powered either by battery or by plug-in AC receptacle may be installed by other than a licensed electrical contractor, including but not limited to the building owner, building maintenance personnel, or the dwelling unit occupant.